



## **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 July 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 A Dunn – Manager – Democracy Services  
Mr R Earp – Three Waters Manager  
Ms S Ellis – Democracy Support Officer

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Public Forum**

Charlie Death was in attendance to speak about the award he received recently from the Minister of Civil Defence that recognised his service and contribution to Civil Defence Emergency Management within the Tararua, and in particular within Eketāhuna. He spoke about the recognition and how good it was for the Eketāhuna town and district.

He talked about how the local emergency contact network operated in emergency situations for communication and situation report updates. He noted the information was recorded in an operational book and it would be timely to review and update the information recorded.

He noted the importance of getting to know the new people in the district, and the regular meet and greet events held by the community board, where people new to the district were invited to an event where representatives from

community organisations and clubs were present, which helped forge connections within the community. The Board noted their last meet and greet was held in 2023, so was timely to start organising the next event.

He then spoke about the recent Annual General Meeting of the Nireaha Domain Board. He advised that he had retired from the Domain Board, and noted the new President would be Geoff Spring, with Rena Tyler as Treasurer and Trish Spring as Secretary. He provided an update on the Nireaha Domain Board, noting improvements that had been undertaken at the Hall and community donations made with proceeds from the lease of the Domain. He noted the new flagpole to be erected at the War Memorial Hall, and advised that a flagpole would also be erected at Nireaha Domain.

The Board noted that it would undertake a review and update of the Civil Defence booklet, and would discuss having the civil defence community group as part of the Community Board.

The Chairperson thanked Charlie for his update and congratulated him on receiving the award.

#### **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Update from Roger Earp, Three Waters Manager, on upcoming repairs to Eketāhuna Water Reservoir.

#### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 10 June 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with a correction to item 9 to record Board Member Chase as having attended the course.*

*Gilmore/Barclay*

*Carried*

#### **6. Tararua District Council Report**

##### **6.1 Report from Tararua District Council**

*That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 26 June 2024 be received.*

*Chase/Barclay*

*Carried*

#### **7. Reports**

##### **7.1 Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing that provided an update on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held 19 June 2024, and the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held 3 July 2024. Her Worship the Mayor advised that she was in discussions with Waka Kotahi to arrange a tour of Te Ahu a Turanga highway site for both the Dannevirke and Eketāhuna Community Boards.

***That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 24 June 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.***

***Long/Carew***

***Carried***

## **7.2 Attendance at Community Board Conference 2024**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 11 June 2024 that provided information about the 2024 Community Boards Conference being held in Wellington in August 2024, and sought consideration and agreement to sending a Board representative to attend the conference. Board Member Chase noted her interest in attending the conference over both days.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 11 June 2024 concerning the Attendance at Community Board Conference 2024 be received.***

***That the Eketāhuna Community Board register Board Member Everlyne Chase to attend the 2024 Community Boards Conference being held in Wellington, and that the registration be for the full two day pass.***

***Gilmore/Long***

***Carried***

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

- 8.1 **Road Safety meeting** – Chairperson McGhie reported on his attendance at the Road Safety meeting, and noted that the NZ Transport Agency were close to providing funding for pedestrian crossings upgrade in Eketāhuna, with only painting necessary at this point. Data was shared regarding crash statistics, and improvements surrounding speed limit changes off highways were discussed. He noted that he would report further at the next Board meeting.

## **9. Discussion Items**

- 9.1 **Community Plan:** The Community Plan item was agreed to be included for discussion on the next agenda.

- 9.2 **Update on water treatment plant reservoir repairs:** Roger Earp, the Three Waters Manager, was in attendance to provide an update regarding the inspection and upcoming repair of the Eketāhuna water supply reservoir. He noted that repairs would commence on 15 July 2024, and would mean one tank being out of service for 5 days while undergoing repairs. It was acknowledged that this would mean a lessened storage capacity, while work was undertaken, and that water conservation would be needed until the tank was refilled. Maintenance on the second reservoir would be undertaken from 5 August.

During discussion Board members sought assurance that the local Fire Brigade had been notified, recommended security measures be put in place in the area while scaffolding was up, and sought information such as photos that members could share on their community social media pages.

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

- 10.1 The Chairperson acknowledged the achievement of Archie Woodhouse of Eketāhuna on being crowned the East Coast FMG Young Farmer of the Year and wished him all the best for the upcoming grand finals.

## **11. Items not on the Agenda**

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:49am.

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Chairperson