

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S
FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, FOXTON ON
MONDAY, 19 JULY 2010 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, B J Duffy
Mr W Potts (Community Assets Manager)
Mr M Bailey (Boffa Miskell)
Reg Cr L Bailey
Miss C Carlyle (Group Support Officer)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

There were no media in attendance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

There no apologies recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Horizons Regional Council

Regional Councillor Lynne Bailey attending to update the Board on issues relating to Horizons Regional Council and the Foxton Community Board area.

Levin Pistol Club

Mike Barker from the Levin Pistol Club attending to give the Board a presentation on proposed use of Target Reserve.

Speaking Rights

Item 473 - Monitoring Report Foxton Community Board to 19 July 2010

Item 467 - Code of Conduct - Mrs C Paton

Item 475 - Annual Plan Submission Update

Mr B Ten Have

New Staff Member

The Chair introduced Council's new Community Assets Manager, Mr Wally Potts, to the meeting.

Horizons Regional Council

Regional Cr Bailey provided an update on Horizons Regional Council's activities as they related to the Foxton Community Board area which covered:

- Horizons work with Save Our River Trust and the River Loop;
- Horizons association with the Foxton Waterfowl and Wetlands Club in the planting of a new wetland area;
- Manawatu Estuary predator control,
- the Bowler pump installation.

A copy of Reg Cr Bailey's update is **attached** to the official minutes.

Cr Hunt requested a copy of Reg Cr Bailey's report.

NOTED

Cr Hunt also queried if there was any further information on the Accord due to be signed in relation to the Manawatu River quality.

Reg Cr Bailey said this was a high level document which would be presented to Horizons Regional Council tomorrow and she did not feel it would be appropriate to comment on it at this stage.

Cr Hunt further queried if Reg Cr Bailey was aware of a meeting taking place with regard to Lake Horowhenua. She would ensure that Reg Cr Bailey was advised of that meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 3 May 2010 (Minute Items 465-470)

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 May 2020, as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matter arising.

Levin Pistol Club

Mike Barker from the Levin Pistol Club, supported by Jeff Lyver, gave a presentation in support of the Club's request to put a target range at Target Reserve, Foxton. A copy of Mr Barker's presentation is **attached** to the official minutes.

Mr Barker commented on the discussions that had taken place with affected neighbours, such as the Foxton Golf Club and Foxton Racecourse, with consultation to be extended to other residential owners on the eastern side of SH1 and anyone else who could have an interest. As the Pistol Club did not intend to erect club rooms or any other structure, except perhaps an awning, there was the possibility that the Club could avail itself of the club rooms and facilities of the Golf Club or Racecourse and this was being investigated.

Board members commended the Pistol Club on the way it was progressing this matter and the huge potential this could have for the area was noted.

Mr Ward said he was satisfied that this proposal would not close off any other opportunities that Council may have in relation to the Reserve and he was comfortable that the proposal fell within any legislative compliance.

Mr Barker further commented:

- in relation to frequency of use, he would see the Club using it at weekends;
- he could not see it being a 24/7 operation;
- with regard to a preferred site, the Club was not looking at occupying a large area of the Reserve and there were a number of options;
- however, between the two sand dunes, in the valley, would be the more practical site.

Mr Lyver advised that there was the possibility that the Police could look at using the site, as currently training was done in Wanganui, 1¼ hours away. However, the initial focus was to get the range up and running.

The status of the Target Reserve was queried, with Council's Facilities Assets Manager, Peter Shore, confirming that the Reserve had a Management Plan, which was very broad and whilst it did not mention rifle clubs or gun clubs, it did encourage recreational activities. The current afforestation had been a stop gap measure and the Reserve had been used for cross country events, horse activities, etc.

Mr Shore noted that the Club would need to go through the appropriate consent process which would deal with any potential tricky issues.

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

"THAT the Foxton Community Board supports the aspirations of the Levin Pistol Club to establish an outdoor range at Target Reserve, Foxton, subject to robust consultation."

CARRIED

REPORTS

Item-473 Monitoring Report Foxton Community Board to 19 July 2010

File No 4210

Purpose

To provide an update on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 19 July 2010.

