
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 7 August 2017 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mr A Nelson	(Property & Parks Manager)
Mr S Hester	(Parks & Property Project Lead)
Mrs C McCartney	(Project Manager – Strategic Projects)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor M Feyen	(to 7.10 pm)
Cr R J Brannigan	

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were ten members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Mr Allan.
NOTED

2 Public Participation

Prior to the announcement of those who had requested to speak to Agenda items, the Chair set out the procedure required for members of the public speaking at Foxton Community Board Meetings:

- "1. All speakers shall address the Chair and Board Members, not other members of the public.*
- 2. The Community Board Meeting is not a forum for complaints about Council staff or Council contractors. Those issues should be addressed direct to the CEO and not at a Foxton Community Board meeting.*
- 3. Board members may address the speaker with questions or for clarification on an item, but when the topic is discussed Board Members shall address the Chair.*
- 4. All persons present must show respect and courtesy to those who are speaking and not interrupt nor speak out of turn.*
- 5. Any person asked more than once to be quiet will be asked to leave the meeting."*

Michael Feyen Item 17/354 – Monitoring Report
Item 17/355 – Chief Executive's Report

Christina Paton Item 17/354 – Monitoring Report
Page 8 *Item 14/32 – Sand Dune Management*
 Item 16/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan
 Item 16/16 – Stormwater
 Item 16/341 – Foxton River Loop Working Party
Page 9 *Foxton Beach Water*
 Thomas Place Parking
Page 12 *Foxton Pool*
Item 17/355 – Chief Executive's Report
Page 16 *3/1 – Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom*
Page 17 *3/6 – Potential Landscape improvements*
 3/7 – NZ Community Board's Conference Bid
 3/8 – Coronation Hall

Olaf Eady Item 17/355 – Chief Executive's Report
3.10 – Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Rosalie Huzziff Item 17/355 – Chief Executive's Report
3.3 – Flooding Issues – Foxton and Foxton Beach

3 Late Items

Mr Clapperton advised that there had been a request via Mr Girling to have a representative from the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club address the meeting and seek the Board's support on the Club's endeavours to raise funds to build an artificial green, and his recommendation was that this be treated as a late item.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 26 June 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

A correction noted on page 3 of the Minutes with Joy Hansen being referred to as "John".

6 Announcements

Manawatu College Student – Potential Community Board Student Appointee

An apology had been received from Manawatu College Student, Meghan Davenport, due to ill-health. This would be an item on the next Agenda.

Briefing

The Chair reiterated that there would be a Board briefing from the Parks & Property Team on the proposal for the installation of a Pump Track at Holben Reserve, Foxton Beach, following the meeting.

Foxton and Beach Bowling Club

Mr Girling, who had requested the opportunity for a representative from the Bowling Club to speak, gave a background to the approach that had been made to him.

Mr Oriel Martin was then invited to the table to address the meeting. He gave a background to the Club and its vision to build an artificial green and surrounding apron, as well as outlining the benefits the Club afforded its members and the wider community and why it should be considered as a community asset for the benefit of the local area. The Club had set aside \$100,000.00 but had not been successful in gaining further funding from recent grant applications and was looking to the Community Board for the shortfall of \$138,000.00. The Club had tailored its plans, dropping the carpark upgrade, to make it more affordable. Mr Martin provided Members with a copy of his notes, supporting letters that had been received for prior funding applications, and the Club's approval to apply for funding.

Mr Martin responded to Members questions in relation to what was proposed, what the Club offered to its members and how well patronised it was. Potential sources of funding was raised, with Mr Martin agreeing that the Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund was a possibility.

Following Mr Roache expressing the view that this may need to go into the LTP process, Mr Clapperton referred to the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account Policy and Strategy which provided for consultation to take place for any potential use of the Fund. He further outlined other options that may be available, such as a suspensory loan (which had been used for the Events Centre in Levin) which would be made on the basis that it would be paid back within a certain time frame.

After further discussion and to provide Council with direction to progress this, it was:

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the Foxton Community Board supports in principle the investigation of funding options for Council to support the development of the Foxton & Beach Bowling Club artificial green and surround apron.

