

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S  
FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, FOXTON ON  
MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 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 W Potts (Community Services Manager)  
Mr D de Burgh (Solid Waste Engineer)  
Mr D J Tate (Parks Assets Officer)  
Mr M R Tregonning (Property Officer)  
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, B J Duffy

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies recorded.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

There were 21 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Public Speaking Rights**

Item 495 Foxton Pool  
Bryan Ten Have

Item 496 Foxton Recycling Centre  
George Sanson on behalf of the Foxton RSA  
Bruce McIntyre - Manawatu College  
Ernie Crombie  
Mike Coupe

Item 498 CEO's Report  
-3h. Stormwater Issues to be addressed in Foxton and Foxton Beach  
Michelle Lack  
Richard White  
Paul Stevens  
Holly Robinson

Wendy/Dennis Walton  
Allan Cuthbertson  
Kevin Higgin  
Bob Chatfield

-3i. Forbes Road Marketing  
Bryan Ten Have  
Mike Coupe

There were no late items for consideration and no advice of any Members' conflicts of interest.

Mr Gimblett expressed his appreciation for the work that the Foxton Tourist & Development Association put in around the community, which he felt should be recognised.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting 30 August 2010 (Minute Items 482-491)

### **Resolved**

(Allan / Roache)

*"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 August 2010 (Minute Items 482-491), as submitted, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Gimblett noted that the answers due to be tabled at tonight's meeting to the questions raised in relation to the Freeholding Fund were not included on the Agenda, with Mr Wad advising that he had provided a response to Mr Roache and would circulate a copy of other Board Members.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-494 Monitoring Report Foxton Community Board to 4 October 2010**

**File No** 4297

#### **Purpose**

To provide an update on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 4 October 2010.

### **Resolved**

(Allan / Roache)

*"THAT Report 4297 be received."*

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

### **Item 460 Foxton Pool - General Report**

Mr Ward advised this was covered in the next Report on the Agenda, and Council's Parks Assets Officer, Doug Tate, would be speaking to this.

**Item-495 Foxton Pool**

**File No 4289**

**Purpose**

To provide the Foxton Community Board with an overview of plans for operation of Foxton Pools for the 2010/2011 season.

**Resolved**

(Roache / Allan)

*“THAT Report 4289 be received.”*

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

Mr Tate joined the tabled to speak to this report, working through the issues for consideration and noting the measures that would be taken to maximise utilisation.

In relation to the provision of Learn to Swim programmes, Mr Tate advised that Council had revised its view and would be holding a mixture of lessons.

The projected revenue for the Pool was queried, with Mr Ward advising that the actual revenue for last season had been \$20,470.00, with the projected budget for the current year being \$32,000.00, which anticipated a healthy increase in patronage.

Maintenance, or lack thereof, with possible deterioration of the facility, was raised as a concern, with Mr Tate advising that Council had a very robust Management Plan for Aquatics and Asset Management Plans provided for ongoing maintenance.

Mr Ten Have was welcomed to the table to exercise his speaking rights. He raised the fact that the Foxton Pool had been constructed with a significant contribution from the Freeholding Fund and queried the targeted rate for some ratepayers who had already contributed via the Freeholding Account, particularly as the Pool season was limited.

Mr Ward advised Mr Ten Have that his comments had been noted.

**Item-496 Foxton Recycling Station Relocation**

**File No 4313**

**Purpose**

To update the Foxton Community Board on further investigations carried out by Council Officers on points raised at the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 30 August 2010 in relation to the Foxton Recycling Station located on Ladys Mile.

To present information to allow the Board to make an informed decision on the future location and the level of service of the static recycling station in Foxton.

**Resolved**

(Roache / Gimblett)

*“THAT Report 4313 on Proposed Relocation of the Foxton Recycling Station be received.”*

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

Council’s Solid Waste Engineer, Duncan de Burgh, noted that this proposal remained the same as had previously been recommended to the Community Board, that the Foxton Recycling Station be relocated, reiterating the reasons that this was supported by Officers. He also noted:

- that since the last report additional support had been received from the community for relocation;
- the proposed site would be inside the first gate at the Transfer Station, not inside the Transfer Station itself and it was not proposed to reduce access to only four hours per day.

In response to a query in relation to comparative operating costs, Mr Ward advised that there would be potential operating savings of approximately \$10,000.00 per year. The operation would be less costly because of a reduction in staff required.

The lack of a resource consent for the current site was raised as a concern, with Mr de Burgh advising that the issue had only recently come to light.

The following was raised in discussion:

- the possible relocation raised issues for SORT who did not wish to see an increase in fly tipping in the River Loop area, particularly if hours of access were reduced;
- with the proposed Te Awahou Development, there could be issues if Harbour Street was closed and people had to take route through town to reach the facility.

Mr de Burgh noted that what was proposed was a recycling station, not a transfer station. It was possible that cameras could be located and used to identify fly tippers.

Mr Vertongen reiterated his previous support for the Recycling Station being retained in its current location. He believed the issues raised by Officers could be addressed and also noted the proximity of the water bore in Shannon to the wastewater treatment plant, which had never been raised as a health issue in relation to contamination. He also suggested that any possible savings would be used to clean up after fly tippers.

In response to Mr Vertongen’s comments, Mr de Burgh noted:

- the resource consent issue was historical and it had only now been identified that one was required;
- the contractors had raised the fact that the facility could not be serviced from the back;
- in relation to environmental concerns, an outside consultant had recognised the proximity of the Recycling Station to the water bore as a major risk;
- he did not believe the 1.6 km distance from the current site to the proposed location would deter people from recycling;
- for those with issues, a second recycling crate could be requested.

Mr Ward read out a letter, dated 23 September 2010, that had been directed to the Foxton Community Board from the Foxton RSA outlining the RSA’s support for relocating the Recycling Station and Mr George Sanson was welcomed to the table to speak on behalf of the Foxton RSA.

## Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

*"THAT the letter from the Foxton Returned Services Association dated 23 September 2010 in relation to the Foxton Recycling Centre be received."*

A copy of the Foxton RSA's letter is **attached** to the official minutes.

Mr Sanson said the RSA was not against the recycling units as such, but there had been problems with rubbish blowing on to the RSA grounds. There were also visibility issues with members coming out of the entrance, particularly when the school came out and there were a lot of students on bikes. The RSA had a nice new building and when members came from other areas it did not give a positive impression to have the Recycling Station in its present location.

A letter from Manawatu College dated 23 September 2010 in relation to the Foxton Recycling Station was read to the meeting.

## Resolved

(Roache / Hunt)

*"THAT the letter from Manawatu College dated 23 September 2010 in relation to the Foxton Recycling Centre be received."*

A copy of Manawatu College's letter is **attached** to the official minutes.

Mr McIntyre, Principal of Manawatu College, said that while he appreciated the advantages of the current location of the recycling station, he believed these were outweighed by the disadvantages. He understood that last year a rugby league practice had to be called off because of broken glass (bottles) which were in the middle of the field. Three weeks ago, during the day, there was also an issue with broken bottles. Whilst he believed the person who had recently been maintaining the station had been doing a good job, it was still too close to the school. He was not advocating where it should be relocated to, just somewhere away from the school. The school was also in the process of re-landscaping its frontage and the Recycling Station in its current location would detract from that project.

Mr Ernie Crombie spoke from an opposing view, suggesting that moving the Recycling Station would have a detrimental effect on encouraging recycling in the area and what was needed was for the current station to be rebuilt in more durable materials, perhaps concrete, and the facility tidied up. He had seen a recycling station in a built up area in Palmerston North that ran successfully with no issues of mess and he believed any perceived problems with operating the facility could be overcome. He was concerned that shifting the station would be a big disservice to the town.

Mr Coupe noted that three years ago the same subject had been debated and the Community Board still had the same issue in front of it. He suggested that the Board would ignore public opinion at its peril. He had done a survey of 102 people - he had gone through the phone book and telephoned phone numbers that started with '363' - and the consensus was that the recycling station should be moved. He believed it would be successful if there was more thought into how the station was set up.

In response to a query to Mr Sanson and Mr McIntyre that if the current Recycling Station was enhanced would they still be of the same opinion, Mr Sanson said he believed it would still be dangerous and it would still not address broken glass issues.

Mr Gimblett said for a long time he had supported the retaining of the Foxton Recycling Station in its current location. However, now it was time to be pragmatic and bring the issue to a resolution.

After further discussion on the proposal, its possible consequences, it was:

**Resolved**

(Gimblett / Hunt)

*“THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends the relocation of the Foxton Recycling Centre to the Foxton Waste Transfer Station in such a way as to ensure the general public has continued access to recycling facilities at no cost between 7.00 am and 5.00 pm, seven (7) days a week*

AND FURTHER

*THAT the location be reviewed for suitability of design and operational hours in twelve (12) months time.”*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Hunt stressed the need for education in the process, suggesting the “Community Connection” be used to send a clear message to the community to ensure the new site was successful.

Mr Ward advised that as well as using the “Community Connection”, brochures on the changes would be dropped in letter boxes in Foxton and Foxton Beach.

