



## **Eketāhuna Community Board**

### **Notice of Meeting**

A meeting of the Eketāhuna Community Board will be held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketāhuna on **Monday 14 March 2022** commencing at **10.00am**.

Bryan Nicholson  
**Chief Executive**

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### **Agenda**

- 1. Present**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Personal Matters**
- 4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Major items not on the agenda may be dealt with at this meeting if so resolved by the Board and the chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item was not listed on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters not on the agenda relating to the general business of the Board may be discussed if the chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at that meeting, but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>	<b>3</b>
	<i>Recommendation</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 14 February 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</i>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Anzac Day (Item 11)</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Tararua District Council Report</b>	<b>8</b>
	<i>Recommendation</i>	
	<i>That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February 2022 (as circulated) be received.</i>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>15</b>
	<i>Recommendation</i>	
	<i>That the correspondence as listed be received.</i>	
	a) <i>Communities 4 Local Democracy</i> <i>Re: 3 Waters elected member declaration invitation</i>	<i>4 February 2022</i>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Eketāhuna Community Centre</b>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Chairperson's Remarks</b>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Items Not on the Agenda</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Closure</b>	



## 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 14 February 2022 commencing at 10.00am.

### 1. Present

Board Members C C Death (Chairperson), 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

### 2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

### 3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil

### 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 13 December 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Carew/Treder*

*Carried*

### 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 **Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated** (Item 9.2)

6.1.1 Congratulations are conveyed to Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated on arranging the late night shopping markets every Friday in December until Christmas eve.

- 6.1.2 Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated is also commended on completing the spectacular mural backdrop to the Eketāhuna playground and the lime track/exercise stations on the perimeter of the rugby grounds/Eketāhuna domain area.
- 6.1.3 The rubbish bin arrangement for Waka Park is to be reviewed relative to its site at that location.
- 6.2 **Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre (Item 13)**
- 6.2.1 The open day planned this month at Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre has been cancelled, and may be rescheduled later this year if possible.
- 6.2.2 Some tōtara logs have been provided to Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre to make carvings for use in their new facilities being developed.
- 6.3 **Town Signage (Item 12.1)**
- 6.3.1 Board Member Terry Carew is to follow up with Eketāhuna Our Town Committee their feedback prior to Council proceeding with the intended design for implementing the proposed town signage for Eketāhuna.

## **7. Tararua District Council Report**

- 7.1 *That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 8 December 2021 and 26 January 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

*McGhie/Treder*

*Carried*

## **8. Reports**

- 8.1 **Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme**
- 8.1.1 *That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 1 February 2022 concerning Eketāhuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (as circulated) be received, and*
- That applications be invited for funding from Eketāhuna Community Board's 2021/2022 General Assistance Grants Scheme, and*
- That the closing date for applications be Thursday 7 April 2022 at 4.30pm.*
- Treder/McGhie*
- Carried*
- 8.1.2 It is noted the lighting of the remembrance area at the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall undertaken as part of the town centre upgrade project is to be reviewed with regard to its ongoing maintenance.

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

### **9.1 Tararua Emergency Management Group**

- 9.1.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported on the Tararua Emergency Management Group meeting held by audio-visual link on 10 February 2022, including reference to discussion regarding the Covid-19 response, water supply monitoring for demand management and Civil Defence Emergency Management training to strengthen community resilience.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.***

- a) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham**  
***Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground December and January reports***
- b) Terry Carew/Jessi McKenzie**  
***Re: Eketāhuna Domain proposed dog walking area***
- c) Eketāhuna Our Town Committee**  
***Re: Request for after-hours opening at the Eketāhuna Service Centre/Library***
- d) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated**  
***Re: Eketāhuna Our Town Committee 12 December 2021 meeting minutes and reports***

**Carew/Clifton**

**Carried**

### **10.2 Eketāhuna Domain Proposed Dog Walking Area**

- 10.2.1 ***That the Board support the proposal for the Council to work with the community in progressing the concept to develop a dog walking area at the Eketāhuna domain area.***

**Carew/Clifton**

**Carried**

### **10.3 After-Hours Opening at the Eketāhuna Service Centre/Library**

- 10.3.1 Board Member Terry Carew declared a conflict of interest regarding this item of business, and abstained from discussion and voting on the motion concerning that matter.

