

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S
FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, FOXTON, ON
MONDAY, 23 MARCH 2009 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

PRESENT

Mr B P Vertongen QSM (Chair)
Ms N Ellwood
Mr N G Gimblett
Mr D J Roache
Mr J A Murdoch
Cr D A Allan (HDC appointed representative)(to 8.35 pm)
Cr A M Hunt (HDC appointed representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr D M Clapperton (Strategic & Corporate Services Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, B J Duffy
Reg Cr L Bailey (Horizons Regional Council)
Mr A Cook (Horizons Regional Council) (from 7.15 pm)
Cr A D Rush (from 7.40 pm)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms S Gillies ("Horowhenua Mail")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

At the commencement of the meeting there were eleven members of the public in attendance.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Constable Chris Barclay, New Zealand Police

Community Constable Chris Barclay, New Zealand Police, based at Foxton Station, attending at 6.30pm to introduce himself to the Board and to speak to any issues that the Board may have in relation to this role within the Foxton Community.

Horizons Regional Council

Reg Cr Lynne Bailey to give an update on behalf of Horizons.

Mr Allan Cooke to give a presentation on the New Rating Proposal for the Lower Manawatu Scheme.

Speaking Rights Requested:

Item 405 - Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
Item 406 - Review of Fees and Charges - Foxton Pools

Mrs C Paton
Mrs C Paton
Mr R Haimona

Cr Hunt advised she wished to raise the purchase of the Flagstaff land during discussions on Item 405 - Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

Mr Roache advised he would, during the In Committee portion of the meeting, bring a development proposal before the Board, CEO and Mayor which he felt was worth pursuing.

The Chair suggested that in relation to Item 406, Review of Fees and Charges, Foxton Beach Motor Camp and Foxton Pools, the two components of this item should be considered separately, and this item would be considered prior to the Report on the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

Community Constable Chris Barclay, New Zealand Police

Community Constable Chris Barclay was welcomed to the meeting. He expressed his appreciation at the opportunity to speak to the Board and those present. Constable Barclay gave a background to the role he was undertaking, which was not front line policing but was to be out and about as much as possible and to engage with the community. His role did not encompass Foxton Beach, which had its own constable, but would cover Foxton township and Foxton rural. He had diaried the Community Board meetings for the year and intended to attend future meetings.

To promote the relationship between the Community Board and the Police, it was:

Resolved

(Allan / Hunt)

"THAT a representative of the New Zealand Police be invited to attend Foxton Community Board Meetings

AND FURTHER that on a six monthly basis a representative of the New Zealand Police be invited to report to the Board on local issues."

CARRIED

Horizons Regional Council

Reg Cr Bailey was welcomed to the table and gave an update which included the Storm Surge works at Foxton Beach, Horizons LTCCP, an update on the River Loop Restoration Project investigations, the adoption of the Lower Manawatu Scheme upgrade proposals and rating review, the Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant consent appeal and the signing of an Emergency Services Contract between Horizons and Horowhenua District Council (a copy of Reg Cr Bailey's notes are **attached** to the official minutes).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 9 February 2009 (Minute Items 395-400)

Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 February 2009 (Minute Items 395-400), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

Cr Hunt raised a query about comments recorded on page 7, under Current Projects. She advised that her comments on Current Projects had been merged with Cr Allan's on the Health Centre and she requested that be noted.

As Mr Cook from Horizons was not yet in attendance, Mr Ward suggested that the meeting attend to Items 404 and 406 in the interim.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Item-404 Resource Consents Issued

File No **3871**

Purpose

To receive the listing of land use and subdivision resource consent applications approved under delegated authority.

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

"THAT Report 3871 be received."

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

"THAT the listing of Land Use and Subdivision Resource Consents be received."

***Foxton Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
28/01/09 to 12/03/09***

<i>Date</i>	<i>File Ref</i>	<i>Subdivider</i>	<i>Address</i>
		None in Foxton area	

***Foxton Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
28/01/09 to 12/03/09***

<i>Date</i>	<i>File Ref</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Address</i>
20-Feb-09	LUC/2718	David & Sarah Haworth	45 Bergin Road, Foxton."

REPORTS

Item-406 Review of Fees and Charges - Foxton Beach Motor Camp and Foxton Pools

File No 3870

Purpose

To provide the Board with the opportunity to provide comment on proposed amendments to fees and charges at the Foxton Beach Motor Camp and Foxton Pools Complex.

Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

“THAT Report 3870 be received.”

Mr Ward, in speaking to this report on Mr Tate's behalf, advised that Board members had two options; either to adopt the proposed changes for public consultation or not support the proposal and recommend alternative rates and charges to Council.