**Item-497 Council Resolutions Relating to Foxton Community Board**

**File No 4299**

**Purpose**

To inform the Board of resolutions that the Horowhenua District Council passed at its meeting on 1 September 2010 relating to the Foxton Community Board.

**Resolved**

(Roache / Gimblett)

*“THAT Report 4299 be received.”*

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

**Item-498 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 4 October 2010**

**File No 4300**

**Purpose**

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

**Resolved**

(Roache / Ellwood)

*“THAT Report 4300 be received.”*

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

Prior to working through the items in his report, Mr Ward advised that the water bore consent had been received, the bore had been commissioned today and was now in use.

3a. Foxton Beach Surf Club Building

Mr Ward referred to supplementary notes provided by Council's Facilities Assets Manager, Peter Shore, in relation to the Surf Club building. A meeting had been held with members of the Surf Club last week when issues in relation to the building had been discussed. Mr Shore would be holding a further meeting with Surf Club members later this week to progress matters. This item would remain on the Monitoring Report.

3c. Task Force Green

Mr Ward acknowledged the work Mr Murdoch had done behind the scenes in promoting this initiative and preparing a list of suggested works such a group could do. The opportunity to provide employment for individuals within the community would be positive, with the suggestion being to follow the same model used by Community Max, which had provided very successful.

**Resolved**

(Vertongen / Roache)

*"THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that staff negotiate the engagement of a Task Force Green Group comprising Foxton or Foxton Beach residents to undertake approved tasks."*

CARRIED

Mr Murdoch further commented that this would be undertaken with the involvement of SORT and Horizons Regional Council. He understood that Horizons was considering a parallel scheme and some innovative suggestions had come from within the community about possible works that could be done.

Some coordination would be required between the two Councils to facilitate projects undertaken, with Mr Ward confirming that whatever was undertaken would be done in a complementary way. Projects would be approved by Doug Tate and officers, with the Community Board's approval.

3d. Memorial Hall

In response to a query, Mr Ward advised that the light fittings, of which there were 8, had cost \$150.00 each. The overall cost for the upgrade had been \$62,000.00, with some of the funding coming from last year's budget.

When the refitting of the windows was completed, it was queried if any thought had been given to providing some form of curtain, sunscreen or window tinting to address the intense sunlight/glare issue. Mr Ward advised he would redirect that question to Doug Tate.

Mr Vertongen reiterated a previous suggestion that at the rededication service, the Community Max workers should receive a certificate or some form of recognition to acknowledge the wonderful work they had done.

3g. Pinewood Motor Camp/Playground

Mr Ward advised he now had the feasibility study and would circulate it to Board members.

Cr Hunt commented:

- she was concerned that the feasibility study had not been available prior to Board Members having to make a decision on investing in a commercial activity;
- it was not only about the cost, but also the likelihood of a return;
- she did not believe the siting of the playground was as acceptable as she had first thought because of the proximity to the dunes and the trees;
- she was concerned to see the old Yacht Club was being demolished when no decision had yet been made on that and she felt this was precipitous.

Mr Ward noted that the date in the Camp update (Agenda page 22) for the letting of the contract for demolition of the Yacht Club should read Thursday 30 September 2010, not October. However, in hindsight this perhaps should have waited until after tonight's Board meeting.

### **Resolved**

(Gimblett / Murdoch)

*"THAT the Foxton Community Board adopt the proposals as contained within the report prepared relating to the Pinewood Motor Camp."*

CARRIED

#### 3h. Stormwater Issues to be addressed in Foxton and Foxton Beach

Submitters Michele Lack, Richard White, Paul Stevens, Holly Robinson, Wendy Walton, Allan Cuthbertson, Kevin Higgin and Bob Chatfield all spoke in relation to the problems they were experiencing with flooding in Motuiti Road and the toll it was taking on their properties, their personal lives, their physical, emotional and economic wellbeing.

It was suggested that, while this was not a new problem, it had been worse in the last three or so years, and with the prospect of global warming, it was not believed that the situation would improve without suitable intervention.

Copies of notes provided by Mrs Lack, Mr White, Mr & Mrs Robinson, Mr & Mrs Walton and Mr Chatfield are **attached** to the official minutes.

Mr Ward noted the attendance at the meeting of Mr Potts, Council's Community Assets Manager. He requested that the submitters speak with Mr Potts after the meeting to arrange a suitable time for Mr Potts to visit their properties to discuss their concerns. Officers would report back to the Board once Mr Potts and his staff had had an opportunity to undertake their inspection.

