
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 30 October 2017 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr D J Roache
Deputy Chairperson	Ms P R Metcalf
Members	Mr D A Allan
	Cr N G Gimblett
	Mr J F Girling
	Ms J M Lundie
	Miss M Davenport (Student Appointee)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Ms S Grant	(Group Manager – Community Services)
Mr A Nelson	(Property & Parks Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs C McCartney	(Project Manager – Strategic Projects) (from 7.15 pm)
Ms E Childs	(Community & Civic Event Coordinator)(from 7.15 pm)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were three members of the public in attendance.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Brannigan.
NOTED

2 Public Participation

7.2 Chief Executive's Report
3.2 – Economic Update
3.9 – Meeting Schedule 2018
Christina Paton

3.4 – Flooding Issues – Foxton and Foxton Beach
Gayle Heine

3.17– Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
Olaf Eady

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 18 September 2017

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 18 September 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

New Zealand Police

Sergeant Dave Fraser from the Foxton Police gave an update on what had been happening since he last spoke to the Board. There had been a retirement and there had been family and health issues for other members so there had recently been resourcing issues for the Foxton Police. Despite that, things had been going well. Eight of the more serious local criminals (violent offenders and drug dealers) were in jail with Court cases pending. Hopefully they would continue to be retained.

They now had a four wheel drive vehicle which was used at the beach and for Search and Rescue.

It was, in effect, business as usual.

Responding to a query about speed on Seabury Avenue and the Police's stance on children and motorised vehicles on the beach which was in effect a road, Sergeant Fraser said it was about everyone respecting each other, which did not always occur. He had asked his officers to use discretion in those circumstances, rather than a blunt instrument.

With regard to replacing the retiree, Sergeant Fraser said he had a new officer coming next month. He also noted that a considerable amount of their time was taken up with domestic

violence and mental health issues, which was no different than any other small town in New Zealand. It had not been a Police focus in the past, but with the way it was now reported it had become more evident.

Horowhenua District Council Update

Cr Gimblett said that the focus for Council recently had been the Long Term Plan process. There had been a lot of pre-consultation with the community and he commended the Council Officers who had been involved. Some of the events had been hugely successful and it was something new for Council to go out to the community before an LTP process so hopefully there would be a better result.

Another issue that had been exercising Council, but was somewhat in abeyance at the moment, was growth and Roads of National Significance (RoNS). There were some who were extremely interested in this; however it was not being led by Council. Council currently needed to sit back and see what effect, if any, the change of government would bring. The rest of the issues in front of Council were mainly operational.

Referencing the Finance, Audit & Risk Agenda, Cr Gimblett noted the desludging of the Foxton wastewater ponds which was being planned. This was the first time this had occurred in 25 years. The Foxton Water tank was progressing and the flooding at the Foxton cemetery should progress with the fine weather. The Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom opening was also eagerly awaited.

With regard to Cr Gimblett's reference to RoNS, which was a National Party initiative, Mr Clapperton said this should in the immediate future be referred to as "the expressway" until the new government's views on this whole project had been articulated. He did believe there was an opportunity for communities like Horowhenua to work with the new government and take advantage of any opportunities that may arise with the change of government.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 30 October 2017

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 Mr Allan:

THAT Report 17/531 Monitoring Report to 30 October 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

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Completed.

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New Whirikino Bridges

Ms Lundie said she had been to an open day held by the contractors which had 23 people in attendance. Everything was on target. Quite a few of the staff were living in Foxton. There was still a decision to be made about the median strip and whether or not there would be a barrier. Mr Girling said he had had a chat with one of the engineers and had been told that each lane would be 2.5m wide, plus a 1.5m shoulder. An open invitation had been extended for Board Members to go down to the site.

Mr Roache said he would still like to meet with NZTA.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 30 October 2017

Purpose

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

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 17/530 Chief Executive's Report to 30 October 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Public Participation

Commenting on 3.2 Economic Update, Mrs Paton referenced Project Lift, as referred to in the initial bullet point, and queried how many of the Board Members had actually read, or even seen, the document. She said for her personally, it was perhaps the most boring document she had ever read and queried if it had, in fact, been edited.

Saying this document had gone to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Mr Clapperton explained that while the document may appear to be repetitive, it had been formulated to meet the fairly stringent criteria required by government departments when it came to seeking government funding. This was a huge opportunity and hopefully would also draw the right response from the new government in terms of regional development. There was also an opportunity here for the Economic Forum and others to get involved in the innovation hub they are looking at establishing.

Mrs Paton also noted an error in 3.9 - Meeting Schedule for 2018. She was advised that the required correction had been made and an additional meeting had also been included for May, when one would not normally be held because of the LTP/Annual Plan process.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the Foxton Community Board continues to meet six weekly for 2018, with a commencement time of 6.00 pm, as per the following meeting schedule:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foxton Community Board Frequency: 6 weekly 6.00 pm	-	12	26		7	18	30	-	10	29		10

CARRIED

Speaking to 3.4 – Flooding Issues – Foxton Beach, Mrs Heine again raised flooding issues that had affected Roore Street and Seabury Avenue for approximately 19 years, with it being the anniversary of when the problem had been brought to the Board in 2016 by herself and John Hutchison. She showed a survey map of the area, noting the lack of a stormwater drain. Her property had been flooded twice during the winter and she was keen to have something done about the lack of proper drainage.

