



## 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 11 April 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

Mrs T Collis - Her Worship the Mayor  
Mr R Taylor - Manager - Democracy Services

Member of the public as outlined in item 7 regarding request for disabled parking in Haswell Street

### 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 14 March 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Clifton/McGhie*

*Carried*

## **6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **6.1 Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall Remembrance Area Lighting (Item 6.3)**

- 6.1.1 A meeting was held with Mayor Tracey Collis to discuss the lighting of the remembrance area at the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall, and options are to be considered regarding its ongoing maintenance.

### **6.2 Eketāhuna Domain Proposed Dog Walking Area (Item 6.4)**

- 6.2.1 Council is currently consulting on the Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy that designates public places for providing dog exercise areas, and submissions can be made on that matter.
- 6.2.2 The proposal working with the community to consider the concept to develop a dog walking area at the Eketāhuna domain area is to be progressed through further investigation and discussion regarding its feasibility.

### **6.3 Eketāhuna Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Item 7.2)**

- 6.3.1 In addition to Council's Bush Telegraph page it is requested that updates are provided on the project to upgrade the Eketāhuna water treatment plant through including a report in the Eketāhuna community newsletter.
- 6.3.2 Precautionary boil water notices were issued for Eketāhuna water supply as it has been just outside the mandatory drinking water standards, and they are lifted once three consecutive days of tests are received indicating the turbidity is clear.
- 6.3.3 While there was commentary on Facebook questioning why Eketāhuna didn't receive a Fonterra tanker to access drinking water during that period (as occurred in Dannevirke) it is because that town's water supply moved to a mandatory boil water notice (indicating an increased degree of risk concerning its very high turbidity level).
- 6.3.4 Logging occurring in the vicinity of the Eketāhuna water supply would have required the contractor to submit a plan to the Horizons Regional Council to undertake that work. This includes controls for managing any sediment resulting from that activity to ensure it did not impact on the water supply's quality.

### **6.4 Eketāhuna Community Centre (Item 11)**

- 6.4.1 Discussions have occurred with the Manager of Facilities Jessi McKenzie to ensure the appearance of Eketāhuna Community Centre is smart and neat for next year's 150th anniversary Eketāhuna Jubilee.
- 6.4.2 Work is to be undertaken on the interior of the main hall, curtains replaced and new chairs provided.

6.5        **Anzac Day (Item 6.6)**

- 6.5.1        Painting of memorial crosses has been completed to honour the remembrance of those people from the Eketāhuna community that died serving their country in world war conflicts.
- 6.5.2        Flags for the commemoration of Anzac Day have been ordered, and arrangements for the Eketāhuna community ceremony are being progressed.
- 6.5.3        There will be no Anzac Day community ceremony held this year at Kaiparoro Anzac Memorial bridge, but an event is planned on 3 December 2022 to commemorate the centenary of its official opening.
- 6.5.4        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 for completion by Armistice Day in November this year.

6.6        **Eketāhuna District Entry Signage (Item 6.2)**

- 6.6.1        Feedback has been received that the new signage installed in Eketāhuna is difficult to read because of its location.
- 6.6.2        Due to overhead power lines and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency requirements and suitable sites the options around installation were limited.
- 6.6.3        If viewing the sign becomes challenging a new style of sign will be designed utilising existing infrastructure and use the current sign on the new Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway when built.
- 6.6.4        The sign will be left in place until it is ready to be installed on the new highway, and discussions are occurring with Council's designer about a new style of sign for Eketāhuna.

**7.        Request for Disabled Parking in Haswell Street** (Brought Forward on the Agenda)

- 7.1        Roy Hancock requested the Board seek a disabled parking space be provided in Haswell Street within the vicinity of the Eketāhuna Inn Hotel and the electric vehicle charging station.
- 7.2        Deputy Chairperson Board Member Steen McGhie will work with Roy Hancock to progress developing a proposal to support consideration being given to this suggestion for an area to be designated for that purpose.
- 7.3        In considering the feasibility of this proposal it will include consulting with the property owners in that vicinity and providing an indication of the likely use of a disabled car park located on that street.

## **8. Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 March 2022 (as circulated) be received.***

***Death/Treder***

***Carried***

### **8.2 Super Consultation Round 2**

8.2.1 A copy of the Super Consultation Round 2 document is circulated to board members, and consideration could be given regarding any submissions or feedback from the Board (by 6 May 2022) in respect of the following matters:

- Annual Plan 2022/2023
- District Strategy
- Housing Strategy
- Library Strategy
- Water Supply Bylaw
- Dog Control Policy and Bylaw
- Gambling and Venues Policy

8.2.2 Board members can discuss these topics with representatives of Council at the Super Consultation Expo held tomorrow at the Eketāhuna Community Centre from 1.00 to 4.00pm.

8.2.3 Concern is expressed regarding the proposed 11.37% rates increase, and the impact this will have on the community at a time when the cost of living and inflation is rising.

8.2.4 The considerations taken into account by Council in responding to the challenges resulting from inflation, rising interest costs, supply chains disruption, staff shortages and a growing district were explained.

8.2.5 These factors contributed to the level of the rates increase and maintaining service levels without any reduction to the activities being provided to the district's communities.

8.2.6 It also recognised priorities in the work plan programmed for the 2022/2023 financial year, continued compliance, renewing aging and underperforming assets, infrastructure investment and right-sizing of staff numbers.

8.2.7 The Board may wish to consider providing feedback (by 6 May 2022) on options for Council to reduce the proposed rates increase without having a detrimental impact on projects, programmes and community services it provides.

### **8.3 Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2022/2032**

8.3.1 Horizons Regional Council is seeking community feedback on its draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2022/2032, and this sets the framework for how Horizons plans and delivers public transport services and infrastructure across the region over the next ten years. Submissions can be made closing on 12 May 2022.

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

### **9.1 Tararua District Road Safety Group**

9.1.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Steen McGhie reported he spoke on the pedestrian crossing in Eketāhuna town centre at the Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting held by audio-visual link on 29 March 2022.

9.1.2 This followed up the request made by the Eketāhuna Our Town Committee to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency seeking the pedestrian crossing be raised and coloured to make it safer.

## **10. Correspondence**

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

*a) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham*

*Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground February report*

*b) David Shannon - Eketāhuna MENZSHED*

*21 February 2022*

*Re: Thanks for funding to build a storeroom/shed*

*c) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated*

*Re: 10 March 2022 Annual General Meeting, Committee Meeting and reports*

*d) Peter Wimsett - Manager Strategy and Climate Change*

*23 March 2022*

*Re: CCTV cameras project cost*

*McGhie/Carew*

*Carried*

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

11.1 Nil

## **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 11.43am.

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Chairperson