The issue of Kings Canal was also raised, with it suggested that this was a Regional Council issue and Horizons should be approached to take responsibility for maintaining this waterway.

Mr Roache proposed a resolution suggesting that the Foxton Community Board should write to the Regional Council outlining its concerns and laying the responsibility of Kings Canal on the Regional Council and saying that any costs incurred by the District Council in relation to Kings Canal would be passed on to Horizons.

Mr Potts noted that Council did have some responsibility in relation to Kings Canal and had to ensure that flows into the canal and elsewhere happened in a controlled manner. It was important that both Councils worked together and this was being worked towards.

## Resolved

(Allan / Gimblett)

*"THAT the Foxton Community Board communicates to Horizons Regional Council our concerns about the recent flooding and ask that we meet with them to discuss where our responsibilities lie and next steps."*

### CARRIED

Mr Ward advised that he and Council's Wastewater Engineer, Erin Ganley, were meeting with Horizons tomorrow and this would be included in the discussions. He would report back to the November 2010 Community Board meeting on the issue.

### 3i. Forbes Road Marketing

Mr Ward informed the meeting that the agreements that were to be presented tonight had not yet been finalised. These would be included on the November 2010 Board Meeting agenda.

Mr Ten Have joined the table to speak to this item. He expressed his concern at the amount that had been spent on the subdivision, particularly as the Foxton township decision makers on the Board had exceeded those that lived at the Beach and he did not believe they had been good stewards of the Freeholding Account. He believed this subdivision had been a bad investment and his suggestion to address the problem was to sell the properties as quickly as possible to preclude incurring any further costs.

Community Board members commented:

- the Freeholding Fund had been boosted by the work of the Board;
- issue was taken with the comment that Board Members had not been working in the best interests of the people at Foxton Beach;
- the subdivision has not been a bad investment;
- whilst it was unfortunate that the subdivision had come on to the market at the time of a downturn, it was important to get sections sold in the subdivision without having a negative effect on the local real estate market;
- maintaining a particular standard was essential.

Mr Mike Coupe expressed a differing view to Mr Ten Have saying that his advice would be not to put the whole subdivision on the market at once; this could take 5-10 years to resolve. There was a big land bank there that had been well managed and it was important to optimise returns.

### 3k. Foxton Streetscape Feedback

Mr Ward advised the list of submissions provided with the Agenda was not a comprehensive list, with some submissions being received after the circulated list had been compiled. These submissions would be included on the Board's Agenda for first meeting after the elections.

### 3l. Acknowledgements

Mr Vertongen, on behalf of the Community Board, thanked Council officers for their efforts during the Board's term. He acknowledged his fellow Board Members and their contribution over the past three years, particularly Mr Murdoch who was not standing for another term.

Mr Gimblett, on behalf of Board Members, acknowledged the work done by Mr Vertongen and his efforts on behalf of the community.

**Item-499 Resource Consents Issued**

**File No 4301**

**Purpose**

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

**Resolved**

(Allan / Ellwood)

*“THAT Report 4301 be received.”*

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

***Foxton Subdivision Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority  
21/08/10 to 23/09/10***

<b>Date</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Subdivider</b>	<b>Address</b>
16-Sep-10	2816	Horowhenua District Council	7 Main Street, Foxton
21-Sep-10	3014	Geoffrey & Jane Lynch	21 Bond Street, Foxton Beach

***Foxton Land Use Resource Consents Granted Under Delegated Authority  
21/08/10 to 23/09/10***

<b>Date</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>
23-Aug-10	2987	Nigel Van Der Schouw	3A Marine Parade North, Foxton Beach
24-Aug-10	2992	Jodi & Ellen Iwanica	108 State Highway 1, Foxton/Himatangi
27-Aug-10	2994	Peter & Judith Chiles	46A Purcell Street, Foxton Rural
2-Sep-10	2996	Jennifer Cohr	16 Shortt Street, Foxton Beach
7-Sep-10	3006	Duncan Campbell	40 Nelson Street, Foxton Beach
8-Sep-10	2970	Christopher & Jaimee Thompson	23 Ladys Mile, Foxton,”

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved**

(Roache / Gimblett)

*“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 30 August 2010 (Minute Items 492-493)  
Item 500 - In Committee Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 4 October 2010**

This report is **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, 7 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(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 / Gimblett)

*"THAT His Worship the Mayor be requested to remain in the meeting to take advantage of his knowledge in relation to an item on the In Committee Agenda."*

**MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.08 pm.

In accordance with Standing Order 3.18.2 these Minutes were

AUTHENTICATED this                      day of    2010

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**Chairperson**

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**Chief Executive Officer**