



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 10 February 2025 commencing at 10:00am.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs K Tani – Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mrs A Dunn – Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

3.1 Public Forum - Denise Clifton

Denise Clifton was in attendance and spoke about an event called “Across the Ages, being held 1 March 2025 at the Eketahuna Domain. She thanked the Council for their advice and support in arranging the event, and talked about the success their organising group had in obtaining funding from Lotteries New Zealand, the Eketahuna Community Trust, and Creative Communities Assessment Committee. She noted that their group had also applied to the Council’s contestable fund for funding support, but would not know whether their request had been successful until the end of February. However she was confident they had sufficient funds on hand to cover the main infrastructure costs. She spoke about how the event would be a living history encampment with displays and re-enactments from various time periods, and that people were coming from across the country to perform in the event. She noted that although they had good support from the rugby club and the local community, they would still need some more volunteers to assist on the day. The entry fee would be \$10 adult, \$5 children, under 5’s free and there would also be family price tickets too. She

expected the event to bring a lot of visitors to Eketahuna which would help support the local businesses. An advertising campaign was scheduled to start this week. In response to questions, she advised that a full risk management plan and health and safety plan had been completed and was available to be circulated to members. In closing she hoped that this could become an annual event.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Board member Chase: Report on comprehensive primary community care team

Board member Chase: Matariki event

5. Conflicts of Interests

Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 9 December 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carew/Barclay

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Report from Tararua District Council

It was asked with regard to the submission on the Treaty Principles Bill, that clarification be provided to the Board on who the submission was made on behalf of. Councillor Long undertook to provide this information.

That the report from the Tararua District Council extraordinary meeting held 11 December 2024, and the meetings held 18 December 2024 and 29 January 2025 be received.

Chase/Carew

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Management Report

The Eketahuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 28 January 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest. It was noted that the Eketahuna Swimming Pool Committee would like to be able to install heating for their pool, however the electrical substation required upgrading to enable this. It was noted that talks

had been ongoing between the swimming pool committee and Powerco on this matter. It was noted that Emergency Services Officer had been encouraging the community organisations in Eketahuna to update the emergency plan with up to date contact information. It was noted that the Chairperson had been updating contact details in the annex of the plan, and would include this matter in the agenda for the next meeting.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 28 January 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

Barclay/Carew

Carried

8.2 **Community Board Budget Report 2024-25**

The Eketahuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 28 January 2025 that presented for information and discussion purposes, the Community Board’s budget for 2024-25 financial year.

The Board were asked to note the balance available in the discretionary funding budget, and the need to have discussions about the priorities for how it wishes to allocate its budget.

It was asked that information be provided to the Board’s next meeting on financial costs for the 2023-24 financial year so that the Board could decide how much to set aside. It was also asked that the Alf Rowden Memorial Award be included as an item to enable a resolution to open nominations, and decide on the timing for this award.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 28 January 2025 concerning the Community Board Budget Report 2024-25 be received.

Carew/Barclay

Carried

8.3 **Capital Portfolio Report**

The Eketahuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 3 February 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 11 December 2024.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 03 February 2025 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Chase/Carew

Carried

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

Nil

10. Correspondence

Nil

11. Discussion Items

11.1 **Eketahuna Community Plan** – Chairperson McGhie tabled a copy of a written submission he had received, and it was noted that a few electronic submissions had also been made. It was asked that this be included as an item on the next agenda with information on progress with the development of the Eketahuna Community Plan.

11.2 Request for Assistance – Op Shop

It was noted that the Community Op Shop had sought funding assistance towards the cost of disposing of rubbish that was being left at their store with items donated. It was agreed that an grant application form be sent to the Op Shop to complete and consider at the next meeting.

12. Chairperson’s Remarks

12.1 The Chairperson drew the location of the new speed indicator sign on State Highway 1 – Main Street, to the attention of Board members.

12.2 The Chairperson noted that he had written to Chorus to ask that they tidy up around the Chorus building.

12.3 The Chairperson noted that he had been discussing with Corrections having tidying up work undertaken on the footpaths, and advised that a letter from Council to Corrections to allow for tidying up work on the footpaths was required. It was asked that the Group Manager – Operations be put in touch with the Chairperson to discuss this.

12.4 Anzac Memorial at the War Memorial Hall – it was noted that work was needed to tidy the memorials prior to Anzac Day. The Board were keen to undertake this work themselves, and would contact the Facilities Manager to seek approval to under this work as a project by the Board.

13. Items not on the Agenda

13.1 Matariki – Board member Chase advised that an event would be held at Waka Park at 6:00am on 20 June 2025, and this would include lifting a hangi to provide kai to the public. She noted that the Museum committee would write to the Council to ask to book the community centre for the event.

13.2 Board member Chase spoke about the new health service, that would include a travelling paramedic and nurses, to provide additional health services throughout

the district. She also spoke about the an initiative to bring the heartlands contract to Eketahuna, to bring central government agency officers for example from WINZ and Housing New Zealand, to Eketahuna on a regular basis.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:55am.

Chairperson