
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Manawatu College Library, Ladys Mile, Foxton on Monday 15 February 2016 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Ms J Smart
Members Ms P R Metcalf
Mrs A Street
Mr B P Vertongen

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs M Davidson (Group Manager – Customer & Community Services)
Mrs D Kidd (Community Services Manager)
Mr A Nelson (Property & Parks Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cr M Feyen
Mr D McCorkindale (Senior Manager – Strategic Planning)
Miss A Wood (Urban Designer)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were nine (9) members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Mr Roache, Cr Brannigan, Mayor Duffy and Mr Clapperton.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mrs Street:

THAT the apologies from Mr Roache, Cr Brannigan, Mayor Duffy and Mr Clapperton be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Speaking Rights

9.1 Monitoring Report
Michael Feyen

9.2 Chief Executive's Report
3.4 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
Mike Coupe

9.3 Foxton Pool Update
Michael Feyen
Marilyn Owen

9.4 Feasibility of Installing a Toilet at Foxton Cemetery
Michael Feyen
Kevin Anderson
Mike Coupe

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mrs Street:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 16 November 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence requested.

8 Announcements

An In Committee Briefing on Community Housing would be held for Board Members following the meeting.

Anna Wood, Urban Designer, was introduced to the meeting. Miss Wood had joined Council four weeks ago. It was the first time Council had employed an Urban Designer, with Miss Wood explaining what urban design entailed. Her first two projects were Foxton related – being the Foxton Beach Reserves and Future Foxton.

9 Reports

9.1 Monitoring Report to 15 February 2016

Purpose

To present to Foxton Community Board the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of the Community Board.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mrs Street:

THAT Report 16/12 Monitoring Report to 15 February 2016 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

In his speaking rights in relation to the Monitoring Report, Cr Feyen queried if, with regard to Report 14/335 – Proposed Foxton Beach Walkway Network, paper roads were being taken into account when looking at the walkway network.

Ms Smart said she and Ms Metcalf had been working really hard on this and the brochure had been completed with assistance from Council staff. Whilst paper roads were not included in the brochure they were being considered as part of the district wide Shared Pathways Strategy which included the Foxton and Foxton Beach pathways and walkways.

Cr Feyen then commented on the Foxton Pool expressing his thanks to Marilyn Owens and Lyn Martindale for getting together the petition. He supported the opportunity arising for the Foxton Pool from the Levin pool's redevelopment and he wanted to ensure that all ideas were captured that would assist in keeping the pool open. If the beach was not suitable for swimming, people should be encouraged to go to the pool, but that needed to be managed properly. He also supported a community working party, as suggested in the report, and would like to be part of that committee. He did not want the Foxton Pool's future to hinge on the fact that the trial was done over the coldest part of the year. Marketing needed to start now to let people know the pool would be open and also that it was heated.

With regard to the provision of a toilet at the Foxton Cemetery, Cr Feyen said he totally supported that. He drew Board Members' attention to comments in the report with regard to consultation, and any impact in relation to the LTP, which he found contradictory.

Page 8 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Ms Smart said the meeting had been held in August last year. There were many varying positions and points of view and the Board was working its way through the notes and information from that meeting putting together a plan for the future.

Page 9 Report 14/335 – Proposed Foxton Beach Walkway Network

Ms Metcalf reported that the brochure was finished and was at the printers. It was hoped it would be available for the Easter Motor Home Rally.

Page 11 Report 15/501 – Chief Executive’s Report to 17 August 2015 – PNCC Wastewater Monitoring Group – meeting attendance

A response from Horizons Regional Council on the makeup of the Wastewater Monitoring Group had elicited that the Community Board Chair, or the Chair’s representative, was nominated to attend those meetings. Future attendance would be discussed.

