



## **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 9 June 2025 commencing at 10:00 am.

### **1. Present**

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

#### **In Attendance**

Mrs S Fountaine – Community Engagement Officer  
Mrs A Dunn – Manager – Democracy Services (via Teams)  
Mrs S Anthony – Democracy Support Officer

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Public Forum**

- 3.1 Pauline Wilson was in attendance and spoke about the New Residents Welcome and that it had been some time since the last welcome event. She advised that she had received requests from the community to consider holding an event before the next election of Community Board members.

Board members advised Pauline that the New Members Welcome is conducted every three years at the beginning of the term of the newly elected Board.

Pauline also spoke about the resealing of Bridge Street, Eketāhuna, noting that the street had been repaired over a 7 year period and the leak had been reported to Council and a CRM lodged.

Pauline expressed that she wished to discuss the Eketāhuna Community Plan and what progress had been made following the community survey that was carried out. The Board advised that this topic was on the agenda for today's meeting for further discussion, and the delay in the development of the community plan was due to a staff member taking up a new position, and the time to recruit a replacement staff member to continue this work.

## Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Newman Road

Street Christmas Lights Removed

Wilson Lane

Church Street Rubbish

Street Cleaning

Rubbish Bins

Predator Trap Line Notification

Hamua Cemetery

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

Councillor Mike Long declared a conflict of interest in relation to information on Marchant Street in the Management Report.

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

*That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 12 May 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Chase/Barclay*

*Carried*

### 6. Tararua District Council Report

#### 6.1 Report from the Tararua District Council

*That the report from the Tararua District Council extraordinary meeting held 21 May 2025, and the meeting held 28 May 2025 be received.*

*Barclay/Carew*

*Carried*

### 7. Reports

#### 7.1 Draft Urban Enhancement Strategy

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 12 May 2025 that provided an update on the draft Urban Enhancement Strategy.

The Board agreed to arrange a time after the meeting for further discussion and

make a submission.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 12 May 2025 concerning the Draft Urban Enhancement Strategy be received.***

***Chase/Barclay***

***Carried***

## **7.2 Consultation on Tararua District Reserves Management Plan and Supporting Information**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 4 June 2025 that provided information on the consultation on the draft Tararua District Reserves Management Plan.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 04 June 2025 concerning the Consultation on Tararua District Reserves Management Plan and Supporting Information be received.***

***Carew/Barclay***

***Carried***

## **7.3 Consultation on Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 4 June 2025 that provided information on the consultation on the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 04 June 2025 concerning the Consultation on Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025 be received.***

***Long/Barclay***

***Carried***

## **7.4 Management Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 30 May 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest from the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held 21 May 2025 with information covering the period 12 April to 10 May 2025, and from the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held 4 June 2025.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 30 May 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.***

***Barclay/Carew***

***Carried***

## **7.5 Portfolio Programme Project Report**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 15 May 2025 that provided an update on the key portfolios,

programmes and project statuses as reported to the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 21 May 2025.

Cr Long advised that the pipe from number 2 pond to the wetland is completed. Next steps are to receive the results for water quality with testing carried out over some months, and compare to historic results from number 2 pond. The challenge is to prevent stormwater from entering the waste water.

The Board noted that the general feedback on water metering from the community is negative with concerns about installation and maintenance costs.

A question was asked as to how the metering charges would work at the water fill station behind the Library which is utilised by rural residents, and it was suggested that this would need to be considered and monitored. It was also asked whether all residents would be charged from the same date as it would be unfair to residents to stagger charges for water use across the community. Cr Long agreed to take this feedback back and report back at the next Board meeting, along with the costs of the meters.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 15 May 2025 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.***

***Long/Barclay***

***Carried***

## **7.6 Eketāhuna Community Plan**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Community Engagement Officer dated 3 June 2025 that provided an update on the Eketāhuna Community Plan.

It was advised that the Community Engagement Officer had just taken on the role and there has been a 6 – 8 month gap since the previous officer left which has delayed progress of the plan. The Board agreed that the previous survey results be utilised, as opposed to conducting a new survey, to avoid any further delays. It was suggested that the Board hold a workshop to go over the plan again and to take the discussion to Eketāhuna Our Town Committee and Board Member Chase agreed to arrange this. The Board requested that if a copy of the draft community plan currently exists, that this be forwarded to them to take to the workshop.

***That the report from the Community Engagement Officer dated 03 June 2025 concerning the Eketāhuna Community Plan be received.***

***Long/Chase***

***Carried***

## **7.7 Election Campaigning - Protocols for Current Elected Members**

The Eketāhuna Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 30 May 2025 that provided information on protocols

for elected members seeking re-election.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 30 May 2025 concerning the Election Campaigning - Protocols for Current Elected Members be received.***

**Carew/Barclay**

**Carried**

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

**Eketāhuna Health Centre** – the Health Centre was recently audited by the Ministry of Health and passed; they have also completed their emergency plan; and have been successful in maintaining their position on the site in Eketāhuna.

**9. Correspondence**

Nil

**10. Public Excluded Items of Business**

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

***Confirmation of Minutes***

***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.***

<b><i>General subject matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<b><i>Confirmation of Minutes</i></b>	<b><i>To protect the privacy of natural persons</i></b>	<b><i>&lt;Section (1)(a)(i)</i></b>

***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.***

**Chase/Long**

**Carried**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10:41am and resumed open session at 10:43am.

## **11. Chairperson's Remarks**

Nil

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

**Newman Road** – there has been recent activity as work is underway on Newman Road to carry out flood prevention work which is a positive sign.

**Street Christmas Lights Removed** – these have now been removed so are no longer a safety risk.

**Wilson Lane** – there are no speed limit or give way signs in this area and lighting is very dim making it very dangerous and causing many near misses. CRMs have been lodged.

**Church Street Rubbish** – the rubbish from Church Street is blowing over into Wilson Lane from delivery trucks. Board member Chase has spoken to Truck Drivers and they are aware but continue to leave it there. A member of the public has given up their time to pick this up when available.

**Street Cleaning** – the street sweeping truck has been coming through Eketāhuna to sweep the streets but is not removing the piles once swept and debris is being swept into one of the local residential properties. A CRM has been lodged and photo sent, however a response is yet to be received. Many shop owners are carrying out their own cleaning of the shop and street front. A request was made to bring a Main Street Maintenance report to the next Board meeting to outline what services are currently being provided for Eketāhuna streets.

**Rubbish Bins** – there have been rubbish bins removed from areas that are noted as not being part of the contracted service. Members of the community have expressed that they would like these returned, for example the receptacle at the Cliff Walk. The Board requested more detail be provided at the next meeting outlining which bins in Eketāhuna are supported by Council.

**Predator Trap Line Notification** - Students on the Level 3 conservation course from Pukāha have noticed predator tracks in the Cliff Walk area and the students will be monitoring trap lines. The Council needs to be aware of the predator existence on the Council land in this area.

**Hamua Cemetery** – a member of the public has asked how this cemetery is to continue to be maintained and can this be funded. Funding was provided in the past and ended approximately 8 years ago, volunteers have continued the

maintenance. The Community Engagement Officer advised that they could apply to the Contestable Fund for funding and can also contact the Facilities team for further discussion.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10.56am.

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Chairperson