

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S
FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, FOXTON ON
MONDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr D A Clapperton (Strategic & Corporate Services Manager)(from 6.57 pm)
Mr W D Crockett (Operations Manager)
Mr M R Tregonning (Property Officer)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, B J Duffy
Reg Cr L Bailey (Horizons Regional Council)(to 6.40 pm)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms S Gillies ("Horowhenua Mail")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were six members of the public in attendance.

APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was NOTED for Mr Clapperton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cr Hunt noted the passing of Mr Ron Dudson, who had been involved with the Foxton Beach Beach Wardens, saying he would be sadly missed.

Horizons Regional Council

Regional Councillor Lynne Bailey was welcomed to the table to update the Board on matters of interest pertaining to the Foxton area, including the Foxton Storm Surge Protection Works, Foxton East Drainage Scheme, Horizons LTCCP 2009-19 and the Lower Manawatu Scheme (a copy of Reg Cr Bailey's notes are **attached** to the official minutes).

Reg Cr Bailey confirmed that meetings had been held with Mr & Mrs Huzziff with regard to the Foxton East Drainage Scheme, with a copy of her informal notes on the discussions held being included in the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

The Chair thanked Reg Cr Bailey for her report.

Reg Cr Bailey left the meeting after her presentation (6.40 pm).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 1 December 2008 (Minute Items 389-393)

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 December 2008 (Minute Items 389-393), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Item-395 Resource Consents Issued

File No **3835**

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

"THAT Report 3835 be received."

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

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

Foxton Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 20/11/08 to 27/01/09

Date		Subdivider	Address
1-Dec-08	SUB/2697	Kerry Mantell	344 Paranui Road, Foxton/Himatangi Rural
24-Dec-08	SUB/2670	William Owens	171 Motuiti Road, Foxton/Himatangi Rural

Foxton Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority 20/11/08 to 27/01/09

Date	File	Applicant	Address
12-Dec-08	LUC//2707	Josephine McLean	67 Nash Parade, Foxton Beach
8-Jan-09	LUC//2711	Anthony & Myrna Taylor	1 Mark Perreau Place, Foxton"

REPORTS

Item-396 Forbes Road Subdivision – Proposed Street Names

File No **3846**

Purpose

To select names for two new streets in the Forbes Road Subdivision, Foxtton Beach.

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

“THAT Report 3846 be received.”

After discussion on the merits of the various street name options proposed, it was:

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

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

“THAT the new road names for the Forbes Road Subdivision be Oxnam and Story, with Loader being a backup option if required.”

Item-397 Foxtton Beach Motor Camp - Development Plan

File No **3849**

Purpose

For the Foxtton Community Board to consider the proposed development of the site and consider further consultation with the community.

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

“THAT Report 3849 be received.”

Mr Crockett joined the table to speak to this report, providing updated handouts to the meeting which included:

- a copy of the Development Plan to replace the original document distributed to the FCB Workshop on 29 January 2009, and
- Motor Camp Financials.

Mr Crockett commented:

- that recommendation d. should be deferred until after the planned community consultation;
- more work had been done around the estimated cost of the proposed development which could prove to be higher than originally anticipated;

- allowance for that extra cost should be included in the LTCCP, which would then go through the submission process;
- the Board had expressed a desire to keep the Camp under Council management;
- the figure of \$400,000 to complete the development was just an estimate at this stage;
- that figure needed to be confirmed in more detail as the process was worked through;
- of the \$150,000 currently set aside, \$29,000 had already been spent, with the estimate being on top of the \$121,000 left;
- a figure of \$282,500 would be needed to complete the development;
- the Board would note from the financials that the Camp had been operating in deficit, but that had started to turn around;
- in the current financial year it was expected that the books would balance, with revenue currently tracking ahead of budget;
- the 2009 budget had been set on the 2007/08 year rather than for the revenue coming through for 2008.

Mr Roache queried a credit of \$48,000 that he understood should be somewhere in the system.

Mr Vertongen said that he had heard of such an amount, but had not seen anything confirming that in writing.