Kings Canal

The requested information had been received from Horizons Regional Council, as follows:

Year	Total rates collected for Foxton East Drainage Scheme (incl GST)	Portion of total rates collected from urban area for maintenance of Kings Canal (including GST)
2011-12	\$14,234	\$10,073
2012-13	\$19,165	\$16,072
2013-14	\$19,942	\$16,711
2014-15	\$19,939	\$16,628
2015-16	\$19,941	\$16,613

10.2 Chief Executive's Report to 15 February 2016

Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board, for information, issues relating to the Foxton Community Board area.

MOVED by Mr Vertongen, seconded Mrs Street:

THAT Report 16/13 Chief Executive's Report to 15 February 2016 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

3.1 Forbes Road

Because of the increased local real estate/building activity, Mr Vertongen suggested revisiting the previous decision with regard to progressing the subdivision’s extension. An officer report was requested for the next Community Board meeting.

3.2 LIM Improvements

Mrs Davidson noted that there had been a presentation on this at the last Council meeting and this was included so Community Board Members were also aware of the LIM improvements.

3.3 Manawatu Estuary Trust

Ms Metcalf highlighted the main points in the Trust’s minutes.

3.4 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Whilst it had taken a long time, Mr Coupe expressed his appreciation for the enhanced reporting with his understanding being that this information would be available quarterly.

In terms of the Kilmister block, Mr Coupe said he thought, because of the development occurring locally, Foxton and Foxton Beach would miss out on a great opportunity if it did not continue with staged development of the block. GreyPower would support that.

Ms Smart noted that a report had gone to Council in October last year with the information at that time being that further development should not be supported; however perhaps it was timely that that was revisited.

Mrs Davidson noted the replacement page that had been tabled, with Ms Metcalf having identified some inaccuracies in the information that was included in the Agenda.

Mr Vertongen queried if rates were being paid on Asset 3444 in the Register of Endowment Assets as that section had been taken by Council to deal with excess water issues.

10.3 Foxton Pool Update

Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board an update following on from the November 2015 Report to the Board on the Foxton Pool

MOVED by Mrs Street, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 16/35 Foxton Pool Update be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Marilyn Owens and Lyn Martindale who had together organised the petition with regard to extending the Foxton Pool's opening hours, joined the table.

Mrs Owens expressed her support of whatever could be undertaken to achieve greater access and use of the Foxton Pool, noting the many people who used the pool but who could not go further afield. Her comments included a request for more extensive promotion of the pool and what it offered, with many people not being aware that the pool was actually heated. Foxton did attract people all year round and if they could not swim at the beach they should be able to swim at the pool. "Come to Foxton and bring your togs" should be the motto. Enhancements inside and outside the pool were also suggested to make it a more pleasant experience.

Mrs Martindale said her point was that the facilities at the Foxton Pool were not suitable for disabled people and she would like this to be looked at. She was waiting to hear back from the Aquatics Manager as it may be area that Rotary, of which she was a member, could assist with fundraising. Individual showers in the changing room would also be advantageous.

Mr Vertongen said he would like to see primary schools given at least one morning a week free of charge for children to be taught how to swim. Children who could swim would use the pool at other times. He requested an officer report on the viability of such a proposal.

In speaking to the report, Council's Community Services Manager, Mrs Kidd, said it was helpful to listen to the comments from around the table and she responded to comments made, including:

- Council was prioritising and fostering relationships with schools and she was pleased to advise that there were already 60 enrolments for the Foxton Learn to Swim classes for next term;
- the Teen Rave that had taken place at the Foxton Pool last Friday had attracted only 12 young people; however by all accounts it was an excellent evening;
- adjusting the heating as required was being looked at;
- with regard to disabled access and use, that had just come to Officers' attention.

Whilst the building was obviously compliant, they were very interested in what the issues were and ideas as to how the facility could be improved.

MOVED by Mr Vertongen, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to the Horowhenua District Council that all primary schools in the district be given one morning a week free of charge for children to be taught how to swim.

CARRIED

Mrs Davidson noted that schools were given a reduced rate to use the district's pools and they were also able to attract funding that was not available to third party swim schools.

