

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 126-148 OXFORD STREET, LEVIN, ON WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM

PRESENT

Ms N J Ellwood
Mr N G Gimblett
Mrs P R Metcalf
Mr B P Vertongen
Mr D A Allan (HDC Representative)
Mrs A M Hunt (HDC Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, B J Duffy
Cr G G Good
Cr V M Kaye-Simmons
Cr L E McMeeken
Cr B F Judd
Cr P K Keenan
Cr N D H Murray
Cr A D Rush
Cr R N Shaw

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr P Franklin ("Chronicle")
Mrs A Reading ("Beach FM")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

There were approximately 80 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

WELCOME BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PRESIDING

The Horowhenua District Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr D G Ward welcomed Foxton Community Board members, Councillors, family members, media and staff to the first meeting of the Board following the recent elections.

APOLOGIES

An apology was recorded for Mr David Roache, with it NOTED that Mr Roache would be sworn in at the first Foxton Community Board meeting, which was proposed for 15 November 2010.

3. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS

All members, in alphabetical order, then made and signed their individual Declarations of Office before the Chief Executive Officer.

Copies of the declarations are attached to the official minutes.

4. LEGISLATION AFFECTING MEMBERS OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD

Mr Ward reiterated that this legislation was the same as that applying to Councillors and had been discussed with members of the Community Board prior to this meeting.

5. METHOD OF VOTING FOR CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS

The Chief Executive Officer briefly outlined the two options set in legislation and shown below, regarding the method of voting that was required to be used to determine the position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Foxton Community Board.

Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Act states:

- (1) *This clause applies to -*
 - (a) *the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a regional council; and*
 - (b) *the election or appointment of the deputy mayor; and*
 - (c) *the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee; and*
 - (d) *the election or appointment of a representative of a local authority.*
- (2) *If this clause applies, a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:*
 - (a) *the voting system in subclause (3) (system A);*
 - (b) *the voting system in subclause (4) (system B).*
- (3) **System A-**
 - (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and*
 - (b) *has the following characteristics:*
 - (i) *there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and*
 - (ii) *if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and*
 - (iii) *if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and*
 - (iv) *in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.*
- (4) **System B-**
 - (a) *requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and*
 - (b) *has the following characteristics:*
 - (i) *there is only 1 round of voting; and*
 - (ii) *if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, and tie is resolved by lot."*

Resolved

(Vertongen / Allan)

"THAT System B be the method of voting used for proceedings at this meeting."

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson, to be elected by the voting system determined under Item 4 (System B).

Moved: Mr Vertongen **Seconded:** Mrs Metcalf

"THAT Mr Gimblett be appointed Chairperson of the Foxton Community Board."

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer formally declared Mr Gimblett as Chairperson of the Foxton Community Board.

7. DECLARATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr Gimblett made and signed his Declaration of Office before the Chief Executive Officer.

A copy of the declaration is attached to the official minutes.

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson, to be elected by the voting system determined under Item 4 (System B).

Moved: Mrs Metcalf **Seconded:** Mrs Hunt

"THAT Ms Ellwood be appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Foxton Community Board."

There being no further nominations, the Chairperson formally declared Ms Ellwood as Deputy Chairperson of the Foxton Community Board.

9. FIXING OF DATE AND TIME FOR FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD

Mr Ward advised that the first ordinary meeting of the Foxton Community Board would be held on Monday, 15 November 2010 commencing at 6.30 pm in the Foxton Service Centre.

Mr Ward thanked everyone for their attendance and invited His Worship the Mayor to close the meeting.

In his closing comments, Mayor Duffy expressed his thanks to family, particularly his wife, Sheryl, and friends for their positive support, which was essential for any person seeking to serve in public office. He also noted Mr Vertongen’s contribution as past Chair of the Community Board and the changing of the guard which saw Mr Gimblett now in that role. Councillors and Community Board Members now had three years to make a difference, with the challenge being to find a way forward for the benefit of and with support from the whole community.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.04 pm.

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson