



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 June 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 Congratulations are conveyed to John Monaghan on receiving a New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours List to recognise his services to the dairy industry.

3.2 It is a fitting tribute that the Honourable Dame Silvia Cartwright was appointed to the Order of New Zealand in the Queen's Birthday Honours List to recognise her services to New Zealand.

3.3 The passing of Mairisa Beth is noted (a former Eketahuna Returned and Services Association President).

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 The following items not on the agenda are noted for discussion at today's meeting as reports from Board representatives appointed to organisations and assigned responsibilities:

- Eketāhuna town signage
- Te Awa Community Foundation launch
- Community skills shed
- Community garden

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketāhuna Community Board meeting held on 9 May 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.***

Death/McGhie

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Eketāhuna Domain Proposed Dog Walking Area (Item 6.3)

- 6.1.1 Council's facilities staff are liaising with the Eketāhuna community regarding the feasibility of a project to consider options for a proposed dog exercise area at the reserve next to the domain land. Ongoing discussion and consultation is occurring in the community to investigate and ascertain support for implementing that concept.

6.2 Request for Disabled Parking in Haswell Street (Item 6.5)

- 6.2.1 No further action has been taken or contact received to support progressing the proposal to request consideration be given to providing a disabled parking space in Haswell Street near the Eketāhuna Inn Hotel and electric vehicle charging station.

6.3 Eketāhuna Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Item 6.2)

- 6.3.1 The Eketāhuna water treatment plant upgrade is operational (but has not yet been commissioned), and this will assist to improve the standard of service to the community.

- 6.3.2 This will help to alleviate the need for boil water notices arising from turbidity in most situations through managing the quality of the water take from the river (but it cannot overcome this issue in extreme weather events).

- 6.3.3 Council will be undertaking to provide some information to the Eketāhuna community about its upgraded water supply and level of service resulting from this project being done.

6.4 Eketāhuna Pedestrian Crossing (Item 6.8)

- 6.4.1 Eketāhuna Our Town Committee is continuing to pursue with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency discussion to progress its request for the pedestrian crossing in the town centre to be raised and coloured to make it safer.

6.5 Commemorative Coins (Item 10.3)

- 6.5.1 Eketāhuna Our Town 150th Subcommittee is anticipating the commemorative coins will be received next week as part of their projects for the town's 2023 Jubilee anniversary celebrations.

7. Tararua District Council Report

- 7.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 May 2022 (as circulated) be received.*

Clifton/Carew

Carried

7.2 Urban Kerbside Recycling Service

- 7.2.1 Delivery of the urban kerbside recycling bins and information about the new service (to commence next month) has been undertaken in Eketāhuna.

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

8.1 Better Off Support Package

- 8.1.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Steen McGhie and Board Member Cr Raylene Treder spoke on the principles agreed at the Better Off Support Package Workshop (Three Waters Reform) held in Pahiatua on 23 May 2022.

- 8.1.2 A second workshop will be held in Dannevirke tomorrow, and the Deputy Chairperson will attend as the Board's representative.

8.2 Newman Reserve Board

- 8.2.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported on the Newman Reserve Board Annual General Meeting held in the Eketāhuna War Memorial Hall on 31 May 2022, including reference to the following matters:

- A good financial position was achieved.
- Consideration is being given to the future of the reserve's swimming pool with the possibility of it ceasing to exist (through filling it in rather than continuing to maintain it for very little use).
- The rates charged on the reserve's leased land is to be discussed regarding the basis of the costs incurred from Council.
- Support was made available for local community organisations.

8.3 Eketāhuna Town Signage

- 8.3.1 Chairperson Board Member Charlie Death requested the Board consider its preferred places for situating the Eketāhuna town signage, with the following areas identified as its recommendations for that purpose:

- Northern sign - approximately where the old Eketāhuna entrance sign was located.
- Southern sign - approximately 200 metres north of Mangaoranga Road in the vicinity of the metal reserve opposite Eketāhuna Camping Ground.

8.4 Te Awa Community Foundation Launch

- 8.4.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported on a meeting held with Mark Maxwell (Group Manager - Economic and Community Development), Colin Yonge (Economic and Community Development Advisor) and Brooke Carter (Department of Internal Affairs) to discuss the launch of the Te Awa Community Foundation concept in the Tararua District.

These discussions were also attended by Chairperson Board Member Charlie Death and Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated Chair Rena Tyler.

- 8.4.2 The intention for the community foundation being established is to facilitate increased opportunities for community development funding and initiatives to support community wellbeing, with an advisory committee for the district to be formed which will include a representative for Eketāhuna.

8.5 Community Skills Shed

- 8.5.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported on the Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated funded project to build a community skills shed on the Eketāhuna Health Centre site (that is Council property).

- 8.5.2 Eketāhuna Health Centre support this project, and the community skills shed will join onto the current garage of Eketāhuna Menz Shed extending out by seven metres then along fifteen metres with a patio built on the back (three bay garage).

- 8.5.3 The community skills shed will be built by a reputable company based in Masterton, and shall not be used as accommodation. It will be adjacent to the community garden and shall support that area, with plans to place water tanks to catch rainwater to irrigate the garden.

- 8.5.4 The Board support in principle the proposal to progress this project, and recommend Council give its favourable consideration to agree to the necessary approval for that purpose.

8.6 Community Garden

- 8.6.1 Board Member Terry Carew reported to extend the capacity of the Eketāhuna community garden it is proposed to seek from Council approval to use half the animal pound land for that purpose.

- 8.6.2 The Board note the animal pound land in Eketāhuna is rarely used to impound stock. It recommend Council give favourable consideration to agree to the necessary approval to utilise part of that area to extend the Eketāhuna community garden in the interests of increased community resilience and wellbeing through access to a secure supply of food.

9. Correspondence

9.1 That the correspondence as listed be received.

- (a) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham**
Re: Eketāhuna Camping Ground April and May reports
- (b) Eketāhuna Netball Club**
Re: Application for travel assistance funding
- (c) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated** **7 April 2022**
Re: Request for toilet facilities at the children's playground in Bridge Street
- (d) Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated**
Re: 12 May 2022 committee meeting minutes and reports
- (e) Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge Kaiparoro Incorporated 28 May 2022**
Re: Thanks for supporting the new signage project at Anzac Memorial Bridge

McGhie/Carew

Carried

9.2 Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated

9.2.1 Board Member Terry Carew spoke on the following projects being undertaken by Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated:

- Signs have been arranged for installation on the corner of Main and Bridge Streets as part of promoting and enhancing the town's appearance.
- Matariki flags have been ordered with a view to putting them up a week before 24 June 2022 and taking them down a week later.
- Consideration is being given to providing a town flag for Eketāhuna.
- The Waka Park nine piece mural is now complete, and an unveiling will be held on 2 July 2022 at 2.00pm which coincides with Matariki.
- As part of that event a kawē mate to acknowledge the dead and release their spirits to become stars will be held. People are invited to bring photos of those who have passed away in the last year. Nireaha Tamaki, Russell Gaskin and Marg Copestake will be among them.
- The carvings are finished and in the process of being installed to complete the project.
- A town map is under consideration to provide information on particular items/places of interest in Eketāhuna.

- 9.2.2 Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated is arranging an “Eketāhuna what’s next” community meeting in the Community Centre Supper Room on 28 July 2022 at 7.00pm to discuss ideas for future projects and community needs.

9.3 **Eketāhuna Netball Club**

- 9.3.1 *That the Board grant Eketāhuna Netball Club the sum of \$500 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards offsetting costs for travel to help people get to training and games.*

McGhie/Carew

Carried

9.4 **Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated**

- 9.4.1 The Board support the request from Eketāhuna Our Town Incorporated for Council to investigate the feasibility and options to add toilet facilities to the children’s playground in Bridge Street.

- 9.4.2 This acknowledges the playground is too far from the public toilets on Main Street for small children who often only become aware of the need to access a toilet when it is urgent.

10. Chairperson’s Remarks

10.1 **Welcome to New Residents Afternoon Tea**

- 10.1.1 It is recommended the new Board following this year’s election give consideration to arranging a welcome to new residents afternoon tea early in 2023.

11. Items Not on the Agenda

- 11.1 Refer to the matters detailed in items 8.3 to 8.6 of these minutes.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.35am.

Chairperson