Resolved

(Roache / Murdoch)

"THAT Report 4210 be received."

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

Mr Vertongen noted his interest in Items 466 and 467 - Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee.

Page 2 Item 401 Foxton Multi-Purpose Facility

Cr Hunt advised that that the report in relation to Council becoming a Settlor of the Te Awahou Trust had been withdrawn from Council's July 2010 meeting to further consider a number of concerns she had raised about the Trust Deed. She was hoping her concerns would be addressed when it was brought back to Council's August 2010 meeting.

Messrs Vertongen and Roache withdrew from the table for consideration of the next item, with Mr Gimblett assuming the Chair.

Page 4 Item 467 Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee

Mrs Paton raised some issues in relation to the Decision of the Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee, requesting amendments be made to address some inaccuracies.

Resolved

(Allan / Ellwood)

"THAT the written information provided by Mr & Mrs Paton in relation to the Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee's decision be received."

Mr Ward noted that the decision referred to was that of the Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee not the Community Board and he did not believe the Board was in a position to accept any changes to documentation that it had not initiated. He outlined the options that the Board could take including referring the Paton's request back to the Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee for its attention.

Cr Hunt supported the referral of the Paton's amendment request back to the Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee as she also had issues that she wished to raise and had intended to address those issues during the In Committee Item 480 - In Committee Minutes.

Resolved

(Hunt / Allan)

"THAT the Foxton Code of Conduct Subcommittee be reconvened to address the amendments to its Decision as requested by Mr & Mrs Paton and concerns raised by Cr Hunt."

CARRIED

Mr Vertongen resumed the Chair and Mr Roache rejoined the table.

Item-474 Draft Foxton Townscape Plan

File No **4241**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to the Foxton Community Board a draft Foxton Townscape Plan.

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

"THAT Report 4241 be received."

Mr Clapperton, together with Marc Bailey from Boffa Miskell, joined the table to present the draft Foxton Townscape Plan with Mr Bailey working through the plan page by page providing further clarification on the suggestion options.

Mr Bailey was complimented on the draft plan which contained all the suggestions that had been raised during the initial public consultation.

Mr Clapperton sought feedback from the Board in terms of consultation and a realistic timetable to move the project forward. Consultation would include early contact with building owners. His suggestion was that consultation should include all residents in the Kere Kere Ward, with a flyer sent out and people could be advised as to where they could access more information. Upon completion of the consultation phase, the matter would come back to the Community Board, which could then recommend to Council the next step. Perhaps an open day (or evening), as had previously been held, should be considered. In relation to timing, it could be mid to late September before the consultation process concluded and the Board may wish to hold over deliberations until after the local body elections in October.

Mr Bailey suggested that affected building owners be written to explaining what was proposed and asking them to make contact. This could be done very quickly and give ample time for dialogue to occur.

The following was raised in discussion:

- the risk identified in relation to loosing the heritage value was important;
- if the 'heritage' buildings were lost the ambiance of Foxton would be lost;
- it was important to be realistic in terms of expectations;
- an 'after 5' format would be a good way for Board members to address business people;
- placing maps and information in shop windows, as had been done with the Te Awahou project, could be an option for getting information out to the community;

- contact should be made with building owners sooner rather than later;
- perhaps the Historic Places Trust should be included in the consultation process because of the number of heritage properties.

Mr Clapperton proposed commencing consultation on or about 8 August 2010.

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 Foxton Community Board accepts the draft Foxton Townscape Plan for public consultation.”

Item-475 Annual Plan Submission Update

File No 4239

Purpose

This report is prepared to allow the Community Board the opportunity to discuss Council resolutions specific to those items raised in the Board’s submission to Council’s Draft 2010/2011 Annual Plan.

Further, the report will also examine the status of those items previously identified as Priority Projects by the Board in discussions up to and including the Board’s meeting of 8 February 2010.

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

“THAT Report 4239 be received.”

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

In exercising his speaking rights, Mr Ten Have covered a number of topics including:

- the draft Foxton Town Plan - how much was it going to cost and who was going to pay for it;
- the Forbes Road Playground and whether it was a good idea to build a playground when there were as yet no residents. Would it go to open tender and if not, why not?
- the Te Awahou Project and why was money being requested from the Freeholding Account for what was a questionable venture;
- the effectiveness of the Foxton Community Board.