Mrs Paton, in exercising her speaking rights, commented:

- the outdoor pool should be closed to save money;
- if people wished to swim in unheated water they could go to the beach;
- the River Loop could also soon be made suitable for contact recreation;
- Foxton's population numbers did not warrant a three pool complex.

Mr Rex Haimona did not attend to exercise his speaking rights.

Foxton Pools

After discussion, which included:

- a comparison with the fees charged at the Levin Aquatic Centre;
- the fact that the proposals would be going out for public consultation, with interested parties having the opportunity to have an input;
- a request for a breakdown of the users of the Foxton Pool which would assist in identifying users who would be affected by any fee increases;
NOTED
- the suggestion to close one part of the pool was fair comment and it would be helpful to know the cost of operating that portion;
- was more pruning of costs possible?
- there appeared to be a considerable number of life guards and were they all necessary?
- it was necessary to look at increasing the revenue from the pool and it was hoped that the people of Foxton would be proactive when considering the options.

Mr Ward responded:

- the pool was run with the minimum of life guards;
- the pool would be open through to Easter, but thought needed to be given to how long the pool should remain open for the season;
- comparisons had been done with pool charges in other areas, with some fees being a lot higher and others being much the same or less;
- it would be interesting to see the comments that would come through the submission process.

Resolved

(Vertongen / Hunt)

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

“THAT the Board recommends the adoption of the draft schedule of Fees and Charges for the Foxton Pools effective 1 July 2009,

Foxton Pools	Current	Proposed
Admission Fees		
Adult – Single ticket	\$2.00	\$3.50
Adult – 12 ticket	\$20.50	\$38.50
Children (15 and under) – Single ticket	\$1.00	\$2.00
Children (15 and under) – 12 ticket	\$10.00	\$22.00
Preschool	\$1.00	\$1.00
Spectator	Free	\$0.50c
Senior Citizen - Single ticket	\$1.50	\$3.00
Senior Citizen - 12 ticket	\$15.50	\$33.00
Student or Beneficiary - Single ticket	\$1.50	\$3.00
Student or Beneficiary - 12 ticket	\$15.50	\$33.00
Family (2 Adults/3 Children or 1 Adult and 4 children)	\$6.00	\$11.00
School hire (per lane per hour)	\$6.00	\$9.50
Lane Hire		
Lane hire is charged based on the activity undertaken in the pool lane.		
Structured Swimming is considered lane swimming with lane ropes. A maximum of 8 swimmers per lane is permitted.		
Unstructured swimming is considered free play, without lane ropes. Different ratios of swimmers apply with each lane hire.		
A maximum of two lanes are available for hire at any one time.		
General Lane Hire - Structured Swimming (per lane per hour)	n/a	\$11.50
Club/School Lane Hire - Structured Swimming (per lane per hour)	\$6.00	\$9.50
1 Lane Hire - Unstructured Swimming (per hour - up to 20 people)	\$6.00	\$17.50
2 Lane Hire - Unstructured Swimming (per hour - up to 65 people)	\$6.00	\$55.00
Aquacise - Single Entry	\$2.50	\$5.00

Aquacise/Aquafit Programmes – 12 ticket

\$25.50

\$55.00

for consultation purposes

AND FURTHER that the implications of closing the outdoor pool be explored.”

“THAT consultation on the draft fees and charges for the Foxton Pools be incorporated into the draft LTCCP for consultation via the Special Consultative Procedure.”

CARRIED

Pinewood Motor Camp

Mr Ward reiterated the comments in Mr Tate’s report, noting an amendment under the third paragraph of 5.(i) Motor Camps - the operating deficit figure of “\$39,500” should be replaced with “\$8,610”.

Discussion on the review of fees and charges for the Pinewood Motor Camp included:

- there had been no fee increases at Pinewood Motor Camp for six years and a review was well overdue.
- more information was needed to ensure the fees proposed were competitive;
- a conservative line was being taken on proposed capital works;
- the Pinewood Motor Camp had been funded through the Freeholding Account and it did not appear that projected income had been included in that account;
- a breakdown of costs for the last few years would be helpful.

Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

“THAT the Foxton Community Board requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a breakdown of operating costs and revenue for the Pinewood Motor Camp for the last three years.”

CARRIED

Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

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

“THAT the Board recommends the adoption of the draft schedule of Fees and Charges for the Foxton Beach Motor Camp effective 1 July 2009,

Motorcamps

Fees relate to the Council owned and operated Foxton Beach Motor Camp.