- 10.3.2 ***That the Board support the initiative proposed by Eketāhuna Our Town Committee for the Council to provide an after-hours opening service at the Eketāhuna Service Centre/Library.***

**McGhie/Clifton**

**Carried**

## **11. Anzac Day**

- 11.1 Representatives of the New Zealand Army 10 Transport Company will not be attending this year's Anzac Day ceremony in Eketāhuna.
- 11.2 Taking into account Covid-19 restrictions regarding public gatherings and requirements to be fully vaccinated to enter some places arrangements for this year's Anzac Day ceremony in Eketāhuna will provide an inclusive event all members of the community can attend.
- 11.3 Flags for the commemoration of Anzac Day will be placed in the town, and it is intended for future events an additional flag pole shall be provided at the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall.
- 11.4 The proposed hitching posts made from railway sleepers with a commemorative plaque to honour the memory of local men who served in the Eketāhuna Mounted Rifles are to be progressed.
- 11.5 Memorial crosses are to be arranged to honour the remembrance of those people from the Eketāhuna community that died serving their country in world war conflicts.

## **12. Main Street Pedestrian Crossing**

- 12.1 Eketāhuna Our Town Committee is working on issues relating to the Main Street pedestrian crossing in the town centre.

## **13. Chairperson's Remarks**

### **13.1 Eketāhuna: A Small Town With a Big Spirit**

- 13.1.1 A media reporter from Stuff visited Eketāhuna as part of the features in their newspapers regarding small towns throughout New Zealand.
- 13.1.2 From that visit an article was published on the heart of the Eketāhuna community and why people chose to call it home.

### **13.2 Nireaha Hall**

- 13.2.1 A person with a past family connection to the Nireaha Hall visited that facility and did some work on the graves located in that vicinity.

## **14. Items Not on the Agenda**

- 14.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.15am.

## **15. Matters Raised By Resident Joe Sweeney**

- 15.1 Following the conclusion of the meeting matters raised by resident Joe Sweeney regarding the Eketāhuna swimming pool and Eketāhuna water supply were responded to.
- 15.2 Clarification was provided the Eketāhuna Swimming Pool Management Committee operates that facility, and Council is progressing upgrading Eketāhuna water supply.

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Chairperson



Minutes of a meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 23 February 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

**1. Present**

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), A K Franklin, S A Hull, C J Isaacson, P A Johns, K A Sutherland, R A Treder and S M Wards.

**In Attendance**

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	- Manager - Democracy Services
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager - Corporate
Mr M Maxwell	- Group Manager - Economic and Community Development
Mr C Chapman	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms T Love	- Group Manager - Operations
Mrs S Walshe	- Team Leader Financial Services
Mr A Gosney	- Project Management Office Lead
Ms B Smith	- Finance Manager
Ms E Roberts	- Revenue Manager

**2. Council Prayer**

2.1 Mayor Tracey Collis opened the meeting with a Council Prayer.

**3. Apologies**

3.1 Nil

**4. Public Forum**

4.1 Nil

**5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

5.1 Nil

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

6.1 Nil



**7. Personal Matters**

- 7.1 Council's condolences are conveyed to Cr Carole Isaacson on the passing of her father.

**8. Confirmation of Minutes**

- 8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 January 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Crs Peeti-Webber/Franklin*

*Carried*

**9. Any Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise dealt with in the Agenda**

- 9.1 Nil

**10. Community Boards and Community Committees Reports**

**10.1 Explore Pahiatua**

- 10.1.1 *That the report of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on 2 February 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Peeti-Webber/Franklin*

*Carried*

**10.2 Woodville Districts' Vision**

- 10.2.1 *That the report of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 1 February 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Peeti-Webber/Franklin*

*Carried*

**10.3 Dannevirke Community Board**

- 10.3.1 *That the report of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 8 February 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Peeti-Webber/Franklin*

*Carried*

**10.4 Eketahuna Community Board**

- 10.4.1 *That the report of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 14 February 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Peeti-Webber/Franklin*

*Carried*

## **11. Reports**

### **11.1 Audit and Risk Committee**

- 11.1.1 *That the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 15 February 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

*Crs Johns/Isaacson*

*Carried*

### **11.2 Adoption of the 2020/2021 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary**

- 11.2.1 *That the report from the Team Leader Financial Services dated 16 February 2022 concerning the adoption of the 2020/2021 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary (as circulated) be received, and*

*That as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee, Council adopt the 2020/2021 Annual Report in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002 subject to the correction of any typographical errors or changes which may be required.*

*Crs Johns/Hull*

*Carried*

### **11.3 Capital Expenditure Budget Carry Forwards from the 2020/2021 Financial Year**

- 11.3.1 *That the report from the Project Management Office Lead dated 16 February 2022 concerning capital expenditure budget carry forwards from the 2020/2021 financial year (as circulated) be received, and*

*That the carry forwards outlined in section 4.1 of this report be approved for addition into this year's capital budget.*

*Crs Sutherland/Franklin*

*Carried*

### **11.4 Six Months Performance for the Period Ending 31 December 2021**

- 11.4.1 Team Leader Financial Services Sarah Walshe elaborated on Council's financial position and operating performance as at the midway point of this financial year, and variances to the revenue and expenditure budgets.