Mr Ten Have requested a copy of the Local Authorities (Members Interest) Act, as mentioned on page 16 of the agenda under 3d. Pecuniary Interest.

NOTED

Mr Ward worked through the items in the Community Board’s Annual Plan submission providing updates where appropriate and also raising the six items that had been identified as priorities for the Board.

In relation to the Foxton Health Centre, did the Board wish this to remain in its priority list?

Mr Gimblett said that with some reluctance he would have to remove his support for this project in the meantime. Whilst it would be important for the town in the future, there was currently considerable discord among health providers and he did not believe there was the opportunity of doing a feasible job at the present time.

It was suggested it would be a good idea to talk to the members of the Medical Trust to find out its views.

Resolved

(Allan / Murdoch)

"THAT the Foxton Community Board liaise with the Foxton Medical Trust to determine its position and where it currently stood on the provision of a Health Centre in Foxton."

CARRIED

With regard to the River Loop Development, there was no funding for this in the LTCCP or current Annual Plan. The Board may wish to work alongside the group to promote this project with a view to bringing it as a preferred project into the 2011/12 Annual Plan.

In addressing the issue of the proposed Forbes Road Playground, Mr Vertongen suggested that a sign be erected on the selected lot so say that a playground was proposed in the near future, rather than install a playground now and have to maintain it.

Resolved

(Vertongen / Allan)

"THAT a sign be erected on the selected lot in the Forbes Road subdivision indicating that a playground would be installed there in the near future."

CARRIED

Cr Hunt felt that such a move would be premature as there was no Council resolution along those lines. She recorded her vote against the motion.

Mr Vertongen commented on the pillar in the centre of the Stuart Ellwood Room at the Foxton Memorial Hall suggesting that, as it appeared to be a load bearing support, some way of bracing the roof be investigated to open up the space and make the room more user friendly.

Resolved

(Vertongen / Roache)

"THAT Council officers be requested to investigate the possible removal of the pillar in the centre of the Stuart Ellwood Room, Foxton Memorial Hall."

In relation to the Half Pipe Project, a report would come back to the Community Board for signing off. Mr Vertongen requested that Council officers talk to the people who build such pipes to explore what would be the best option, not just concentrating on a concrete structure.

The "Community Connection" was suggested as the best way to get information out to the people of Foxton and Foxton Beach on the Community Board's priority list. Mr Ward said there had not been a feature on Foxton/ Foxton Beach for some time and he proposed that the Board's priority list would be included in the "Community Connection" concurrently with the draft Town Plan.

In response to a comment made by Mr Ten Have, Mr Vertongen challenged Community Board to compile a list of the many projects that the Board had been involved with over the last few years.

Item-476 Council Resolutions relating to Foxton Community Board

File No 4212

Purpose

To inform the Board of resolutions that the Horowhenua District Council passed at its meetings on 5 May 2010 and 7 July 2010.

Resolved

(Roache / Allan)

“THAT Report 4212 be received.”

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

3.b. Item 1919 - Proposed Granting of Freedom Charter Foxton - Update

Mr Ward advised that a response was still awaited from the Army.

Item 1926 Speed Control at Schools

Mr Ward said he would investigate with NZTA the issue of speed control at schools (such as St Mary's in Foxton) on the main highway.

Item-477 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 19 July 2010

File No 4213

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

“THAT Report 4213 be received.”

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

Mr Ward gave an update on a matter that was not included in his report. The Navigation and Safety Bylaw, with the amendment as requested by the Board, had been adopted by Horizons Regional Council.

3.a. Taylor Street

There was no funding available for this project in the 2010/2011 year and Mr Ward suggested that the matter be included on the Monitoring Report for inclusion in Council's Draft 2011/2012 Annual Plan.

Resolved

(Allan / Hunt)

"THAT the Foxtton Community Board requests officers to prepare a feasibility study on the Taylor Street upgrade for inclusion in Council's draft 2011/12 Annual Plan."