CARRIED

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 7 August 2017

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 17/354 Monitoring Report to 7 August 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Paton joined the table to speak, covering both Monitoring Report matters and items in the Chief Executive's Report:

Monitoring Report:

Page 8 Item 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Mrs Paton recommended that the Board accepted the advice given by Regional Council.

Ms Lundie requested a copy of the original design of the carpark.

Item 16/16 – Stormwater – a timeline was requested, with Mr Clapperton advising that the draft CMP had been received and the final would be presented to the Community Board when it was received.

Foxton River Loop Working Party – responding to Mrs Paton's request for a definite timeframe, Mr Clapperton advised that an application had not yet been lodged because formal approval had not been received from all affected parties. With regard the long term, that work was still progressing around the development of a technical solution but also looking at funding requirements. Mrs Paton suggested Central Government should provide the funding because it was their mistake.

Page 9 Foxton Beach Water – with regard to Mrs Paton's request for a timeline for installation, Mr Gaydon's advice was that a quote from Filtec should be received by this Friday and if it was approved, it was anticipated to have it done by the end of the year, depending on Filtec's workload.

Thomas Place Parking – with this item having commenced in November 2016, Mrs Paton queried when the problem would be solved.

Mr Clapperton noted that draft plans had been drawn up and were currently being reviewed. It was anticipated that there would be something to the Community Board by the next meeting.

Chief Executive's Report

3.1 Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom - Mrs Paton queried the Dutch monetary contribution to date. Mr Clapperton gave an overview of the project which had evolved from being a Dutch museum to a multi-purpose facility and outlined the funding attracted to date because of the Dutch involvement.

3.6 Potential Landscape Improvements – Seaview and Ihakara Gardens - Mrs Paton queried who had requested improvements and how would they be funded. Mr Clapperton advised that Council wanted to ensure a link was provided with all the landscaping opportunities that arose from the work being undertaken on the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom site. This included work requested by iwi. However, before any decisions were made discussions

- would be undertaken with the Community Board and other stakeholders.
- 3.7 NZ Community Boards' Conference Bid – Mrs Paton expressed her disappointment at the quality of the reference made to the RAMSAR Wetland of International Significance in the Conference bid.
- 3.8 Coronation Hall – Mrs Paton expressed her view that the building should be replaced.

Mayor Feyen also spoke to items in the Monitoring and Chief Executive's Reports:

Monitoring Report:

- Page 8 Item 14/32 – Sand Dune Management - Mayor Feyen said he agreed with stopping spending money on this and spend money on the Pool instead.
Item 16/16 – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment – he supported the Community Board approaching Horizons to get funding to sort this out.
16/431 – Foxton River Loop Working Party – whilst the CE had been working to progress this, Mayor Feyen suggested that the Community Board and Council should challenge Central Government directly as it had acknowledged in writing that it had caused the problem.
- Page 9 Foxton & Foxton Beach Water – Mayor Feyen acknowledged Paul Gaydon and his team for progressing this as everyone in Foxton he spoke to now was comfortable with drinking water straight from the tap and, while it may take a little longer to clean out the pipes, that should soon be the case in Foxton Beach.
- Page 10 Notices of Motion – Stormwater Catchment Investigation – Mayor Feyen reiterated his keenness for consultation as communication as the start of a project was everything.
- Page 11 Item 17/154 – Foxton Main Street Upgrade – Mayor Feyen said iwi, particularly those who had been involved in the vigil, were still advising him they had not been consulted.
Mr Clapperton said he understood Anna Wood had consulted with all interested parties, including iwi, but he would check with her.
- Page 12 Foxton Pool – Mayor Feyen expressed his support for having another talk with the community, suggesting it may be possible to get businesses to support free swimming lessons for local students.
Manawatu College Student – FCB Board Appointment – Mayor Feyen expressed his support for this.
Stormwater/Roading Upgrade – Nash Parade/Bond Street, Foxton Beach – Mayor Feyen said he supported this as it would get the job done for people at the Beach.