Current
Fees

Proposed
Fees

Powered/Open Sites

Powered and unpowered Caravan, Motorhome and tent sites.

Adults - per adult per night

\$12.00

\$14.50

Children - per child per night

\$6.00

\$8.50

Cabins

<i>Cabins include bedding and a small kitchenette.</i>		
<i>Adults - (First Adult) per adult per night</i>	<i>\$22.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Adults - (Second Adult) per adult per night</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	<i>\$22.50</i>
<i>Children - per child per night</i>	<i>\$12.50</i>	<i>\$12.50</i>

Permanent Sites

Permanent sites are powered caravan sites with annexes. Occupying a permanent site, gives the occupant access to the site for a fixed number of nights per annum. Stays that exceed the fixed number of nights or users (outside of immediate family) are charged at standard overnight camp rates.

Overnight stays are restricted to the owner and immediate family (parents and children) or as detailed.

Permanent occupancy is prohibited.

Charges are on a monthly basis.

<i>Permanent Site - 24 nights per year</i>	<i>\$120.00</i>	<i>\$130.00</i>
<i>Permanent Site - 96 nights per year</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>

Extra Items

<i>Washing Machine/Drier - per token</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>
<i>Showers</i>	<i>\$.50</i>	<i>n/a</i>
<i>Dump station/water - motorhomes/caravans</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>Use of Camp Facilities - showers/kitchen</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>

for consultation purposes.”

“THAT consultation on the draft fees and charges for the Pinewood Motor Camp be incorporated into the draft LTCCP for consultation via the Special Consultative Procedure.”

CARRIED

Horizons Regional Council

The Chair welcomed Mr Allan Cook from Horizons to the table. Mr Cook circulated information on the Lower Manawatu Scheme, which he worked through providing further clarification as required (a copy of Mr Cook’s handout is **attached** to the official minutes). Mr Cook stressed that Horizons was seeking to consult with the Foxton community, with the changes now included in Horizons Draft LTCCP which would be subject to the full statutory consultation processes.

In response to queries, Mr Cook advised:

- there were two different protection factors with regard to Foxton: the township enjoyed a 100 year protection from river flood and now also had 100 year storm surge protection;
- the storm surge protection had been separated out and was treated as an enhancement;
- the storm surge protection was for things that were happening at sea rather than what was happening in the river.

Mr Cook was thanked for his attendance and presentation.

Item-405 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

File No **3876**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to allow the Foxton Community Board to consider a draft Strategy and Policy for the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

“THAT Report 3876 be received.”

Mr Clapperton, in speaking to this report, noted that the draft Foxton Beach Freeholding Account Policy and Strategy was the outcome of a number of steps. He responded to Board Members queries as follows;

- subdivision costs for the Forbes Road subdivision stood at \$1.6m at present;
- page 11 - under the heading of Sustainability - the nature of the expertise to be accessed had not yet been determined;
- building up the Fund to \$5m over time did not mean that monies would not be expended during that process;
- the third paragraph on page 12 did note the revenue and expenditure from the Pinewood Motor Camp would be included in the Freeholding Account balance.

Mrs Paton joined the table to speak to this item, providing a copy of her comments (**attached** to the official minutes).

Mr Clapperton noted Mrs Paton’s comment about the recommendation with regard to the distribution of the document for public consultation to the residents of Foxton, which should in fact read “Foxton Beach”.

Following further discussion, it was:

Resolved

(Vertongen / Allan)

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

“THAT the Board recommends to Council the adoption of the Draft Strategy and Policy for the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account and requests the Chief Executive Officer distributes the document for public consultation to the residents of Foxton Beach.”

Item-407 Council Resolutions relating to Foxton Community Board

File No **3872**

Purpose

To inform the Board of resolutions that the Horowhenua District Council passed at its meetings on 4 February 2009 and 4 March 2009.

Resolved

(Roache / Murdoch)

"THAT Report 3872 be received."

Mr Ward noted that the payment to Mr Packer (Item 1524) had not proceeded because of the moratorium on the Freeholding Account. This matter was to come back to the Board to see if it was the Board's wish that the purchase to proceed.

Cr Hunt noted that the Freeholding Account moratorium had been lifted by the time the resolution (on 7 May 2008) had been made and Council was in breach of its own Standing Orders by not either proceeding with the transaction or following due process.

Resolved

(Hunt / Murdoch)

"THAT Council's resolution of 7 May 2008:

THAT approximately 400m², being part of Pt Lot 1 DP 9897, in the name of RG & BS Packer, be surveyed and acquired for amalgamation with Lot 20 DP 17530, being part of recreation reserve known as Flagstaff Reserve, at the agreed price of \$43,500.00 plus GST."

