



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 13 May 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 Crs S M Gilmore and M F Long

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Mrs T H Collis

Mrs K Tani	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mr C Yonge	–	Team Leader Economic & Community Development
Ms K Stevens	–	Economic & Community Development Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Update on Progress with Community Plan

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillors S Gilmore and M Long - Long Term Plan draft consultation

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 8 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chase/Carew

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Tararua District Council Report

The Chairperson enquired about the fluoridation timeline and its relation to Eketāhuna. It was responded that the directive only applied to Dannevirke at this juncture; the Ministry had indicated Pahiatua and Woodville water supplies may be directed in the future, but less likelihood for Eketāhuna due to the lower number of connected properties.

That the report of the Tararua District Council meetings held 27 March 2024, 10 April 2024 and 24 April 2024 be received.

Barclay/Carew

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 22 April 2024 that presented an application for funding from the General Assistance Grants Scheme for further consideration and decision.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 22 April 2024 concerning the Consideration of Applications to the General Assistance Grants Fund 2024 be received.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board make the following grant from its General Assistance Grants Fund:

Eketāhuna Golf Club Inc, \$2500.00 towards replacement of the rear fire exit doors in clubhouse, and the refurbishment of the changing room doors

Chase/Long

Carried

Board member T Carew recorded his vote against the motion

8.2 Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 3 May 2024 that provided copies of the draft Long Term Plan consultation document for consideration by the Board in making a

submission in respect of the draft Long Term Plan.

Her Worship the Mayor noted the consultation engagement timeline, and consultation events scheduled for Eketāhuna residents and provided an outline of the consultation items contained in the consultation document. Councillor Gilmore spoke as a Councillor, noting the Board's responsibility for providing a submission on behalf of the community on the Long Term Plan, and encouraged the Board to meet separately without the Council appointed members to work through their submission.

The Board asked that information be provided to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee and subsequently to the Board to help them understand the issue of Infill and Infiltration from stormwater into the wastewater system.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 May 2024 concerning the Consultation on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 be received.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board note its delegated responsibility for facilitating consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district issues, including input into the Long Term Plan.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board note its delegated responsibility for making a submission on the draft Long Term Plan and that the timeframe for making a submission on the Long Term Plan closes 30 May 2024.

Barclay/Chase

Carried

8.3 **Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 3 May 2024 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest.

The Board requested an update on stormwater and the stormwater system in Eketāhuna to help them understand how it operates.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 03 May 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Chase/Barclay

Carried

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

- 9.1 **Civil Defence Meeting:** Chairperson S McGhie provided an update on his attendance at the recent Civil Defence meeting, noting the number of organisations involved and the learnings gained through Cyclone Gabrielle

response and recovery. He advised that he had booked to attend the one day foundation training. It was noted that although this course was now full, future courses would be arranged that Board members could book to attend. Board Member Chase noted that the Marae Committee would also be interested in attending the training.

9.2 **Food Banks:** Board Member Carew expressed concern regarding the decline of food bank organisations within Eketāhuna due to reduced funding.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence

That the correspondence as listed be received:

☐ **Message of thanks from Eketāhuna Tennis Club.**

Barclay/Gilmore

Carried

11. Items not on the Agenda

11.1 Update – Eketāhuna Community Plan Development

The Economic & Community Development Advisor was in attendance, and spoke about progress on development of the Eketāhuna Community Plan. It was noted that an update had been provided, as well as the wording for the history of Eketāhuna / Mellemskov. This would be checked to see if any further information was required, and provide feedback to members.

12. Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson S McGhie noted that the locks on the community centre had recently been changed, however Board members and emergency services were unaware and the Civil Defence equipment could not be accessed.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:52am.

Chairperson