



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 March 2024 commencing at 10:00am.

1. Present

Board Members: S C McGhie (Chairperson), L J Barclay, T M Carew (via Teams), E E Chase, and Cr S M Gilmore

In Attendance

Mrs A Small	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	-	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

That the apologies from Councillor M F Long be approved and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

McGhie/Gilmore

Carried

4. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Board Appointment to Civil Defence Welfare Group.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 12 February 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Barclay/Chase

Carried

8. Tararua District Council Report

9.1 Tararua District Council Report

That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held 28 February 2024 be received.

Gilmore/Carew

Carried

9. Reports

10.1 Management Report

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee meeting held 13 February 2024, the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held 21 February 2024, and the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held 6 March 2024.

In discussion, the meeting regarded the non-compliance notices as reported in an inspection of the Eketāhuna Wetlands construction site undertaken on 5 December 2023, and the subsequent site visit conducted to inspect the remedial works on 30 January 2024. It was asked to provide further detail on the significant non-compliances regarding the latter inspection, which resulted in abatement notices and fines served.

It was asked that an update be provided on progress with recruitment for the role at the Eketāhuna Library and Service Centre.

The Board noted the report provided to the Dannevirke Community Board providing an explanation of the process for roading funding decision-making, and asked that a similar report be provided to the Board. They also sought information on how they could be informed of the result of advocacy for roading improvements made by the Board.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 01 March 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Carew/Chase

Carried

10.2 Capital Programme Update

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 21 February 2024, and the Community Development

and Wellbeing Committee on 6 March 2024.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 01 March 2024 concerning the Capital Programme Update be received.

Barclay/Carew

Carried

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

Civil Defence meeting – Board member Carew advised that he was scheduled to attend the Civil Defence meeting, however a mix up in the calendar dates due to the differing time zones meant he missed the meeting.

Mayor and Councillors Community catch-up—Cr S Gilmore reported on the attendance at the catchup, noting it was well attended and would be held as a monthly event. He sought Board Members’ assistance in promoting the event in the community.

12.1 Minutes - Eketahuna Our Town Committee

In discussion, Board member Carew noted that he had received an update on the committee’s request to install an additional flagpole, at no cost to Council, at the Memorial Hall, and that this had been approved. With regard to the town flags proposal, it was noted that the proposed dimensions needed to be provided. He further noted that the CCTV upgrade at the rugby grounds had been completed.

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Our Town Committee meeting held 14 December 2023 be received.

Gilmore/Chase

Carried

13. Discussion Items

Upcoming Consultation on draft Long-term Plan: the Manager Democracy Services advised that the Tararua District Council was due to adopt the draft Long-term Plan and Consultation Document on 10 April 2024, and consultation with the community would take place from 12 April 2024 until 12 May 2024. The Board’s role in encouraging community input through the submission process would be key to ensuring the voice of the community is heard through the process. It was noted that a copy of the consultation plan would be provided to the next meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board.

Anzac Day preparations: Board member Carew provided an update on preparations for Anzac Day, noting that the plans were on track, and military

presence had been requested for the day.

14. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

15. Items not on the Agenda

Civil Defence meeting: Chairperson McGhie advised that he was available to attend Civil Defence meetings in addition to Board member Carew should this be necessary.

It was noted that current Civil Defence Standing Orders contained out of date contact information for emergency personnel, however the rest of the content remained current. It was agreed that copies should be available in the cabinet in the Community Centre. It was recommended that Board members attend Civil Defence training when it is available, and it was asked that this request be forwarded to the Council's Emergency Management Officer.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:44am.

Chairperson