In response to a query as to sources of funding other than the Freeholding Account, Mr Crockett said there were a number of ways the Camp could be funded if its revenue continued to improve, with loan funding an option with Camp revenue used for loan repayment.

Cr Hunt recommended that any consultation done should include how the Yacht Club building should be used, with there being a need for public facilities within the Beach community.

Mr Crockett noted that use of the Yacht Club building had been recognised at the 29 January 2009 Workshop, with the most recent plans showing extra car parking and a wider access road envisaging a multi-use building.

Resolved

(Roache / Murdoch)

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

“THAT the Foxton Community Board recommend that the development plan for the Foxton Beach Motor Camp be consulted on with the Foxton Beach community.”

Mr Vertongen expressed a desire for public consultation to commence as soon as possible.

Mr Ward suggested that consideration be given to public consultation being done concurrently with the LTCCP as there could be funding implications for the development in that document and also staff resources were heavily committed as part of that process. Whilst it was possible for Community Board Members to take the matter out to the public, it would still need to be done in conjunction with Council staff to allow the opportunity for appropriate research.

Cr Hunt noted that now the document had been tabled and had become a public document, Community Board Members still had the opportunity to discuss it with those in the community that were interested.

Consultation as part of the LTCCP process was agreed.

Item-398 Council Resolutions relating to Foxton Community Board

File No 3838

Purpose

To inform the Board of resolutions that the Horowhenua District Council passed at its meetings on 3 and 10 December 2008.

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

“THAT Report 3838 be received.”

Concern was expressed by the Board’s Deputy Chair in relation to some of the costs, particularly in relation to Building Consents which had increased considerably. He felt this was not good for the Foxton District.

Mr Ward responded:

- the proposed fees would be consulted upon during the 2009/10 LTCCP process;
- there was a cost to provide services, with revenue and financing policy targets needing to be met;
- if fees were not recovered from the applicants for various services, then the costs would have to be met by the general ratepayer and was that fair?
- none of Council’s fees and charges were out of alignment with our neighbours;
- he understood the time frame for submissions was mid April to late May, but he would confirm that.

It was suggested that it would be useful for the Board to list issues of concern to underline its thinking. The timing was never right for the imposition of additional costs, particularly in times of recession. A workshop would be helpful to look at the funding policy and public/private split and consider how much the general public should pay as opposed to the individual who would get the benefit.

Cr Allan retired for discussion on the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Draft Management Plan, when Mr Vertongen noted that the matter had been referred back to the Hearing Committee. The Board had the opportunity to be heard again and this should be workshopped to decided who was going to be the Board’s spokesperson and the stance the Board wished to take.

Moved: Vertongen

Seconded: Roache

“THAT the Foxton Community Board hold a workshop on the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Draft Management Plan and other matters to formulate submissions to go to the Horowhenua District Council.”

CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer was requested to arrange a suitable date for a workshop.

NOTED

Item-399 Chief Executive Officer's Report

File No 3839

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Roache / Gimblett)

"THAT Report 3839 be received."

Mr Ward spoke to this report, working through the various items.

3a. Attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference

Resolved

(Roache / Gimblett)

"THAT the Board authorises the Chairperson of the Foxton Community Board, Mr Basil Vertongen, and Board Member, Mr Tony Murdoch to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference to be held in Christchurch 19-21 March 2009."

CARRIED

3b. Foxton Pool

To provide a comparison, Mr Ward said he would circulate figures for Pool usage for last year and would also provide figures for revenue and operating costs. It was encouraging to see how use of the covers had helped with retaining pool temperature which was 30.2°, as opposed to 26/27° at the same time last year.

3c. Recycling Stations at Foxton and Foxton Beach

Mr Ward noted that he had checked the appearance of the Foxton Recycling Station just prior to the meeting and it looked better than it had done for a long time. The cost of the Molok cylinders that had been suggested as an alternative to the current system at Foxton had been investigated and would be in the vicinity of \$7,000 each = \$28-30,000, and he advised against proceeding with that option. If the recycling centre in Foxton was retained at its current location, the façade would need to be tidied up.

