



Eketāhuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketāhuna on Monday 15 February 2021 commencing at 10.03am.

1. Present

Board Members C C Death (Chairperson), S C McGhie (Deputy Chairperson), T M Carew, D F Clifton and Cr R A Treder (Council appointed Community Board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 14 December 2020 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Carew/Clifton

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 **Water Supply Levels Sign** (Item 6.5)

6.1.1 The water supply levels sign regarding restrictions has not yet been erected in Eketāhuna.

6.2 **Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated** (Item 9.3.1)

6.2.1 Congratulations are conveyed to the Eketāhuna Information Centre on the production of their 2021 calendars that have all been sold.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 *That the reports of the Tararua District Council meetings held on 9 December 2020 and 27 January 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Carew/McGhie

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 **Eketāhuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme**

8.1.1 *That the report from the Governance Manger dated 2 February 2021 concerning Eketāhuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (as circulated) be received, and*

That applications be invited for funding from Eketāhuna Community Board's 2020-2021 General Assistance Grants Scheme, and

That the closing date for applications be Thursday 8 April 2021 at 4.30pm.

Clifton/McGhie

Carried

9. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities

9.1 **Tararua Emergency Management Committee**

9.1.1 Chairperson Board Member Death reported on the Tararua Emergency Management Committee meeting held in Dannevirke on 11 February 2021, including reference to the following matters:

- Nigel Hall and Bruce Botherway from Fire and Emergency New Zealand gave a presentation on the response to the Napier flood event.
- Fire and Emergency New Zealand has applied a restricted fire season for the Tararua district with effect from 8.00am on 12 February 2021.
- The Board's Chairperson reported on happenings around Eketāhuna over the holiday period and flooding in the town centre.
- The shortage of housing in the district is a big issue, particularly regarding the lack of available rental accommodation.

9.2 **Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated**

9.2.1 Board Member Carew reported on the Eketāhuna Our Town Committee meeting held on 9 December 2020, including reference to the following matters:

- Contact has been made with Katie McGregor (local artist) to undertake a project to repaint faded murals on the walls of the Eketāhuna swimming pool.

- Plans for undertaking the lime track community project are being progressed.
- The provider of the traffic management plan for the Eketāhuna Santa Cruise Christmas parade was contacted regarding the cost of providing that service, and subsequently agreed to reduce the amount charged.
- The bench seat has been completed and installed in the Waka Park.
- A “Kev” the kiwi design shall be fitted to the outside wall of the Eketāhuna Information Centre.
- An alternative provider is to be contracted to paint the white kiwi as the original quote accepted to undertake that work has not proceeded.
- Eketāhuna Information Centre local visitor numbers vastly increased from 57 to 146 whilst national visitors were about the same in the month of November.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

(a) Loreen and Kerry Cunningham

Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground November and December reports

Death/Treder

Carried

11. Anzac Day

11.1 The Menz Shed is providing 87 memorial crosses made in honour and remembrance of those people from the Eketāhuna community that died in the First World War.

11.2 A proposal is to be considered for the conceptual design of some hitching posts made from railway sleepers with a commemorative plaque to honour the memory of local men who served in the Eketāhuna Mounted Rifles.

12. New Zealand Community Boards Conference

12.1 The Board will not be sending a representative to attend the New Zealand Community Boards conference held in Gore from 22 to 24 April 2021.

13. Happenings Around Eketāhuna Over the Holiday Period

13.1 Happenings around Eketāhuna over the holiday period were discussed with reference to the riders against teenage suicide event held in Eketāhuna.

14. Chairperson’s Remarks

14.1 **Jazz in the Park**

14.1.1 A Jazz in the Park free community event will be held on 4 April 2021 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Eketāhuna Camping Ground.

14.2 **Connectivity**

14.2.1 It is pleasing to note improved connectivity is now available in the Nireaha area, but disappointing this did not provide enhanced coverage for all properties in the vicinity of that location.

14.3 **Eketāhuna 150th Anniversary Celebrations**

14.3.1 A further meeting has been held to progress discussion to plan the arrangements for the Eketāhuna 150th anniversary celebrations events in March 2023.

14.4 **New Residents Welcome Afternoon Tea**

14.4.1 It is proposed the Board arrange an afternoon tea to welcome new residents to Eketāhuna, with a tentative date of 13 June 2021 agreed to enable the Chairperson to progress arrangements to plan for this event.

15. Items Not on the Agenda

15.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Chairperson