



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 September 2021 commencing at 10.00am.

1. Present

Board Members S C McGhie (Deputy Chairperson), T M Carew, D F Clifton and Cr R A Treder (Council appointed Community Board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor	-	Manager - Democracy Services
Mr C Carter	-	Eketāhuna Community Radio Society
Mr M Thornton	-	Eketāhuna Community Radio Society

2. Apologies

- 2.1 *That an apology be sustained from the Chairperson Board Member Charlie Death for non-attendance at the meeting.*

Carew/Treder

Carried

3. Personal Matters

- 3.1 The passing of the following people from the district is noted:

- Robert (Bob) Trotter (former Mayor of Dannevirke District Council and Tararua District Council)
- Harold Maxwell (Max) Cooper (former Chairperson of Eketāhuna Community Board)
- Jill Drysdale (former resident of Eketāhuna who gave service to the community)
- Marjorie (Marj) Copestake (former resident of Eketāhuna who gave service to the community)

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

- 4.1 Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 9 August 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Carew/McGhie

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Eketāhuna Camping Ground (Item 10)

- 6.1.1 It is pleasing to note Kerry and Loreen Cunningham have decided to continue undertaking the management of Eketāhuna Camping Ground, and withdrew the intention to terminate their contract with Council.

6.2 Covid-19 Vaccination (Item 11.1)

- 6.2.1 A further Covid-19 vaccination clinic was held in Eketāhuna on 21 August 2021 as planned, and this provided the opportunity for those booked to receive either the first or second dose of the vaccine.

6.3 Pahiatua Town Centre Upgrade (Item 11.2)

- 6.3.1 A well-attended event was held in Pahiatua to celebrate the transformation and opening of their town centre upgrade.

7. Tararua District Council Report

- 7.1 *That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 8 September 2021 (as tabled) be received.*

Treder/Carew

Carried

7.2 Government's Three Waters Reform Programme

- 7.2.1 Council is intending to prepare information to share with the community regarding Government's Three Waters Reform Programme data for this district, and engage through hearing its questions and views prior to making a decision on the direction to take in respect of that matter.

7.3 Mangatainoka Cemetery

- 7.3.1 During the extreme high winds experienced in the district sections of the columbarium wall collapsed at the Mangatainoka Cemetery, with urns and ashes blown over the cemetery.
- 7.3.2 Council staff, local kaumatua and a funeral director were on-site shortly after the incident, and in very windy conditions the site was blessed and all of the 104 niches retrieved.
- 7.3.3 The niches have all been photographed and recorded and are stored at Pahiatua Town Hall, with staff contacting next of kin once contact details are confirmed.

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

8.1 Tararua Emergency Management Committee

8.1.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported on the Tararua Emergency Management Committee meeting held in Dannevirke on 12 August 2021.

8.1.2 At this meeting it was announced it is to be trialled splitting the Emergency Management Committee into two group committees, being response and welfare.

8.1.3 Going forward this will enable constructive planning for any future events is achieved easier with small groups, and annually the two committees shall come together for a combined hui.

9. Correspondence

9.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

a) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated

Re: 8 July 2021 committee meeting minutes and reports

b) Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre 24 August 2021

Re: Acknowledgement of Board's support to undertake fundraising initiatives for the Te Waananga Taio Education and Accommodation Centre project

c) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham

Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground August report

Carew/Treder

Carried

9.2 Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated

9.2.1 A certificate of appreciation has been presented to Tanmay and Priti Patel to acknowledge and thank them for the contribution and service they provide to Eketāhuna through their businesses (Four Square community supermarket and Gas Eketāhuna petrol station and convenience store).

9.2.2 Central Energy Trust has granted \$28,000 toward upgrading the town centre security cameras monitoring system, with further funding to be raised to undertake that project.

9.2.3 There has been no meeting of Eketāhuna Our Town committee held since July due to Government Covid-19 alert level restrictions changing, and it is intended they will resume again next month with them now being eased.

10. Chairperson's Remarks

10.1 Nil

11. Eketāhuna Community Radio Society

- 11.1 Craig Carter (Chairperson) and Mark Thornton (Secretary) from the Eketāhuna Community Radio Society updated the Board since its last meeting regarding progress made to strengthen their financial position.
- 11.2 A new management committee has been established, and several others in the community have expressed interest. The team are currently recruiting new active members, and attracting interest in the community through support to ensure Radio Eketāhuna has a sustainable future.
- 11.3 Currently \$2,000 has been committed by local businesses through fundraising undertaken, with Government advertising of \$1,400 also secured in relation to Covid-19 messages to promote community awareness and the vaccination programme.
- 11.4 Radio Eketāhuna is reinventing itself, and is collectively looking to navigate a way forward as a not-for-profit charitable community organisation operated by determined volunteers seeking to attract more content, diversity and variety.
- 11.5 It is hoped a new lease can be negotiated with Council to retain the existing premises, otherwise alternative sites will be considered.
- 11.6 A Strategic Plan has been developed, with a copy provided to the Board for its information and reference that will be circulated to board members.
- 11.7 Eric Bodell (who founded Radio Woodville and Ashhurst Village Radio) is providing assistance and experience to help Radio Eketāhuna shape the way forward to a successful future.
- 11.8 Craig Carter and Mark Thornton asked the Board to consider the request to make its funding grant available to help Radio Eketāhuna implement their plan to ensure a viable community radio station service is able to be maintained.
- 11.9 ***That subject to receiving a bank statement from the Eketāhuna Community Radio Society to verify the funds committed by local businesses have been deposited the Board agree to release its grant of \$767.17 to be provided as operational assistance for rent to support Radio Eketāhuna.***

Carew/Treder

Carried

- 11.10 Board Member Denise Clifton abstained from discussion and voting on the motion regarding this item of business, having previously declared a conflict of interest concerning that matter.

12. Items Not on the Agenda

- 12.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10.57am.

Chairperson