The Chair commented that the Molok option had not been considered by the Board and would be a very expensive 'fix'. He extended a bouquet to the person who had been maintaining the Foxton station as he had been doing a very good job.

After further discussion, it was:

Moved: Allan

Seconded: Gimblett

1. *"THAT the Foxton Recycling Station remain at its current location*
2. *"AND FURTHER that the facility be of a high visual standard."*

The number of Board Members supported the Foxton Station remaining in its current location, with Ms Ellwood being a dissenting voice.

In relation to the Foxton Recycling Station, Ms Ellwood commented:

- she thought it should be moved;
- Harbour Street would be a suitable alternative location, near the Foxton Transfer Station;
- from her observations over the Christmas/New Year period, the site was okay sometimes, but not acceptable for most of the time;
- a number of people had spoken to her about the Station, with most not saying to tidy it up but to move it;
- in its present condition and location it was an eyesore and a blight on the area;
- it was visible to both residents and visitors and created the impression that the Board did not care;
- relocation would not create hardship for users.

It was suggested that the two parts of the resolution be put separately as any decision on the location of the Foxton Recycling Centre could be pre-empting what residents might want.

In his right of reply, Cr Allan commented:

- the initial portion of the resolution was to stimulate debate on location;
- whilst the current site was acceptable to him, its appearance was of importance;
- further details could be worked through in a workshop.

On part 1. of the resolution the being put, there were FOUR (4) for, and THREE (3) against. The motion was therefore CARRIED.

Part 2 of the resolution was put and was also CARRIED.

3d. Dutch Museum

3e. Foxton Public Amenity Facility

It was noted these items were part of the In Committee Agenda and would be expanded upon more fully later in the meeting. Both projects were at a delicate stage with the CEO's report updating the meeting on what was currently known in the community.

Cr Hunt supported further discussion being In Committee at this stage, but had had members of the community express their concerns about what they perceived was occurring. She had given her assurances that correct procedures would be followed and had made it clear that Council had as yet made no decisions in terms of site and in terms of a multi-purpose facility.

Mr Clapperton confirmed Cr Hunt's comments, saying that the process that Council needed to go through would involve further consultation. The outcome of tonight's In Committee discussions would give Council a direction in which to proceed. He also confirmed that the Lotteries Commission funding was available for 12 months, with the funding based on activity and not location.

3h. Current Projects

Cr Hunt raised the issue of the Foxton Waste Water Treatment Consent, suggesting this matter needed to be a priority for Council particularly in terms of the Health Centre to ensure the retention of doctors in the area.

A workshop date of Monday, 2 March 2009, 6.00-8.00 pm was agreed by the meeting.

Cr Allan requested an update from the CEO on the safety issues that had been identified in relation to Tony Robinsons Motors, the Busy Bee and Rainbow Dairies.

Mr Ward advised that the issue with regard to Tony Robinsons Motors had been discussed with the proprietor and had been resolved satisfactorily.

Mr Crockett reported that the issues with regard to the Busy Bee and Rainbow Dairies were being considered.

Moved: Allan

Seconded: Ellwood

"THAT the safety issues pertaining to the Busy Bee Dairy and the Rainbow Dairy be included on the Monitoring Report."

CARRIED

Item-400 Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 9 February 2009

File No 3836

Purpose

To provide an update on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 9 February 2009.

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

"THAT Report 3836 be received."

Cr Hunt noted that there was no reference to the promised playground on the Monitoring Report and requested its inclusion.

Resolved

(Hunt / Allan)

"THAT the provision of a playground be included on the Monitoring Report."

CARRIED

Page 29 Item 356 After discussion on the feasibility of conducting such a survey, His Worship the Mayor agreed to include the matter in his Mayor's comments to move the matter along.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved

(Roache / Murdoch)

“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.

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Item 401 Foxton Multi-Purpose Facility

Item 402 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account Strategy and Policy

Item 403 In Committee Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report

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 be requested to remain in the meeting to take advantage of the knowledge he possesses in relation to both Items 401 and 402.”

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.56 pm.

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson

APPENDIX / ATTACHMENTS