



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 March 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

Her Worship the Mayor Mrs T H Collis

Mrs K Tani – Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mrs A Dunn – Manager – Democracy Services
Mrs S Anthony – Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Removal of kiwi art work

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

A declaration of conflict of interest was declared by Terry Carew in relation to the Returned Services Association.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 10 February 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chase/Barclay

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Report from Tararua District Council

The board sought further information regarding the contestable funds and Her Worship the Mayor provided clarification on the criteria and process for allocation of funding and the proposal to revisit criteria for application. It was advised that applications for the next round would open 1 April 2025.

That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 26 February 2025 be received.

Barclay/Carew

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Community Board Budget Discussion

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 14 February 2025 that presented information relating to the previous financial years' expenditure, to support discussion by the Board for prioritising expenditure for this current financial year.

The board sought clarification around dates for the end of financial year and were advised the new financial year for budgets begins 1 July 2025.

The board agreed that \$1000 in funds be made available for funding, and up to two rounds to be held each financial year if funds are available, with the next round opening for applications at the beginning of the financial year. Funds will be held for conference attendance, training, events and expenses, and Alf Rowden Awards. In the event there are remaining funds this will be reviewed for addition to the funding pool by the board for consideration for a second round of funding.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 14 February 2025 concerning the Community Board Budget Discussion be received.

Chase/Barclay

Carried

That the Eketāhuna Community Board agree that up to two rounds of funding be undertaken each financial year with the amount of \$1000 to be set aside at

the beginning of the financial year.

Carew/Chase

Carried

8.2 **Consideration of Applications For Funding**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 20 February 2025 presenting two applications for funding from the General Assistance Grants Scheme, for consideration and decision.

The board agreed that a commitment could not be undertaken to secure annual funding for the Returned Services Association as unable to make funding commitments for future Boards.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 20 February 2025 concerning the Consideration of Applications For Funding be received.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board notes the request from the Eketahuna Returned Services Association for a commitment to fund half of the costs of holding ANZAC and Remembrance Day events, however advises that the Board has no ability to make funding commitments for future Boards and Council.

That the Eketāhuna Community Board makes the following grants from its General Assistance Grants Fund:

Eketāhuna Returned Services Association, \$350.00. towards the costs of running the ANZAC and Remembrance Days in 2025.

Long/Barclay

Carried

Eketāhuna Community Op Shop, \$400.00 towards the cost of disposing of refuse left as donations.

Chase/Carew

Carried

8.3 **Nominations for Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 20 February 2025 concerning initiation of the process for calling for nominations for the Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award for 2025.

It was advised that advertising for the Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award would be publicised in the Bush Telegraph on 24 March 2025 and will be published on the Tararua District Council website. Nominations will open 24 March 2025 and close 30 April 2025.

That the report from the Manager Democracy Services dated 20 February 2025 concerning the Nominations for Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award be received.

Barclay/Chase

Carried

That the Eketāhuna Community Board advertise in the community newsletter that nominations were open for the Alf Rowden Humanitarian Award on 24 March 2025, with nominations to close on 30 April 2025.

Barclay/Long

Carried

8.4 **Local Water Done Well Consultation**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 28 February 2025 providing information of the community consultation on Council’s proposal for how it will manage and deliver water services in the future.

Her Worship the Mayor provided an overview of the Local Waters Done Well proposal including the formation and responsibilities of the Council Controlled Organisation, the involvement of the economic regulator, the formation of a skills-based board, and mandates from the government.

The board expressed concern about rural water schemes and how these would be impacted with the new proposal. It was advised that the majority will not be included as not Council owned, however where there are extraordinary users such as rural schemes providing water supply to houses or towns, these will be included. This concern will be addressed at the public consultation briefings.

It was advised that copies of the consultation document would be available to the public in the local library and on the Tararua District Council website, and would be published in the local newsletter.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 28 February 2025 concerning the Local Water Done Well Consultation be received.

Carew/Barclay

Carried

8.5 **Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Manager – Democracy Services dated 20 February 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest from the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 20 February 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

Barclay/Chase

Carried

8.6 **Capital Portfolio Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report from the Three Waters Manager dated 20 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.

That the report from the Three Waters Manager dated 20 February 2025 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Carew/Barclay

Carried

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

Nil

10. Correspondence

Nil

11. Discussion items

- 11.1 **Emergency plan update** – Chairperson McGhie spoke about a new system implemented for Civil Defence that is now in place for staff and is of great value. A needs assessment course will be available to attend in June for those who wish to attend. It was requested that at least two members of the board should attend this course. It was noted that the Emergency Management Bill will be released April 2025.

The board discussed the use of the Eketahuna War Memorial Hall as a Civil Defence management hub for communications, separate from the welfare centre, in the event of an emergency. It was asked that this be included as an item on the next agenda.

- 11.2 **Update on Eketāhuna Community Plan** – It was noted that the plan is now updated and can be loaded on the website. A total of 6 submissions were received. A request was made for copies of the submissions to be made available to take to the next Eketahuna Our Town meeting.

- 11.3 **Eketāhuna Time Capsule** – It was noted that the time capsule is located in front of the old fire station tower under the concrete pavement and was put down by the Eketahuna Community Board 25 years earlier and it was asked that the minutes regarding the original event be located. It was proposed that due to the location being close to the road, this would need to be removed separately and hold a public event after. It was asked that this be included as an item on the next agenda.

- 11.4 **ANZAC planning** – It was advised that a singer was secured to perform at the event. Requests have been made to clean the cenotaphs prior to the event and a

response received. Chairperson McGhie advised he would undertake to touch up paint the flag poles and sculpture. Some members of the board were scheduled to meet on Wednesday to create the programme for the event and would then forward on to the Communications team.

The board requested that an acknowledgement be considered to recognise the 35 years support received from the 10th Transport Company for the Eketahuna ANZAC event.

11.5 **Piano tuning before ANZAC day** – Chairperson McGhie advised that he would cover the cost of tuning the piano and the board agreed to reimbursement of this cost.

11.6 **Recap of the Across the Ages Event** – The board noted that this was a very successful event with a turnout of over 700 people. It was requested that this event be held yearly on Wellington Anniversary weekend during school holidays to build momentum for the event.

12. Chairperson’s Remarks

Nil

13. Items not on the Agenda

13.1 Board member Chase advised that there had been a letter received requesting to remove the Kiwi artwork from a shop front on the main street. It was advised that there is a health and safety risk in removing the artwork due to its size, support and location. It was noted that this artwork is positioned on private property owned by the complainant. There are no minutes recorded historically regarding the commissioning or installation of the artwork. The board advised they would inform the members at the Eketahuna Our Town meeting. Board member Chase will continue discussions with parties involved and inform the Board of the outcome.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11:18am.

Chairperson