- 11.4.2 Council met 67% of its service performance measures compared to 77% last year. The second of the community surveys is currently underway, with results due back at the end of the month to be included in the third quarter report.

- 11.4.3 Project Management Office Lead Adam Gosney outlined progress with the capital works programme that Council spent \$10.2million of its \$30.5million budget for this financial year. Of the 224 individual projects identified within the Annual Plan there have been 45 projects completed. Most of the remaining projects sit within the delivery and planning stages.

- 11.4.4 Revenue Manager Eleanor Roberts spoke on work undertaken to manage rates debtors in arrears. As at 1 July 2021 there were 2,089 rating units in arrears, with 1,848 clearing the amount owed at 31 December 2021 leaving 241 with an arrears balance.
- 11.4.5 The total collected and approved write-off from 1 July to 31 December 2021 was \$628,323.
- 11.4.6 Group Manager - Corporate Raj Suppiah outlined the work finance staff continue to undertake with Council's treasury advisor to develop and implement strategies to manage interest rates risk and optimise funding in accordance with financial strategies.
- 11.4.7 Based on the current Long Term Plan debt profile Council complies with policy limits on interest rates risk management, and generally with financial prudence debt limits.
- 11.4.8 Team Leader Financial Services Sarah Walshe referred to the self-funded activities results for forestry (reserve balance of \$719,000) and pensioner housing (reserve balance of \$562,000) as at 31 December 2021.
- 11.4.9 ***That the report from the Team Leader Financial Services dated 16 February 2022 concerning Council's six months performance for the period ending 31 December 2021 (as circulated) be received and the contents are noted.***

***Crs Wards/Sutherland***

***Carried***

11.5 **Staff Report**

11.5.1 **Weather Events**

11.5.1.1 Thanks are conveyed to the teams involved in responding to the very wet weather events this month within the district, particularly over Waitangi Day weekend and 12 and 13 February.

11.5.1.2 This resulted in temporary surface flooding, slips and fallen trees on the district's roads, increased turbidity of river sources for water supply networks, and disrupted business as usual activities and projects currently under construction.

11.5.2 **Water Supply and Demand Update**

11.5.2.1 Rainfall and water conservation by residents has assisted to bring some temporary relief to the water supply situation, but restrictions will remain in place to support providing resilience to the impounded supply storage available capacity levels for the months ahead when dry weather is anticipated.

11.5.3 **Dog Attacks**

11.5.3.1 Group Manager - Operations Tina Love is reviewing the basis of information presented in the staff report regarding reported dog attacks to consider options to include details relating to type and location.

**11.5.4 Illicit Dumping**

- 11.5.4.1 Group Manager - Operations Tina Love is to follow up details of illicit dumping as it appears this is increasing to identify if there are particular places it is frequently occurring in the district.

**11.5.5 Super Consultation**

- 11.5.5.1 The first round of Super Consultation ends this month, with topics included being District Strategy, Water Supply Bylaw pre-consultation, Water Tanks and Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy.

- 11.5.5.2 Expo events occurred across the district to promote the consultation and provide an opportunity for the public to gather information, and be involved in this process to assist Council in considering the direction to take regarding these matters.

- 11.5.6 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 16 February 2022 concerning an update on key projects and items of interest to the Council (as circulated) be received.***

*Crs Johns/Hull*

***Carried***

**12. Portfolio Reports**

- 12.1 Nil

**13. Mayoral Matters**

**13.1 Mayor and Councillors Report**

- 13.1.1 A copy of the Mayor and Councillors February report is tabled, and the information set out in that document is circulated as an attachment to the agenda relating to these minutes.

