



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 12 May 2025 commencing at 10:00 am.

1. Present

Board Members: S C McGhie (Chairperson), L J Barclay, E E Chase, and Cr M F Long

In Attendance

Mrs K Tani	-	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing (via Teams)
Mrs S Fountaine	-	Community Engagement Officer
Mrs A Dunn	-	Manager – Democracy Services
Mrs S Anthony	-	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

That the apologies from Member T M Carew be approved and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

Barclay/Chase

Carried

3. Public Forum

Nil

4. Presentation

4.1 Presentation – Sport Tararua

Raylene Treder of Sport Tararua expressed that she wished to introduce herself to the Board as the newly appointed Tararua Community Connector covering maternity leave, and gave an overview of her responsibilities within the role noting her involvement in local sports awards and supporting local sports clubs.

She offered an invitation to the Board to contact her if there were any new initiatives for local community sports, and she would be willing to offer support. Sport Manawatu have links to many different services which can be leveraged on. She advised that Sport Manawatu goes into schools with the Healthy Active Learning programme and is scheduled to be at Eketāhuna School in the very near future.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Apology from Mike Long regarding ANZAC Day

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 14 April 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chase/Long

Carried

8. Introduction of new Community Engagement Officer

Sarah Fountaine, the newly appointed Community Engagement Officer – Strategy and Community Wellbeing for the Tararua District Council, introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief overview of her responsibilities stating that she is currently transitioning into the role from her previous Council role. The Board requested further information on the development of the Eketāhuna Community Plan that had been worked on by Sarah's predecessor. The Board advised that the community had provided feedback which needed to be added into the Community Plan draft before completion. It was requested that the Community Engagement Officer locate the community feedback and present it at the next Board meeting for further discussion.

9. Tararua District Council Report

9.1 Report from Tararua District Council

The Board was urged to make a submission on the Tararua District Council Draft Annual Plan 2025 and the final date for submission is 15 May 2025.

That the report from the Tararua District Council extraordinary meeting held 9 April 2025, and the meeting held 30 April 2025 be received.

10. Reports**10.1 Portfolio Programme Project Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 5 May 2025 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 16 April 2025.

Further clarification was sought regarding page 40 of the agenda regarding Urban Design where it was stated that Eketāhuna had opted out and would be contacted regarding further engagement. The Board advised they were not aware of opting out and requested further information on the urban design strategy be presented at the next meeting.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 05 May 2025 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.

Long/Chase**Carried****10.2 Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 7 May 2025 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest from the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee over the period 8 March 2025 to 4 April 2025.

Further clarification was sought regarding the contamination of recycling bins and what this meant specifically. It was advised that the contamination may occur from unclean recycling items, no removal of lids from the bottles, and other waste being disposed of in the bins, this has consequences during the processing of the recycled items.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 07 May 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

Barclay/Long**Carried****11. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

Nil

12. Correspondence

12.1 Eketahuna Our Town AGM Minutes March 2025

It was advised that funding had been received for the playground sails.

There was a suggestion from the Board to include the Eketāhuna Radio Station minutes in future Eketāhuna Community Board agendas and also forward on to Eketāhuna Our Town.

13. Public Excluded Items of Business

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Nominations for Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

<i>General subject matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Nominations for Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of natural persons</i>	<i><Section (1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

s7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.

Long/Barclay

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10:30am and resumed open session at 10:43am.

14. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

15. Items not on the Agenda

Not discussed.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:43am.

Chairperson