CARRIED

Mr Roache said it was disappointing that this matter had gone directly to Council rather than through the Community Board as it could have received the Board's endorsement in its Annual Plan submission.

3.b. Foxtton Beach Freeholding Fund

Mr Gimblett requested, to improve Board Members understanding of the figures provided, that property values be included in the report. He also suggested that following the elections in October, all new Board Members are given a copy of the Foxtton Beach Freeholding Account Strategy and Policy.

The suggestion that a copy of the ROLD Acts 1956 and 1968 be included in the resolution was not supported.

Resolved

(Gimblett / Allan)

"THAT, following the local body elections, all new members of the Foxtton Community Board receive a copy of the Foxtton Beach Freeholding Account Strategy and Policy."

CARRIED

Mr Roache requested further information on:

- The sale to Electricity Company;
- Where was the profit from the Motor Camp?
- Administration costs of \$74,000; his understanding was Administration costs were in the vicinity of \$45,000;
- Subdivision maintenance \$42,000;
- Subdivision development of \$81,000;
- Project commitments - further Subdivision maintenance of \$50,000.

3.e. Pinewood Motor Camp

Mr Murdoch reported back on his attendance at the recent Holiday Accommodation Parks Conference which he found on considerable value.

Mr Shore also spoke on the value of the Conference, particularly in relation to the development of the Pinewood Motor Camp. Robert Winiata had been employed by Council on a short term contract to work on a business plan for the Camp which would be brought to the Board's August 2010 meeting.

3.f. Holben Reserve

Mr Shore said this was a very successful project and what was now required was a 'tweaking' of what had already been done.

3.g. Foxtton Beach Coastal Sand Dune Management

There was a potential problem around Marine Parade and Council was working with the most affected land owner.

3.h. Maintenance Works

Mr Roache requested that Council do something about the Ladys Mile Bore. He believed Council was not servicing the bores regularly enough and he would like to see the Ladys Mile Bore serviced before the autumn as it had never been redeveloped.

Cr Hunt noted that 'Malthis Place', should in fact be 'Malthus Place'.

Item-478 Resource Consents Issued

File No 4214

Purpose

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

Resolved

(Allan / Roache)

"THAT Report 4214 be received."

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

"THAT the list of land use and subdivision resource consents be received."

**Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
23/04/10 to 08/07/10**

| Date | File Ref | Subdivider | Address |
|-------------|-----------------|---|---|
| 29-Apr-10 | SUB/2938 | Coastal Classics Limited (Cara Pietersma) | 6 Andrews Street, Foxton Beach |
| 10-May-10 | SUB/2937 | Colin Cook & Paul Pearce | 29 Roore Street, Foxton Beach |
| 4-Jun-10 | SUB/2955 | McDonnell Property Managers Limited | 80 Motuiti Road, Foxton/Himatangi Rural |

**Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority
23/04/10 to 08/07/10**

| Date | File Ref | Applicant | Address |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 23-Apr-10 | LUC/2926 | Mitchpine Products Limited | 929 State Highway 1, Foxton Rural |
| 26-May-10 | LUC/2943 | Robert Walker & Derek Dilks | 28 Dewe Terrace, Foxton Beach |
| 3-Jun-10 | LUC/2945 | Glen & Colleen Hitchcock | 137-139 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach |
| 3-Jun-10 | LUC/2954 | Francis & Shiree Hamlin | 11 Low Avenue, Foxton Beach |
| 16-Jun-10 | LUC/2952 | Neil & Margaret Collis | 28 Hulke Street, Foxton |
| 30-Jun-10 | LUC/2930 | Colin Porter & Angeline McLeod | 14 Thynne Street, Foxton." |

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved

(Gimblett / Ellwood)

"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 3 May 2010 (Minute Items 471-472)
Item 479 In Committee Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report 19 July 2010
Item 480- In Committee Minutes
Item 481- Council Property Holdings

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.*

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- 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

(Gimblett / Ellwood)

"THAT His Worship the Mayor be requested to remain in the meeting to take advantage of his knowledge in relation to items on the Agenda."

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.27 pm..

CONFIRMED this day of

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Chairperson