



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 14 June 2021 commencing at 10.00am.

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	-	Manager - Democracy Services
Ms T Flynn	-	Tararua REAP Employment Liaison Coordinator (for item 9)
Ms L Sole	-	Sport Manawatu Tararua Recreation Adviser
Mr M Nisbet	-	Eketāhuna resident

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board acknowledge the contributions to the community of the following people and congratulate them on their achievements:

- Joe Sweeney who retired from Eketāhuna Returned and Services Association after giving 25 years of service as a member of their executive.
- Max Mayer who has given 25 years of service to the Eketāhuna Volunteer Fire Brigade (now part of Fire and Emergency New Zealand) and is the Eketāhuna Chief Fire Officer.
- Bob Francis who was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours List to recognise his services to the community and conservation. He previously held the position of Pūkaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre Chair, and his service in that role was from 2008 to 2020.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 The following matter is notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:

- Camellias on State Highway 2 town entrance

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 10 May 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

McGhie/Clifton

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 General Assistance Grants Scheme (Item 10)

6.1.1 Eketāhuna Bowling Club forwarded a copy of its statement of income and expenditure for the recent financial year that was reviewed independently. Eketāhuna Community Radio Society is still to provide that information to the Board to enable their funding grant to be released.

6.2 New Residents Welcome Afternoon Tea (Item 6.2)

6.2.1 The new residents welcome afternoon tea held at the Eketāhuna Club was very successful and well attended, and thanks are conveyed to all those involved in assisting to arrange that event.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 *That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 26 May 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Carew/Death

Carried

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

8.1 Tararua Emergency Management Committee

8.1.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported on the Tararua Emergency Management Committee meeting held in Dannevirke on 13 May 2021, including reference to the following matters:

- New Emergency Management Advisor Peter Sinclair introduced himself and outlined his background.
- Stephen Dunn explained his role as Group Welfare Manager employed by Manawatu - Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group funded by Horizons Regional Council.

- Stephen's role involves supporting the delivery of welfare services to build community resilience, with an understanding of the National Emergency Management Agency that works with central and local government, communities, iwi and businesses to make sure responses to and recoveries from emergencies are effective and integrated.
- Their assistance provided to the Eketāhuna Civil Defence Response Group is greatly appreciated.
- Farmers bordering forestry blocks need to be aware they need to have increased indemnity insurance.
- Forestry carbon farming is identified as a regional hazard creating many risks resulting from land use change through trees being planted solely for that purpose.
- The Riders Against Teenage Suicide event in Eketāhuna was outlined.

8.2 **Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated**

8.2.1 A copy of the Eketāhuna Our Town Committee minutes of their meeting held on 8 April 2021 were tabled for the Board's information.

8.2.2 Board Member Terry Carew gave an update on Eketāhuna Our Town Committee matters, including reference to the following:

- Six Flag Trax have been purchased for installation as a further stage to develop this system in the town.
- Proposals are to be invited to design a flag for Eketāhuna.
- There have been delays with progressing the development of the fitness track.
- A dinner or similar event is to be arranged to recognise and convey appreciation to the volunteers that willingly give their time and commitment to working at the Eketāhuna Information Centre.
- The Great Eketāhuna Ball Committee has become a subcommittee under the umbrella of Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated.

9. **Tararua REAP Employment Liaison Coordinator** (Brought Forward on the Agenda)

9.1 Trudie Flynn introduced herself and outlined her background and role as Tararua REAP Employment Liaison Coordinator working throughout the district to pursue opportunities for providing employment.

9.2 In taking up this new position Trudie is presently making contacts to understand the district's employment requirements and facilitating options to resource them.

9.3 At the invitation from the Board's Chairperson new resident Matthew Nisbet spoke on his intentions to acquire the former PGG Wrightson building at Eketāhuna as an opportunity to establish a business venture in the town.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

a) *Kerry and Loreen Cunningham*

Re: Eketāhuna Camping Group April report

McGhie/Carew

Carried

11. Riders Against Teenage Suicide Event

11.1 *That the Board confirm the sum of \$220 be provided from its discretionary funds toward the cost of the Taranaki Riders Against Teenage Suicide attending the follow up event in Eketāhuna on 29 May 2021 to raise awareness in the prevention of teenage suicide and reach out to those that may need help, and*

That in providing that assistance the Board acknowledge the financial contributions given by Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated (\$220) and the Catholic Eketāhuna Opportunity Shop volunteers (\$200) who also supported the arrangements to enable this event to be held.

McGhie/Treder

Carried

12. Eketāhuna Electric Vehicle Charging Station

12.1 The proposal to have an electric vehicle charging station in Eketāhuna is progressing. This is a Charge Net New Zealand investment, and Council is facilitating its installation along with EECA, PowerCo and Scanpower.

12.2 It is anticipated the electric vehicle charging station shall be completed before Christmas this year, and will be located on Haswell Street.

13. Chairperson's Remarks

13.1 Housing

13.1.1 Board members are meeting Council's Strategy and Policy Adviser Malcolm Thomas today at 1.00pm to discuss housing needs in the community as part of the work he is undertaking as an assessment for the development of a district housing strategy.

14. Items Not on the Agenda

14.1 Camellias on State Highway 2 Town Entrance

14.1.1 Eketāhuna Our Town Committee intend to undertake a working bee in mid-July/August to trim and tidy up the appearance of the camellias on State Highway 2 at the town entrance.

14.2 **Sport Manawatu Tararua Recreation Advisor**

- 14.2.1 At the invitation from the Board’s Chairperson Leah Sole introduced herself and outlined her background and role as Sport Manawatu Tararua Recreation Adviser.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.00am.

Chairperson