



## Eketāhuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board held in the Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre, 85379 State Highway 2, Mount Bruce on Monday 13 December 2021 commencing at 10.03am.

### 1. Present

Board Members C C Death (Chairperson), T M Carew and Cr R A Treder (Council appointed Community Board member).

#### In Attendance

Mrs T Collis	-	Her Worship the Mayor
Mr R Taylor	-	Manager - Democracy Services
Ms E Court	-	Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre General Manager
Mr J Glassey	-	Eketāhuna Police Officer

### 2. Apologies

- 2.1 *That the apologies be sustained from Chief Executive Bryan Nicholson and Board Member Denise Clifton for non-attendance at the meeting.*

*Death/Treder*

*Carried*

### 3. Personal Matters

- 3.1 Nil

### 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:

- Town signage

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 8 November 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Treder/Carew*

*Carried*

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

### **6.1 Tararua Emergency Management Committee (Item 8.2)**

- 6.1.1 Mayor Tracey Collis has taken action to ensure meetings involving the district's elected members are not in future scheduled on Armistice Day, noting that request was also made to Horizons Regional Council.
- 6.1.2 An apology is conveyed to Chairperson Board Member Charlie Death for not being able to attend the November Tararua Emergency Management Committee meeting as it was scheduled at the same time as the Armistice Day community service in Eketāhuna.

## **7. Tararua District Council Report**

- 7.1 *That the minutes of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 24 November 2021 (as circulated) be received.*

**Carew/Death**

**Carried**

### **7.2 Three Waters Reform Next Steps**

- 7.2.1 The Board note Council joined the Three Waters campaign as a Partner Council opposing Government's intention to pass legislation transferring councils Three Waters assets into the ownership and/or operational control of a new four-entity structure to manage these services across New Zealand.
- 7.2.2 As a consequence of the Three Waters reform Council needs to review its depreciation reserves, and this will be done as part of the 2022/2023 Annual Plan process.

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

- 8.1 Nil

## **9. Correspondence**

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

*a) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated*

*Re: 14 October and 11 November 2021 committee meeting minutes and reports*

*b) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham*

*Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground November report*

**Carew/Treder**

**Carried**

## **9.2 Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated**

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

- The savings from the traffic management plan and other related Santa Cruise Christmas parade expenses not incurred as this event was cancelled will be made available for children's free swims over summer at the swimming pool. An amount of \$1,000 will be donated equating to 500 entries to the pool.
- Late night shopping will be provided in Eketāhuna every Friday this month until Christmas eve, with shops open until 7.30pm on those days.
- The Christmas carols service was cancelled as a result of Covid-19 concerns relating to arranging a public gathering.
- Work on the lime track has started and a totara seat was installed.
- An Eketāhuna sign is to be erected at Waka Park.
- ChargeNet New Zealand has installed an electric vehicle charging station in Haswell Street.
- A Christmas tree is to be placed in the town centre for the festive season.

## **9.3 Eketāhuna Camping Ground**

9.3.1 From 15 December 2021 it is a requirement that to access and use Council camping grounds in the district people must present their My Vaccine Pass verifying their Covid-19 fully vaccinated status.

## **10. Chairperson's Remarks**

### **10.1 Mowing of Rural Roadside Verges**

10.1.1 With there being significant grass growth on rural roadside verges they will need to be mowed adequately to manage the risk of preventing them becoming a fire hazard when they are dry in summer.

## **11. 2022 Meeting Dates**

11.1 The following are the dates of the Board's meetings to be held in 2022 until the election:

- 14 February
- 14 March
- 11 April
- 9 May
- 13 June
- 11 July
- 8 August
- 12 September

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

### **12.1 Town Signage**

- 12.1.1 The community will be invited to comment on the mock-up of the proposed town signage for Eketāhuna prior to proceeding with the intended design for implementation.

## **13. Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre**

- 13.1 Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre General Manager Emily Court provided an update on activities and projects relating to Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre, including reference to the following matters:

- Predator control catch rates have been low, with two full-time staff dedicated to controlling rabbits.
- Funding has been secured through Jobs for Nature to undertake pest management work towards establishing safe habitats for native wildlife. This will be done in conjunction with support from local farmers having adjoining properties in the vicinity of Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre.
- It is quieter than usual with no international visitors as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which has impacted on travelling both overseas and within the country.
- School visits are growing with increased emphasis placed on providing education programmes.
- An open day is planned to be held on 13 February 2022.
- Work has commenced on the Te Waananga Taiao (Education and Accommodation Centre) project, with funding grants of \$250,000 received from Eastern and Central Community Trust and \$50,000 from Central Energy Trust. Dulux is also contributing through providing all of the paint.

## **14. Policing in Eketāhuna**

- 14.1 Eketāhuna police officer Jymahl Glassey spoke on policing in Eketāhuna to ensure the safety of the community.

## **15. Season's Greetings**

- 15.1 The Chairperson extended his best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.10am.

## **16. Te Waananga Taiao (Education and Accommodation Centre) Project**

- 16.1 Following the closure of the meeting board members viewed the site of the Te Waananga Taiao (Education and Accommodation Centre) project.

## **17. Acknowledgements**

- 17.1 At the conclusion of the above visit invited guests Kerry and Loreen Cunningham from the Eketāhuna Camping Ground and Eketāhuna police officer Jymahl Glassey joined board members for lunch, and they were thanked for their work and commitment to the community.
- 17.2 Lee-anne Tait and Kendra Crafer from the Eketāhuna Health Centre and Tanmay and Priti Patel from Eketāhuna Four Square community supermarket and Gas Eketāhuna petrol station and convenience store were not able to attend lunch with board members, and appreciation is conveyed to acknowledge and thank them for their contribution and service to the Eketāhuna community.

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Chairperson