Mr Roache suggested a meeting should be held at the site, though he had been led to

believe that the pipe had been cleared and the area was draining. Mrs Heine said they had gone around a cabbage tree, but that was all.

Mr Clapperton stressed that the problem was right across Foxton and Foxton Beach and any solution needed to address the whole issue rather than just fixing a problem in one location which could create problems in other areas. There could also be significant cost, which would need to be factored in.

Mrs Heine queried why funds from the Freeholding Account could not be used to fix the problem.

Mr Clapperton confirmed that was an option as it could be used for services and amenities at the beach, and it could be used on private property. There would be a process to go through but there was nothing to say that it had to be used for Council-owned property or utilities.

Mr Roache said he would take it up with Mr Saidy and it could be discussed at the upcoming LTP meeting schedule for 6 November.

Responding to a query as to whether stormwater was included in harmonisation, Mr Clapperton said that was for water and wastewater. Stormwater would be included in the general rate.

Commenting that this was the first time a Register of Assets had been provided for the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account (3.17), Mr Eady raised a number of queries, which Mr Clapperton responded to. With regard to the section values, Mr Clapperton said these were at book value and this information was provided on an annual basis and were based on information provided by a registered valuer. Mr Clapperton also gave an explanation as to why the Marine Parade foreshore (dune) sites were included.

Mr Clapperton then provided further comment on the items in the report:

3.8 Foxton and Beach Bowling Club

Since the report was prepared, he had been to a meeting at the Bowling Club where the provision of a suspensory loan was discussed. It had been ascertained that the Club did not have the ability to borrow so to get the work progressed consultation with the community needed to occur sooner rather than later on releasing monies from the Freeholding Fund. He sought the Board's direction as to whether, based on consultation, they supported recommending to Council that funds be released for the project.

Board Members discussed this in some detail, with varying views being expressed, including that this project was a discretionary activity with there being other competing demands on the Fund. As a responsible Community Board, that would need to be messaged correctly. Community support was raised, with it noted that the Club had already collected 460 or so signatures in support of the project. Also raised and discussed was what contribution would be made by the Club.

With Mr Clapperton stressing that this was just putting in place a process, it was not making a commitment as this stage, it was:

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the following process:

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| 1. | <i>Discussion with Foxton Community Board</i> | <i>30 October 2017</i> |
| 2. | <i>Preparation of Communications Plan</i> | <i>02 November 2017</i> |

-	Public Notice	08 November 2017
3.	Leaflet drop and mail out	11 November 2017
4.	Public Meeting – Venue – Bowling Club	15 November 2017
5.	Special FCB Meeting – Advertised Accordingly	20 November 2017
6.	Council Meeting	22 November 2017

be used to seek community support for a grant of \$200,000.00 from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account to be made to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club to support its project to construct an artificial bowling green and for remedial works to its carpark.:

CARRIED

3.7 Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant Hearing

This was still going through the RMA process, but there was light at the end of the tunnel and it was hoped that a way forward would be in place prior to Christmas with a decision from the Environment Court early in the New Year. It was tracking along nicely in terms of process, which was very positive.

3.10 Dog Issues at Stuart Donnelly Park

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the current dogs on leash rules for Stuart Donnelly Park be retained on the basis there have been no issues reported over the last six months.

CARRIED

Ms Lundie recorded her vote AGAINST the motion.

3.15 Manawatu Estuary Trust

Speaking to the Minutes, which she requested be taken as read, Ms Metcalf further noted in relation to the Sign on the Darwick Street Viewing Platform that the Estuary Trust had asked the Statutory Managers of the Estuary (i.e. DOC, HC and HDC) to renew the faded sign on the viewing platform. DOC was arranging the renewing of the sign, with it to be a similar style to the other signs in the area.

Mr Clapperton said he would check the price for such signage and where it could be funded from, if required.

Mrs Metcalf also spoke about the 'amazing morning' when the godwits were welcomed back, with about 20-25 people turning up to watch the approximately 30 birds that arrived at one time while they were watching.

3.17 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Mrs Metcalf noted that this was still only reporting on equity and a breakdown of administration, maintenance and overheads was still required.

7.3 **Pump track installation at Holben Reserve, Foxton Beach**

Purpose

To seek a decision from the Foxton Community Board to endorse the installation of a pump track in Holben Reserve, Foxton Beach, which is to be funded from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan. This report is also to inform the Foxton Community Board of progress to date, including an outline of the detailed design.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 17/547 Pump track installation at Holben Reserve, Foxton Beach be received.

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

CARRIED

Ms Grant and Mr Nelson joined the table to speak to this report and respond to any queries. Mr Nelson did confirm that should the park prove to be really popular any issues such as traffic management would be addressed at that time.

An amended recommendation was tabled, with Mr Clapperton explaining that it did not need to go to Council for ratification as it was within budget and the money had been approved.

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT the Foxton Community Board supports the development of a 50m x 50m pump track at the eastern end of Holben Reserve at a cost of \$338,121.70 (plus GST) (inclusive of landscaping and astroturf).

CARRIED

7.4 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

Purpose

To present details of decisions made under delegated authority in respect of Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT Report 17/373 Resource Consenting (Planning) 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.

CARRIED

7.30 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:.....