
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 21 March 2016 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Ms J Smart
Deputy Chairperson	Mr D J Roache
Members	Cr R J Brannigan
	Ms P R Metcalf
	Mr B P Vertongen

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cr M Feyen	
Mr Uwe Kroll	(Foxton Beach Motor Camp)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were two members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Mrs Street and Mayor Duffy.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the apologies from Mrs Street and Mayor Duffy be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Speaking Rights

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Cr M Feyen

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 Foxton Wastewater Discharge Consent Application Update
 Cr M Feyen

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 Mr Vertongen:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 15 February 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Matters Arising

Mr Vertongen reiterated his query if rates were being paid on the section taken by Council; also had Council paid for the section?

Mr Clapperton responded that there were rates levied against that property but that could be changed so the section became non-rateable as part of the rates strike on 1 July 2016. It could not be done retrospectively.

With regard to Kings Canal, Mr Roache signalled he would speak to that later..

7 Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence requested.

8 Announcements

Foxton Beach Motor Camp

Mr Uwe Kroll joined the table to give the Community Board an update of what was occurring at the motor camp/holiday park and his future plans for development. Since the holiday park had been taken over 2½ years ago, \$250,000 had been spent on a number of improvements to bring the park up to a certain standard. It had always been his goal to get entrance into the top 10 Holiday Park Group and he had received confirmation of that on 15 March.. Joining that Group would commit him to spending \$400,000 over the next 12-18 months on a number of improvements, which he outlined.

In December last year he achieved another big milestone: a 4 Star Qualmark rating. That was a big achievement for the park. However, his vision was for something more than just a holiday park; he was aiming for a resort that would attract new people on a daily basis, both from New Zealand and from overseas. There were exciting things happening in Foxton/ Foxton Beach and he wanted to contribute to that by attracting a high yield customer who would spend money in the community. His goal was a bed for every budget and with the other holiday parks in the Horowhenua, that would give people choice.

With regard to the current site holders who were very important to him, he was working with them to accommodate them in the process. Some of them did not like the prospect of change, but things had to change to go forward.

His aim was now to go from being a Four Star holiday park to being a Five Star Top 10 Resort, with the journey beginning now.

In response to a query with regard to the possibility of extending the boundary of the motor camp as had been looked at by the Board a few years ago, Mr Kroll said that was something he would be interested in pursuing and he had had discussions with one of Council's Property Officers in that regard.

9 Reports

9.1 Monitoring Report to 21 March 2016

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 16/15 Monitoring Report to 21 March 2016 be received.

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

CARRIED

Exercising his speaking rights, Cr Feyen commented. :

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He had received phone calls from a number of concerned people with regard to the Pistol Club. He had investigated, listening from various locations, and could appreciate the concerns raised. The comment from people he had spoken to was that it was meant to be a pistol club

but had turned into something far more than that. The Pony Club was now down to five members.

He wanted to raise this for discussion and would be forwarding information to the CE about it.

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The final signature had now been received to progress the Resource Consent Application for the dredging of the River Loop.

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He had been invited by Denise Kidd to be on the Working Party and had been very pleased to accept.

Item 16/16 Chief Executive's Report

Foxton Wastewater Discharge Consent Application Update

He thought it was a good thing that Council was going directly to the Environment Court with regard to this resource consent application.

With regard to the Pistol Club, Mr Roache said his understanding was that this had been set up as a pistol club and rifles were not to be used. In commenting that there was a good relationship between the pistol club and the equine group with discussion occurring when there was going to be an event, Cr Brannigan said that there had been considerable dialogue on this matter in the past but it had been quiet for a long time. Perhaps it was time to have further discussion.

For the first time ever, Mr Vertongen said he had recently heard the Pistol Club but that had been due to unusual wind and atmospheric conditions.

Mr Clapperton said the Pistol Club was very conscious of the noise impact of its particular sport. The Club had five years left on its lease and Council was working with the Club to alleviate some of the perceived issues. Another site was also being sought. Noise was always going to be an issue wherever the Club was located and perfection would never be achieved. It was how that was managed either at Target Reserve or at another site.

With regard to SORT, Mr Clapperton clarified that that the sign off was in relation to dredging of the water at the Town frontage, it was not the dredging of the channel.

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Mr Clapperton advised that the concept of having a morning a week free of charge for primary schools, if it was applied to the whole district as was suggested, would raise other issues as a number of schools received funding specifically for this. It was also not a priority at the moment but could be looked at again in the future.

Item No 16/59 – Feasibility of installing a Toilet at Foxton Cemetery

It was requested that this stay on the Monitoring Report until the toilet was actually installed.

Mr Roache requested that Kings Canal go back on to the Monitoring Report.

10.2 Chief Executive's Report to 21 March 2016

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 16/16 Chief Executive's Report to 21 March 2016 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton spoke to the items in his report:

3.1 Foxton Wastewater Discharge Consent Application Update

The process now was that all the submissions (approximately 65, both for and against) that had been received would be transferred through to the Environment Court. There could be some prior work which could include mediation or pre-hearings but Council would be guided by the Environment Court as to next steps. The timeframe would depend on the Environment Court's workload and availability of Court time.

3.2 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Mr Clapperton reiterated the suggestion that the Community Board should put in a submission to the Horizons Regional Council's 2016/17 Annual Plan requesting a review of the scheme to look at increasing the level of service Officers would be happy to assist with preparing the submission and there was the ability for Board Members to speak to the submission.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the Foxton Community Board submits to the Horizons Regional Council's 2016/17 Annual Plan on Kings Canal and the Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment requesting a review of the Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment to look at increasing the level of service.

CARRIED

3.3 Construction Contract for Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Project

Mr Clapperton thanked Board Members for their support for the project. There was now light at the end of the tunnel, with Council largely supportive of the project.

In response to a comment about the perceived lack of financial support from the Dutch and iwi, Mr Clapperton advised that a considerable amount of the funding that had been received was because of Dutch and iwi involvement in terms of culture and the environment, as Lotteries would not normally support a Council project. TPK has also expressed an interest, which was very positive.

3.4 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

The requested report in relation to Forbes Road would be included on the April Community Board Agenda.

10.3 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 Mr Roache:

THAT Report 16/17 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 Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
04/02/16 to 08/03/16***

Date	File Ref	Applicant	Address
17 Feb 16	501/2015/3603	D P C Thirza & W Miller -Tonkin	4 Purcell Street, Foxton
22 Feb 16	501/2016/3717	Cody James Bell	7 Herrington Street, Foxton

CARRIED

Prior to the meeting's conclusion, Mr Roache raised the issue of the Water Tower lighting and requested that Council consider the allocation of a further \$25,000 for what had become a two stage project. The monies provided last year had been augmented by Rotary which had added value, but more funding was needed to complete the project.

Mr Clapperton suggested the Community Board write to the Chief Executive outlining the current situation, what the Board would like to achieve to complete the project and querying if it was possible to use funding from existing budgets this year or be put into the Annual Plan for next year.

Ms Smart further suggested that this matter should be discussed at the Board's next workshop.

7.16 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....