



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 11 October 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

Speakers as outlined in item 5 regarding parking on Alfredton Road

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil

5. Parking on Alfredton Road (Brought Forward on the Agenda)

5.1 Skye White spoke on her request submitted to the Board as correspondence in today's meeting agenda regarding concerns about the limited parking on Alfredton Road when picking up children from Eketāhuna School and attending events.

5.2 The current parking is only on Albert Street which is not nearly enough, and people are constantly parking on the berm along Alfredton Road near the Albert Street entrance.

- 5.3 This situation is a safety issue in respect of potential risks caused by the lack of parking, and also from a visibility perspective.
- 5.4 Skye White asked the Board to support seeking action from Council to turn some of the berm along Alfredton Road into car parks, and for a budget to be provided next year to enable that work to be undertaken as soon as possible.
- 5.5 Everlyne Chase also shared her concerns regarding the current lack of parking available on Alfredton Road in the vicinity of Eketāhuna School, and urged the Board to seek this situation be addressed to help bus drivers when transporting children in that area.
- 5.6 Skye White will provide letters from the Eketāhuna School principal and Board of Trustees adding further support to improve the availability of parking along Alfredton Road to ensure children can safely be picked up from Eketāhuna School.
- 5.7 Board members conveyed their support for options to be progressed to alleviate the concerns raised regarding parking arrangements on Alfredton Road by Eketāhuna School through making the berm area suitable for vehicles to park safely.
- 5.8 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Steen McGhie will speak on this matter at the forthcoming Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting this week.
- 5.9 A request will be made to include this matter on the agenda of the October 2021 Works Liaison Committee workshop briefing session if possible. Otherwise it be referred to the following month for discussion at their next meeting, with Council appointed Community Board member Cr Raylene Treder to outline these concerns for consideration and follow up.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 *That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 13 September 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

McGhie/Carew

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 7.1 Nil

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1 *That the minutes of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 29 September 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

Clifton/Carew

Carried

8.2 **Three Waters Reform**

8.2.1 Council has provided information to the community about the Government's Three Waters Reform and questions raised with them regarding that matter.

8.2.2 The community can share its thoughts with Council on the reform so it is able to carefully consider what is best for the district.

8.2.3 That engagement is a first step so that Council can understand the initial concerns of residents, and there will be formal community consultation undertaken after the Government releases more information prior to the end of this year.

8.2.4 At this time Council has not made any decision on its intentions regarding any particular direction to take in respect of the Government's proposal.

8.3 **Power Outages Caused By Severe Wind Weather Event**

8.3.1 Discussion is to occur with Powerco regarding the lack of communication with its customers in the southern part of the district affected with power outages of one to three days caused by the severe wind weather event on 10 September 2021.

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

9.1 Nil

10. **Correspondence**

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

a) Skye White

20 September 2021

Re: Parking on Alfredton Road

b) Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre

Re: Sponsor a hectare acknowledgement certificate

c) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham

Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground September report

Treder/McGhie

Carried

10.2 **Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre**

10.2.1 Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre postponed its open day that was to be held on 17 October 2021, with the rescheduled date for this event being 13 February 2022.

10.2.2 Funding has been secured through Jobs for Nature to enable Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre to undertake pest management work towards establishing safe habitats for its native wildlife. This will be done in conjunction with support from local farmers having adjoining properties in the vicinity of that area.

11. Chairperson's Remarks

11.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Eketāhuna

- 11.1.1 Agreement has been reached with ChargeNet New Zealand to occupy the road and footpath in Haswell Street to install as soon as practical an electric vehicle charging station facility in Eketāhuna.

11.2 Armistice Day

- 11.2.1 Arrangements are to be progressed for the Armistice Day service held in Eketāhuna on 11 November 2021.

12. Items Not on the Agenda

- 12.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10.35am.

Chairperson