

# Eltham Community Board

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Eltham Community Board held in the Kaponga Town Hall, Victoria Street, Kaponga on Monday 9 February 2009, commencing at 10.30 am.

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**PRESENT:** Councillor G Lawson, (Chairperson), Mr Hawkes, Mrs Cave, Mrs Liddington and Mr Hansen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor R Dunlop, Group Manager Community Services and Development (Mrs Martin), Support Services Manager (Miss Cox), Community Development Team Leader (Mrs Symes), Property and Facilities Manager (Mr Sargeant), Roading Manager (Mr Lim), Community Development Advisor (Mrs McDonald), Support Services Officer (Miss Malin) and one member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor A Ballantyne.

## RESOLUTION

(Cr Lawson/Mr Hansen)

01/09 EL **THAT the apology from Councillor Ballantyne be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 1 OPEN FORUM

(a) **Mr Ian Murray**

(i) Car park area at Eltham Building Supplies

Mr Murray spoke to his concerns about the Eltham Building Supplies car park, which is in disrepair. The car park is used by customers to his and surrounding businesses, as well as staff of the Eltham Medical Centre.

Mr Murray recounted an incident involving a member of the public tripping in a pothole at the car park and injuring their ankle. Mr Murray queried whether the Board would support funds to repair the car park. Mr Murray had obtained a quote for the repairs to the car park which totalled \$4,800.

Councillor Lawson acknowledged that the car park was used extensively by the public.

Mrs Symes suggested that a report be done in conjunction with the Funding Advisor for the March Board meeting.

**(b) Property and Facilities Manager, Mr John Sargeant****(i) Bush area behind Riverlands**

Mr Sargeant noted that he had been working with the Council's environmental officers and work on the bush area behind Riverlands was ongoing.

**(ii) Greenspace Management**

Mr Sargeant had been in contact with the Greenspace contractors and monthly penalty rates had been imposed in an attempt to remedy poor workmanship. He stated that the contractors work at the pensioner flats and the cemeteries was of particular concern and has been identified with the contractors as non-compliant.

Councillor Lawson queried whether Eltham could have its own local caretaker who would take pride in looking after the town. He stated that the current street-cleaning was non-existent.

**(c) Roading Manager, Mr Vincent Lim****(i) Street Cleaning**

Mr Lim referred to the street cleaning operations and indicated that he had spoken to the contract managers and had been assured that street cleaning was occurring in a timely and satisfactory manner. He also noted that a professional machine clean had been scheduled twice yearly for Eltham.

Mr Hansen stated that he had had several complaints with regard to the state of Eltham's streets and gutters from members of the public. Mrs Martin advised that that complaints should be lodged as a CRM so that trends could be made and dealt with effectively by the Council officers. She stated it was acceptable for a CRM to come from a Board member if they had been notified of a problem by the public.

Mrs Liddington noted that she had lodged a CRM regarding flooded gutters in Eltham. It had taken two weeks for the debris to be cleaned up and she had had received no response from the Council. She supported Councillor Lawson's suggestion to have a local street cleaner for Eltham.

Mr Lim stated that he had attempted to instil a good work ethic in the contractors responsible for Eltham to get them to take pride in their work and would keep pushing for them to do a better job. He added that the contract was up for review in three years and that poor performance would influence decisions on contract renewal.

Mrs Martin noted that Presbyterian Support Services had indicated they were prepared to take over the grounds maintenance of the pensioner housing in Eltham and discussions were ongoing.

**(ii) Speed Restrictions**

Councillor Lawson noted that the new speed restriction signs were up and operational.