10.4 Feasibility of Installing a Toilet at Foxton Cemetery

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to establish the need for a toilet at Foxton Cemetery and whether it is feasible that such a facility can be installed.

MOVED by Mr Vertongen, seconded Mrs Street:

THAT Report 16/59 Feasibility of Installing a Toilet at Foxton Cemetery be received.

THAT this decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Mr Kevin Anderson, a local funeral director, spoke strongly in support of the provision of a toilet at the Foxton cemetery citing the different groups, not only funeral attendees but contractors, monumental masons, etc, who were inconvenienced by not having a toilet on-site. Noting the comment in the report about water availability at the cemetery, Mr Anderson said there was actually an old well which could be a suitable water source. He also leased a shed at the cemetery which he would be prepared to give up if Council wanted to use it for water. He extended an invitation to Community Board members to join him at the cemetery to look at water availability.

Mr Coupe spoke in support of Mr Anderson's comments, with GreyPower having taken an interest in this issue.

Mr Vertongen said provision of a toilet at the cemetery was long overdue and suggested installing a portaloos or similar on site until something more permanent was installed, with Ms Metcalf expressing the view that it should be done once and done right..

Mr Nelson, Council's Property & Parks Manager, responded to the comments made by the various speakers, noting particularly with regard to consultation that was in relation to use of the special consultative procedure which this matter did not trigger. In terms of the LTP, he noted there was \$140,000 in the budget next year for the cemetery extension and his suggestion was that some of that could be diverted into the provision of a toilet.

Mr Nelson tabled a plan which showed the proposed cemetery extension and indicated a possible site for a toilet. If the Board did decide to divert money it would have an impact on the plan. If a toilet was installed it should service the cemetery for 50 years. He had not been aware of the well and would be happy to discuss that further. However, when he had said there was no water supply he had been meaning reticulated water. This report was the first stage and the next stage, if this was to go ahead, would be to look at things in more detail.

Whilst Mr Nelson had not made any recommendation with regard to proceeding, Mrs Davidson directed Members attention to the comment at the bottom of page 35 that they may want to recommend to Council that the funds allocated for the extension of the Foxton Cemetery be used to install a new toilet/ablution facility instead.

In response to Mr Vertongen's comment about installing something temporarily, Mrs Davidson said if this was recommended to Council at its March 2016 meeting, she was confident that it would form part of the Annual Plan and she would expect to have something in place by the Spring.

In saying that the issue for him was to confirm the availability of a sufficient water supply, Mr Nelson agreed that the project could be done reasonably quickly.

Mrs Huzziff, who was in the public gallery, advised that their farm was adjacent to the cemetery and they would be prepared to supply water if necessary.

MOVED by Mr Vertongen, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that the funds allocated for the extension of the Foxton Cemetery be reallocated and used to install a new toilet/ablution facility at the Foxton Cemetery in the 2016/2017 financial year

AND FURTHER

THAT any funds remaining be deferred until such time that an extension of the Foxton Cemetery is required.

CARRIED

10.5 Planning Services Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

Purpose

To present details of decisions made under delegated authority in respect of Planning Services Matters.

MOVED by Mr Vertongen, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 16/14 Planning Services Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

THAT the matters decided under delegated authority (s104 of the Resource Management Act) as listed, be received:

Foxton Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 09/11/15 to 03/02/16

Date	File Ref	Subdivider	Address
18 Dec 15	502/2015/3701	Juffermans Surveyors Limited	9 Hillary Street, Foxton

Foxton Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 09/11/15 to 03/02/15

Date	File Ref	Applicant	Address
09 Nov 15	501/2015/3622	Charlie Pedersen	Main Street, Foxton
23 Dec 15	501/2015/3700	K J & R A Jackson	35A Marine Parade South, Foxton Beach
19 Jan 16	501/2015/3704	Horowhenua District Council	55-57 Hartley Street, Foxton Beach
26 Jan 16	501/2015/3711	Ash Boyd Glass & Aluminium Ltd	14 Forbes Road, Foxton Beach

CARRIED

7.45 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....