Chief Executive's Report

- 3.2 Foxton Main Street Upgrade Project – Mayor Feyen queried what was happening with the bricks that were being uplifted as they would have some value.
Mr Roache advised it had been considered and discussed with the Roding Manager but the return may not make it worthwhile.
- 3.5 Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant Hearing – Mayor Feyen queried which group within Ngāti Raukawa this involved.
- 3.6 Bid to Host the NZ Community Boards' Conference – Mayor Feyen said he thought this was eminently possible and he commended those who had pulled this together given the tight timeframe to submit the proposal.

Mr Clapperton worked through the Monitoring Report responding to queries as raised:

- Page 9 Foxton & Foxton Beach Water
Responding to a query from Ms Metcalf with regard to monthly pipe flushings in the town, Mr Clapperton said this still happened to flush out any

residue in the pipes. The same thing would occur at Foxton Beach. There were two issues: one was the treatment and the other was discolouration which occurred in the pipes themselves.

Page 11 17/296 - Notices of Motion – South Bound Bus Stop
Mr Clapperton advised a response was still awaited from InterCity.

Page 12 17/154 – New Whirikino Bridges
Re the invitation to be extended to NZTA to come and speak to the Board, Mr Clapperton explained that while NZTA was engaging with stakeholders in relation to the RONS, this project was not part of the RONS and was being undertaken because of the condition of the bridge. Because of that there was some difficulty identifying the right people with whom to speak.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 7 August 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 17/355 Chief Executive's Report to 7 August 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Providing a Foxton Beach Freeholding Account Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year ended 30 June 2015, Mr Olaf Eady expressed some confusion with regard to reconciling the figures provided in terms of the Pinewood Motor Camp and its sale. Ms Metcalf endeavoured to provide an explanation, but Mr Clapperton suggested that Mr Eady arrange to meet with Council's Chief Financial Officer who could provide him with the clarification he was seeking.

Mr Clapperton confirmed that the Freeholding Account was accounted for separately in Council's books and was audited. He had circulated to Ms Metcalf and Mr Girling a suggested format going forward for reporting on the Freeholding Fund which provided a more comprehensive breakdown.

Mrs Huzziff joined the table to speak to flooding issues both recent and historic providing some notes on the flooding that took place in Foxton in May 2017, with accompanying photographs. She noted that the flooding occurred on their farm before they purchased it. Kings Canal had been put in to stop the flooding in Foxton and had been working effectively for 40 years.

Following further comment from Mrs Huzziff and also Mr Roache about past flooding issues, Mr Clapperton suggested it was not helpful to look backwards but the focus should be on the future which was why it was important for both Councils to work constructively together to find a long term solution.

Mr Clapperton worked through his report, responding to Members' queries.

3.1 Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom – a visit for Board Members to see the progress to date was arranged for Thursday 10 August at 5.00 pm.

3.2 Foxton Main Street Upgrade Project

Ms Lundie noted there was a new timeline and queried how that had been

communicated to retailers and the public as some retailers had advised her they were not happy as they were losing money. This to be checked.

3.8 Coronation hall

Mr Clapperton confirmed that MAVtech were aware of what was occurring and had given their approval for the feasibility study to be progressed.

3.4 Foxton Water Update

Mr Roache said "well done" for the Foxton water result and he looked forward to the same happening for Foxton Beach.

3.5 Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant Hearing

Mr Clapperton noted the work being done at present was mainly with iwi and the outcome would determine the next steps in terms of the Environment Court hearing.

3.7 Bid to Host the NZ Community Board's Conference – May 2019

Mr Roache congratulated staff and the CE on the Conference bid.

3.3 Flooding Issues – Foxton & Foxton Beach

Mr Girling provided photographs of flooding problems at Cousins Avenue, Foxton Beach, that he had been apprised of that morning. Properties at 10, 12 and 14 were badly flooded. The issue was that a car park had been put at the end of the street and it was higher than the level of the street and the drain. It should not be a major job to put a pipe through there.

3.9 Response to the Board's Submission to the Horizons Regional Council 2017-18 Annual Plan

Mr Roache expressed his disappointment that the Horizons Regional Council had decided not to support the Rescue Helicopter. The Board gave their support to Mr Roache writing to the Regional Council expressing disappointment at that decision.

7.3 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 Ms Lundie:

THAT Report 17/371 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

7.40 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:.....