
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 November 2016 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr D J Roache
Deputy Chairperson	Ms P R Metcalf
Members	Mr D A Allan
	Mr J F Girling
	Ms J M Lundie
	Cr N G GImblett

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mr P Gaydon	(Water & Waste Services Manager)
Mrs C McCartney	(Project Manager – Strategic Projects)
Mrs S Hori Te Pa	(Governance & Executive Team Leader)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, M Feyen

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were approximately 28 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Speaking Rights

Foxton/Foxton Beach Water Supplies
Brian Wells

9.2 Chief Executive's Report
3.3 - Foxton Beach Public Reserves Draft Plan
Christina Paton

3.6 - FCB Long Term Plan Monitoring Report
Item 109 – Infrastructure Strategy – Stormwater
John Hutching/Gayle Heine

3 Late Items

Mr Clapperton suggested the Board might like to request two future reports:

- Increasing the parking capacity in Thomas Place;
- Progressing Stage 2 of the Forbes Road Subdivision.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Wednesday, 25 October 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7 Leave of Absence

None requested.

8 Announcements

Mr Roache proposed that a letter be sent from the Foxton Community Board to the Foxton Tourist & Development Association congratulating the Association for its very successful Spring Fling which had brought a considerable number of people to Foxton for the event.

Mr Roache noted the Freedom of Foxton Charter Parade that would occur on Saturday 26 November 2016 commencing at 11.00 am. It involved 21st Supply Company marching down the Main Street of Foxton and was a well-recognised event.

A card had been received from Basil Vertongen expressing his thanks to Mr Clapperton, Council staff and the Foxton Community Board for the farewell function that followed his last Community Board meeting and the gift, which was very much appreciated.

Foxton Beach Water Supply

As this was essentially the same issue as the Foxton Water Supply to which Mr Gaydon would speak, Cr Gimblett advised that he and Cr Brannigan would withdraw from comment.

Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom Update

Mrs McCartney introduced herself and gave a very comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom project, the floor plan showing the various spaces proposed and how the community and the various elements would occupy, share and interact in the facility. Questions from Board Members and the public were also responded to.

Foxton Water

Mr Clapperton introduced Council's Water & Waste Services Manager, Paul Gaydon, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Fixing Foxton's Water". In his presentation Mr Gaydon covered Foxton's water quality, water chemistry, why flushing was not a lasting solution, what he did see as the solution, summarising the issues and what could and could not be done, and some options covering their cost, advantages and disadvantages. One possible option noted by Mr Gaydon was using a new bore at 400m which tests indicated had very good water quality, unlike the water from the currently used 200m aquifer.

In exercising his speaking rights, Mr Brian Wells provided some historical information with regard to Foxton water, noting that when the treatment plant had been installed it had been state of the art, specifically designed to treat the water. He commented that initially the plant had been overseen by qualified technicians, which was not now occurring and the water testing did need to be done by expert people.

Responding to a query from Mayor Feyen if there would be any impact on farming if the 400m aquifer was used, Mr Clapperton said that was something that would need to be discussed with Horizons Regional Council.

Mr Roache further commented on historical aspects of Foxton's water and the use of bores.

In summarising Mr Gaydon's presentation and his responses to queries from the public, Mr Clapperton said the purpose of tonight's presentation had been to provide an update. . There were some options available but the key thing going forward was to come up with a long term solution. As a short term solution, as had been suggested by the Mayor, the possibility of having public filtered water taps would be pursued.

Mr Roache said he would be working very closely with Officers to keep the public regularly informed of progress.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the issue of Foxton and Foxton Beach water be placed on the Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

9 Reports

9.1 Monitoring Report to 21 November 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 Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 16/604 Monitoring Report to 21 November 2016 be received.

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

CARRIED

Page 9 14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan

Mr Roache said he and Cr Brannigan had had some discussion with the Pistol Club. The responses they had both received had provided assurance that the Club was complying with start times, etc, and they were happy with the way the Club was run.

Page 8 14/43 – Sand Dune Management

The Chief Executive undertook to forward to new Board Members the LandVision Report.

Page 13 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Because it was unlikely this would be progressed by year's end, this item to remain on the Monitoring Report and the action date to be amended to March 2017.

Page 14 Foxton River Loop Working Party

Mr Roache reported that he had met with Mr Hapi who had in turn met with the three iwi. All were in agreement and would be signing the proposed letter of support to go forward.

There was to be a working party meeting later this week or early next week, with Mr Clapperton saying he would update Board Members on progress by email prior to Christmas.

9.2 Chief Executive's Report to 21 November 2016

Purpose

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

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT Report 16/605 Chief Executive's Report to 21 November 2016 be received.

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

CARRIED

3.3 Foxton Beach Public Reserves Draft Plan

There was an affirmative response to Mrs Paton's query if there would be public meetings and the opportunity for the public to ask questions during the feedback period on this Draft Plan.

Mr Roache noted that two workshops had already been held and the Plan had been drafted around public input. Everyone who was interested would have the opportunity contribute with it proposed to promote it over the Christmas period when there were more people around.

3.2 Foxton Pool Update

Mr Clapperton reiterated that the Pool was due to open on 1 December following the remedial work that had been undertaken.

Mr Girling queried if it was possible to see detailed costings and a breakdown of the money that had been spent.

With there having been considerable discussion when the Pool had first opened as to the viability of it being open all year round, Mr Allan said it was extraordinary and great thing for the community if this was able to be achieved.

Mr Roache commented that the catalyst had come when the Levin Pool was closed for renovations. However he would have like to have had more data when it came to local use of the pool during that time.

3.4 Meeting Frequency and Commencement Time

After discussion it was:

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the Foxton Community Board continues to meet monthly for the triennium – except for January, May (Annual Plan period) and December.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the commencement time for Foxton Community Board meetings for the triennium be 6.00 pm.

CARRIED

3.5 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

In response to a query it was noted that, as of last week, there were eight (8) sections left for sale in the Forbes Road subdivision.

As signalled under Late Items, Mr Clapperton suggested that the Board may wish to consider progressing Stage 2 of the Forbes Road Subdivision.

In terms of a feasibility study, Mr Clapperton advised that sometimes this was done internally and sometimes a consultant was used. He also noted that the Freeholding Account information provided was a cash flow report, not a balance sheet, and did not show the value of the sections held.

Mayor Feyen queried the possible impact of Development Contributions (DCs) should further sections in the subdivision be developed. Whilst there was a change in the DC Policy, would that impact on sales as it could be a significant cost to the Freeholding Account.

Mr Clapperton noted that DCs were only payable on those sections that were part of the current subdivision, with those DCs having been deferred to section sale rather than development as would normally have been the case. No further sections would incur DCs.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Roache:

THAT the Foxton Community Board requests an updated report on opening up further sections in the Forbes Road Subdivision.

CARRIED

3.6 Foxton Community Board Long Term Plan Monitoring Report

Item 109 – Infrastructure Strategy - Stormwater

Mr John Hutching, a resident in Roore Street, spoke at some length on the issues that had pertained for some 19 years with regard to the open drain at the rear of his and other neighbours' properties that did not work and they were continually getting flooded. The channel drained 34 sections through their back yards. There were safety issues, particularly with regard to young children, as well as issues with mosquitoes. He had raised it with Council on a number of occasions but the issue had not been addressed.

Whilst not up to date with the issues raised by Mr Hutching, Mr Clapperton undertook to take it up with Council officers and acquaint himself with available information. He would then arrange a time for himself, Mr Roache and Council officers to meet on site.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the Roore Street drainage issue raised by Mr Hutching be placed on the Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

Item 20 – Stop-over Site – Foxton

Mr Roache said two sites had been investigated – Harbour Street and Victoria Park – but this had not been progressed at this stage as it would need to be budgeted for. When Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom was up and running might be a good time to review it.

Mr Girling suggested Harbour Street needed something as freedom campers spoiled the area that volunteers had spent time cleaning up.

Item 89 – Earthquake-prone Halls

With regard to use of Halls and their earthquake prone status, it was noted that anyone can use such a hall at their own risk; however Council did not use them for events. It

Item 110 – Foxton Water solution

Mr Gaydon said the proposed Strategy should be in place by March 2017.

9.3 Foxton Community Board Representation

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Foxton Community Board to appoint Board representation on those groups recognised as key relationships for the Kere Kere Ward.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT Report 16/628 Foxton Community Board Representation be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Roache said he had canvassed Board Members as to the areas in which they would like to be involved.

Whilst the Community Board traditionally had a representative on the Foxton Area Medical Trust, Cr Gimblett, who was a Trustee of the Trust, clarified why such a representative was no longer required.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the Foxton Community Board appoints Ms Metcalf as its representative on MavTec.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the Foxton Community Board appoints Mr Roache as its representative on the Foxton Tourist & Development Association.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the Foxton Community Board appoints Ms Lundie as its representative on the Save Our River Trust.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT the Foxton Community Board appoints Ms Metcalf as its representative on the Manawatu Estuary Trust.

CARRIED

Appointing the Board's representation on the Foxton River Loop Working Party was also proposed.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT the Foxton Community Board appoints Mr Girling as its representative on the Foxton River Loop Working Party.

CARRIED

With regard to Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom and possible Board representation, Mr Clapperton said that would be brought back to the Board early in the New Year as the governance structure for the facility was being discussed. A Board Member in an advisory capacity could be considered.

With regard to the Property Matters Report that had traditionally been a regular Agenda item, it was requested that this continue to be included monthly, rather than quarterly as had been suggested.

As had earlier been raised, Mr Clapperton commented on the possible need that had been raised for additional vehicular parking capacity in Thomas Place because of the increasing role at the Foxton Beach School.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT the Foxton Community Board requests an Officer's report on increasing the parking capacity in Thomas Place, Foxton Beach.

CARRIED

8.25 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:.....