



## **Eketahuna Community Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Pukaha National Wildlife Centre, 85379 State Highway 2, Mount Bruce on Monday 13 July 2020 commencing at 10.05am.

### **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**

Mrs T Collis	-	Her Worship the Mayor (until item 11)
Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager
Ms E Court	-	General Manager Pukaha National Wildlife Centre (from item 7)
Mr J Glassey	-	Eketahuna Police Officer (from item 7)

### **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 Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 8 June 2020 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Carew/Treder*

*Carried*

## **6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **6.1 Drought** (Item 7.3)

- 6.1.1 An event will be held at Eketahuna Rugby Club tomorrow from 5.00pm to 8.00pm to bring the rural community together to network, talk with others and enjoy a laugh with comedian Ben Tito Caldwell.

### **6.2 Community Event** (Item 13)

- 6.2.1 Eketahuna Our Town Committee has decided it is not intending to organise a community event to bring people together following the removal of Covid-19 restrictions.
- 6.2.2 Instead of that event an afternoon tea will be arranged by the Board to be held in the Eketahuna Community Centre Supper Room on 26 July 2020 at 2.00pm.
- 6.2.3 This will provide a forum for connecting with the community where residents can talk to board members on issues and matters of concern, and details will be included in the community newsletter.

### **6.3 Armistice Day** (Item 14)

- 6.3.1 New Zealand Army Tenth Transport Company shall be attending the Eketahuna Armistice Day service, and will provide their time to undertake community projects in Eketahuna.
- 6.3.2 Options suggested to the Board's Chairperson as possible work for the New Zealand Army Tenth Transport Company to consider are as follows:
- Cleaning and restoration of returned servicemen and veterans memorial plaques and headstones at Eketahuna cemetery
  - Restoration of Eketahuna Camping Ground road to old swing bridge site
  - Lime track development
  - Clean up Nireaha Hall and War Memorial Library
- 6.3.3 The visit to Eketahuna previously planned by Terry Kingi and the horse riders of the Anzac Mounters Troopers is to occur on Armistice Day along with the afternoon tea event held in the Nireaha Hall.

### **6.4 Connecting with Rural Communities** (Item 15)

- 6.4.1 The Board will visit Alfredton School on 10 August 2020 at 3.00pm to liaise with residents from that community.
- 6.4.2 Representatives from the Rural Support Trust, Police and Tararua Alliance along with the Mayor and Councillors have been invited to attend.

6.4.3 The Board's next meeting is scheduled on that day prior to the visit, and its commencement time will be changed to 1.00pm and conclude by 2.00pm to enable travel from Eketahuna to Alfredton.

**6.5 Eketahuna Civil Defence Response Group** (Item 16.2)

6.5.1 The Eketahuna Civil Defence Response Group annual catch-up is held in the Eketahuna Fire Station at 6.00pm this evening.

6.5.2 The Mayor conveyed her apology for not being able to attend that event due to another commitment.

**7. Pukaha National Wildlife Centre** (Brought forward on the agenda)

7.1 Emily Court, General Manager of Pukaha National Wildlife Centre spoke about activities and events at Pukaha National Wildlife Centre, including reference to the following matters:

- About 1,500 visitors attended the koha weekend to view the facilities, and this was very successful with around \$15,000 of revenue being generated.
- While Covid-19 has impacted on the number of overseas visitors this is being offset through increased domestic tourism by New Zealanders exploring the country.
- It is hoped that trend will continue, with visitor numbers being 20% ahead since reopening following lockdown compared to the same period last year.
- Funding secured from the Provincial Growth Fund has enabled plans to be developed to construct a forty bed accommodation and education centre to host school and community groups, events and vocational training programmes, with work to commence towards the end of this year.
- A new nocturnal boardwalk is also being funded to enable visitors to experience the forest at night.
- Establishment of a small carving school is also proposed.
- As a result of having to cease predator control musteline pest management work during Covid-19 lockdown it was devastating that five kiwis were tragically lost through being killed by ferrets.
- That work started again through intensive day and night trapping of the reserve to stop predations from stoats, ferrets, weasels and feral cats.
- The existence of bats in the forest has been found.
- Bob Francis stood down from the position of governance board Chairperson, and his many years of service committed to this role is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.
- Moira Paewai from Dannevirke accountancy firm MCI and Associates has been appointed as a new member of the governance board.

**8. Town Centre CCTV Security Cameras Monitoring System** (Brought forward on the agenda)

8.1 Eketahuna Police Officer Jymahl Glassey outlined the benefits of extending the scope of the Eketahuna town centre CCTV security cameras monitoring system.

8.2 It is proposed an additional four cameras be provided to enhance the value of the existing system as an investigation tool for Police to help keep the community safe.

8.3 The additional cameras would enable the area of coverage to be expanded to include placing them at the north and south entry and exit points to Eketahuna.

8.4 ***That the Board support the proposal to enhance the Eketahuna town centre CCTV security cameras monitoring system by the scope of its existing area of coverage being extended through the addition of cameras placed at the north and south entry and exit points to Eketahuna.***

***Clifton/McGhie***

***Carried***

8.5 Advice on investigating options to implement an upgraded Eketahuna town centre CCTV security cameras monitoring system should be coordinated in liaison with the Manager Strategy and District Development, Peter Wimsett.

8.6 Board Member Carew will ask Eketahuna Our Town Committee to consider applying for funding to undertake this project.

**9. Tararua District Council Report**

9.1 ***That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 24 June 2020 (as circulated) be received.***

***McGhie/Clifton***

***Carried***

**10. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

10.1 Nil

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 ***That the correspondence as listed be received.***

***(a) Loreen and Kerry Cunningham***

***Re: Eketahuna Camping Ground May report***

***(b) Eketahuna Our Town Incorporated***

***Re: 11 June 2020 Committee meeting minutes***

***Carew/Treder***

***Carried***

## **11.2 Eketahuna Camping Ground**

- 11.2.1 It is agreed the Board shall visit Eketahuna Camping Ground in the future, and this will be arranged on a monthly meeting day following its conclusion.

## **12. Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Eketahuna**

- 12.1 ChargeNet NZ is finalising its intended plan by the end of this month to consider installing an electric vehicle charging station in Eketahuna.
- 12.2 The site needs to be located near to the power supply source, and is safe and suitable for parking while the vehicle is being charged.
- 12.3 Possible locations proposed for consideration are behind Council's Eketahuna Service Centre/Library, or in the vicinity of Tararua Autos (the Board's preferred site).
- 12.4 If the electric vehicle charging station is situated behind the Service Centre/Library building it will need to take into account its close proximity to the recycling facility, and a power pole may require relocating.
- 12.5 The Manager Strategy and District Development, Peter Wimsett shall be invited to attend the Board's next meeting to give an update on the viability of an electric vehicle charging station proceeding to be installed in Eketahuna, with this item of business scheduled on the agenda at 1.30pm.

## **13. Chairperson's Remarks**

### **13.1 Town Centre Tile Painting**

- 13.1.1 The town centre tile painting is nearing completion for placing at a location to be finalised, with the vicinity of the Council's Eketahuna Service Centre/Library building being considered.

## **14. Items Not on the Agenda**

- 14.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

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Chairperson