*"THAT the above purchase be financed from the Foxton Beach Endowment Land Fund, subject to the moratorium being lifted.
be actioned as soon as possible."*

Ms Ellwood recorded her vote against the motion.

Item-408 Chief Executive Officer's Report

File No 3873

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

"THAT Report 3873 be received."

The Chief Executive Officer commented on the issues for consideration:

- a. Remuneration for Community Board Members
This item was clarified for Board Members information, highlighting that this was not about an increase in remuneration, but was to review the allocation of funds from the indicative pool.

- c. Community Boards Annual Conference Report
Mr Murdoch gave a verbal report, expressing his appreciation at the opportunity to attend what he had found to be a very informative and useful convention. It had reinforced for him the value of Community Boards and their role within their communities. He felt privileged at being able to go and it had been a great learning curve.

Mr Vertongen also commented favourably on the Conference. He noted that written reports would be prepared by himself and Mr Murdoch in due course.

d. Safety Issues Busy Bee Dairy and Rainbow Dairy

Mr Ward gave Mr Crockett's apologies, and updated the meeting on Mr Crockett's behalf. Plans should be ready within the next week and issues should be resolved by the next Board Meeting (4 May 2009).

Mr Vertongen said it may be helpful if he and Mr Roache had discussions with the owner of the Busy Bee Dairy, who had some issues with what was being proposed.

e. Foxton Playground Progress - River Loop

Mr Ward commented that Mr Tate had spoken to pupils at Coley Street School and it was anticipated that installation of the playground would occur within the next four weeks at a cost of \$41,000.

The Chair said that Board Members had not seen the plans as yet and there was also an undertaking to consult with not only Coley Street, but also St Mary's and Park Street Schools. Placement of the playground was also raised as an issue, particularly in light of the proposed Multi-purpose Facility.

The Chair proposed that this matter be workshopped as soon as possible so as not to hold up progress.

NOTED

f. Forbes Road Subdivision

Mr Ward advised that mowing had been completed and new signage was to be installed. There was the need to look at additional signage. However, there was not a lot of movement with regard to real estate anywhere at present.

Mr Gimblett expressed his concern at the marketing of this subdivision and suggested it be revisited.

It was agreed that this matter be included with the workshop on the River Loop Playground.

NOTED

g. Western District's Surf Life Saving - 2008/09 Season

Cr Hunt expressed her concern with regard to the fact that there were no patrols on a Saturday and suggested that Council look at maximising the use of funds contributed by suggesting that patrols be from Tuesday to Saturday rather than Monday to Friday.

h. Foxton Water Supply

Further information would be coming to the Board and this could also be included in the proposed workshop.

NOTED

Cr Allan left the meeting at this stage of proceedings (8.35 pm).

i. Recycling Station

Mr Ward distributed some photographs and sketches, and with the use of a whiteboard, illustrated in more detail what was being proposed. If the Board supported in principle what was proposed, this could then be included on the next Council agenda for the project to proceed.

So the process was not held up, the Board agreed in principle with what was proposed but agreed that the matter also be workshopped to 'tweak' the design.

NOTED

Resolved

(Hunt / Gimblett)

"THAT the Foxton Community Board agrees with the proposal for the Recycling Station at Foxton in principle subject to costs and refinement of the design."

j. Foxton East Drainage Scheme

It was NOTED that the Board needed to put in a submission to Council's LTCCP proposing that there should be a bulk rate applied across the whole district.

Cr Hunt extended a bouquet to Council staff on the installation of the pedestrian crossing in Whyte Street.

Item-409 Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 23 March 2009

File No 3874

Purpose

To provide an update on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 23 March 2009.

Resolved

(Roache / Murdoch)

"THAT Report 3874 be received."

The Chair requested that the need for a new bore for Foxton be included on the Monitoring Report.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

"THAT the Foxton Community Board pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Meeting 9 February 2009 In Committee (Minute Items 401-403)

Item 410 - Field Street Development

Item 411 - In Committee Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 23 March 2009

Reason for Confidentiality

These reports are **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following grounds: -

48(1a) *That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.*

Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17 of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987, the withholding of the information is necessary to:

- 7(2a) *Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.*
- 7(2b) *Protect information where the making available of the information-*
 - (i) *Would disclose a trade secret; or*
 - (ii) *Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.*
- 7(2i) *Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*
- 7(2j) *Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage."*

Resolved

(Roache / Murdoch)

"THAT His Worship the Mayor and Cr Rush be requested to remain in the meeting to take advantage of the knowledge they possess in relation to agenda items."

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.12 pm.

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson