



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 8 November 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

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 11 October 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Carew/Clifton

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 **Armistice Day** (Item 11.2)

6.1.1 New Zealand Army Tenth Transport Company will be sending representatives to attend the Armistice Day community service in Eketāhuna, with a light lunch and refreshments to follow at the Eketāhuna Club.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Board Member Cr Raylene Treder gave an update on various matters relating to the district and Council activities, including reference to the following:

- Covid-19 vaccination rates for the district are gradually progressing.
- Cancellation of the district's Christmas parades due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Upgrade of Eketāhuna water treatment plant.
- Engagement of an external provider to support processing of building consent applications.
- Progress made through to stage 2 of the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund for the potential development of two identified areas in Pahiatua South and the former Hillcrest School site for development of new housing and infrastructure development.
- Government announcement that the Three Waters reform programme will be legislated to become mandatory effective from 1 July 2024, thereby creating a new four-entity structure to manage all Three Waters services across New Zealand.

7.2 ***That the minutes of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 27 October 2021 (as circulated) be received.***

Clifton/Death

Carried

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

8.1 Tararua District Road Safety Group

8.1.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Steen McGhie reported on the Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting held in Dannevirke on 14 October 2021, including reference to the following matters:

- A national speed management review is to be undertaken, and speed zones for schools in urban areas will be below 40km and rural below 60km. Main streets of towns may reduce to 30km. Tararua Alliance Asset Manager Hamish Featonby will be talking to Eketāhuna School about their requirements before Christmas this year.
- Work to extend sealing of unsealed roads may be considered to improve the safety of a road.
- Grass and weeds on unsealed roads are sprayed instead of being mown.
- Contact is to be made with the Horizons Regional Council Road Safety Coordinator Debbie Webster to discuss training a member of the Eketāhuna community on the installation of child restraints.
- The Snap Send Solve app provides a convenient option for the community to report faults and service requests to Council.

- Mangaone Valley Road is now open to one lane light vehicles, with the intention to extend that capability to other vehicles as soon as practicable.
- Pahiatua Track is being closed to enable repair work to be undertaken.

8.2 **Tararua Emergency Management Committee**

8.2.1 Chairperson Board Member Charlie Death expressed disappointment he could not attend this month's Tararua Emergency Management Committee meeting given it is scheduled at the same time as the Armistice Day community service in Eketāhuna.

9. **Correspondence**

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

a) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated

Re: 12 August 2021 committee meeting minutes and reports

Carew/Clifton

Carried

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

- With the cancellation of this year's Eketāhuna Santa Cruise Christmas parade it is being proposed as an alternative to consider arranging Friday market evenings leading up to Christmas. The Play Trailer purchased by Council could be booked as part of those events.
- An additional flag pole at the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall is under consideration along with reviewing the lighting of the remembrance area.
- A further stage to develop the FlagTrax system is to be progressed.
- Development of the fitness track is to be undertaken along with re-liming of the lime track.
- Further fundraising is to occur to enable the security cameras monitoring system upgrade project to proceed.
- New members are required for the committee to ensure it remains active and able to maintain its momentum going forward in undertaking and funding community projects and events.
- Maintenance of the tile painting is being followed up as some of the names have faded and require restoration.
- Mark Watson provided a quote to paint the white kiwi, and has been engaged to undertake that work.

10. **Chairperson's Remarks**

10.1 **Tasks to Complete By the End of the Board's Term**

10.1.1 The following tasks are noted to be completed by the end of the Board's term in October next year:

- Repair the seed drill installed as part of the town centre upgrade project.
- Relocate the Eketāhuna topographical map for public display in the Eketāhuna Community Centre.
- Determine locations and install a chair/seat for use in a public area/facility.
- Create hitching posts made from railway sleepers with a commemorative plaque to honour the memory of local men who served in the Eketāhuna Mounted Rifles.
- Finish the installation of rubbish bins in the town centre.
- Erect white picket gates to the playground/swimming pool area.

10.2 **December Board Meeting**

- 10.2.1 Mayor Tracey Collis and Chief Executive Bryan Nicholson will attend the Board's December meeting to be held at Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre.
- 10.2.2 Board Member Terry Carew will make arrangements for the Board's meeting to occur at that venue, with Christmas lunch to follow its conclusion by around 12noon.
- 10.2.3 An invitation shall be extended to the following people to attend the Board's Christmas lunch to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution and service to the Eketāhuna community:
- Kerry and Loreen Cunningham - Eketāhuna Camping Ground
 - Lee-anne Tait and Kendra Crafer - Eketāhuna Health Centre
 - Tanmay and Priti Patel - Eketāhuna Four Square community supermarket and Gas Eketāhuna petrol station and convenience store

11. **Items Not on the Agenda**

- 11.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.05am.

Chairperson