- 13.1.2 Matters included in the Mayor and Councillors report are as follows:

- 2022 Super Consultation
- Water
- Communities 4 Local Democracy
- White Ribbon campaign on violence prevention
- Forestry in light of the Emissions Trading Scheme and land use change
- Addams Family Dannevirke Theatre Company production
- Covid-19
- Love local lunches on scheduled Council meeting days

- Events attended by the Mayor
- Councillors portfolio reports

**13.2 Tararua District Civic Honour**

- 13.2.1** *That the resolution passed as a public excluded item of business at the Council meeting held on 27 October 2021 to award Wayne Churchouse a Tararua district civic honour to acknowledge his service to the community be confirmed in open meeting.*

*Mayor Collis/Cr Wards*

*Carried*

**14. Items Not on the Agenda**

- 14.1** Nil

**15. Public Excluded Item of Business**

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

- *Chief Executive's performance appraisal review report*

*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.*

<i>General subject matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Chief Executive's performance appraisal review report</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of natural persons</i>	<i>Section (1)(a)(i)</i>

*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.*

*Mayor Collis/Cr Isaacson*

*Carried*

15.3 ***That open meeting be resumed.***

***Mayor Collis/Cr Sutherland***

***Carried***

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

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Mayor

**From:** Trena Hokianga  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 February 2022 2:46 pm  
**To:** Helen Worboys <[Helen.Worboys@mdc.govt.nz](mailto:Helen.Worboys@mdc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** 3 Waters Elected Member Declaration Invitation



**Fresh ideas.  
Better water.**

### Your invitation as an Elected Member

Happy New Year!

We trust you had a great break, are now refreshed and back serving your community again in 2022.

As you are aware **Communities 4 Local Democracy – He Hāpori mō te Manapori** is a growing group of partner Councils, currently 25 participating Councils, from around New Zealand, including cities, rural and provincial Councils.

This group was formed to respond to our communities' serious concerns about the Government's mandated Three Waters Reform model and the implications of this proposed legislation.

Our purpose is to be constructive and support the new drinking water regulator Tamata Arowai. We have proposed alternative governance and ownership models, which will in our view, better support the efforts to improve environmental and public health outcomes with long-term sustainable investment mechanisms, without losing control of community owned assets – more details are on our website [www.communities4localdemocracy.co.nz](http://www.communities4localdemocracy.co.nz)

Every Mayor of the 67 Councils in NZ was invited in early November 2021, to seek their Council's support to join our pushback campaign by signing up to the MOU (see copy attached). Some Councils voted not to join, while others have yet to make a decision. Councils are welcome to join up at any time.

We are well aware that within every Council there are individual elected members who support our local democracy campaign.

**This is your opportunity to join us as an elected member by signing this Declaration to show your community that you are opposed to community property rights being confiscated, without compensation and the removal of direct community input into local decision-making.**

Once completed, this Declaration with your signature on it, will be advertised widely throughout the country as part of this campaign strategy and you can use it locally to show your support for protecting local democracy.

**To read the details of the Declaration and to sign up, please open the attachment above.**  
Your feedback is welcome.

Regards

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**Fresh ideas.  
Better water.**

**Communities 4 Local Democracy He hapori mō Manapori** is a group of Mayors and Councillors created to bring fresh ideas for better water for all New Zealanders. (See more details on our website [www.communities4localdemocracy.co.nz](http://www.communities4localdemocracy.co.nz))

We are 25 partner councils strong and growing, and represent more than a million people from around New Zealand. We're asking for all elected members throughout Aotearoa-New Zealand to join us in supporting our declaration for a better approach to water reform.

**We are Communities 4 Local Democracy and:**

- **We stand for** a better water system for all New Zealanders that meets the highest standards and remains affordable.
- **We stand for** proper regulation from an independent regulator.
- **We stand for** the strengths of local ownership, responsiveness and accountability.
- **We stand for** meaningful partnership with Mana Whenua.
- **We stand for** taking the time to achieve meaningful cross-party reform that lasts, not rushed reform to be dismantled in future.
- **We stand for** a strong local voice in the development, maintenance and delivery of water services.
- **We stand for** keeping in local ownership the infrastructure our communities have built and paid for.
- **We stand for** keeping skilled technical jobs in our local areas.
- **We stand for** protecting our assets from future privatisation by keeping ownership in local communities hands.

We do not support the Government's rushed, forced and unpopular proposal to undermine local democracy by creating four of the largest monopoly companies in New Zealand's history.

**We believe New Zealanders deserve more than the 'one size fits none' Three Waters reforms – do you?**

**If 'yes' to add your name to this Declaration click on**  
<https://www.communities4localdemocracy.co.nz/declaration>