
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Manawatu College Library, Ladys Mile, Foxton, on Monday 18 September 2017 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr D J Roache
Deputy Chairperson	Ms P R Metcalf
Members	Mr D A Allan Cr N G Gimblett Mr J F Girling

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Miss M Davenport	
Mayor M Feyen	
Mr G Saidy	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
Mr R Srivastava	(Asset Planning Manager)
Mr M McGunnigle	(Water Services Engineer)
Cr R J Brannigan	

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Collis	(“Chronicle”)
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Ms Lundie.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Girling:

THAT the apology from Ms Lundie be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

Michael Feyen Item 17/445 – Monitoring Report
 Item 17/375 – Chief Executive’s Report

Olaf Eady Item 17/375 – Chief Executive’s Report
 3.8 – Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

7.1 Monitoring Report
 17/32 *Electronic Sign – Manawatu College*

David Allan as he was a teacher at Manawatu College.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 7 August 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Manawatu College Student – Potential Community Board Appointee

Meghan Davenport was welcomed to the table. Ms Davenport introduced herself, saying she was a Year 12 Manawatu College student. She was also a member of Youth Voice, which had been talking about ways of engaging with problem youth. She said saw this as an opportunity to gain more information that could assist with that goal.

With this appointment being an outcome of the recent Community Boards’ Conference as a means of getting young people involved, Mr Roache thanked Ms Davenport for her presentation and willingness to participate.

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the Foxton Community Board approves the appointment of a Manawatu College Student to participate in the Foxton Community Board meetings for the 2016-2019 triennium, with speaking but no voting rights.

CARRIED

Following the resolution being passed, Meghan was welcomed to the table.

Horowhenua District Council Update

With this to be a regular opportunity to brief not only Board Members but also members of the community on Council matters, Cr Gimblett's comments covered:

- Council Youth Scholarships which were now open for applications. Information was available on Council's website;
- Civic Honours Awards which were also open for nominations;
- Matters arising from the last Council meeting:
 - Council had agreed to use funds from the Freeholding Account towards the Nash Parade/Bond Street upgrade;
 - there were a number of items that had gone out for public consultation, including Plan Change 1 – Heritage Buildings; Additions to the Resource Consent Schedule of Fees and Charges; Gambling and TAB Policies. Information on these was on Council's website;
- the passing of a Provisional Local Alcohol Policy which, if no objections were received within 30 days, would come into force;
- economic growth, which was currently a Council focus. From a Foxton perspective of the 208 resource consents throughout the district, 33 related to the Kere Kere Ward, which was just below the average but well up on past years;
- the Council Long Term Plan process which would carry on through into next year. The intention was to get out and consult with the community throughout October and into November so the community viewpoint could be incorporated into the LTP;
- a Council briefing held on the Representation Review. The Review, with the Community Board would be involved in, would be held over the next year and information could be found on Council's website.

Noting the public meeting on the Foxton Pool that would be held tomorrow evening, 7.00 pm at the College, Mr Roache advised there would be a survey available for interested people to fill out after the meeting and drop off at the Library.

It was requested that the survey also be available on Council's website for people to complete.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 18 September 2017

Purpose

To present to Foxton Community Board the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of the Community Board.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 17/445 Monitoring Report to 18 September 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mayor Feyen commented on a number of items in the Monitoring Report, including:

- 16/59 – Flooding at the Foxton Cemetery – the new road where it had been raised appeared to be having some impact. He had visited the cemetery with Maurice McGunnigle and hoped the issue could be addressed soon.
- 16/341 – Foxton River Loop Working Party – whilst the CE had been doing a

- lot of work on this, Mayor Feyen said it was his view, with the documentation that was available on the matter; it should be taken directly to Government to move it along.
- 16/341 – Foxton & Foxton Beach Water & Greensand filtration – what exactly did it do? Mr Saïdy advised it was a form of water treatment to remove ammonia and manganese out of the water.
 - 16/16 – Stormwater Catchment – he had visited the Rohan Teaz’s property to view the situation with Mr McGunnigle, who had it in hand.
 - 17/154 – Foxton Pool – the public meeting was tomorrow evening at 7.00 pm. He would put it on social media.
 - 17/271 – Stormwater/Road Upgrade – Nash Parade/Bond Street, Foxton Beach – he was glad this was to proceed.

and the Chief Executive’s Report:

- 3.3 – Foxton Main Street – there was a concern, because of the weather, at the length of time this was taking and financial ramifications for businesses;
- 3.9 – LTP 2015-2025 Monitoring Report:
 - No 43 – Opportunities for marketing of Foxton and Foxton Beach – he would like to be involved in that;
 - No 110 – he thought there would be more activity at Foxton Beach if and when the water was fixed.

The Monitoring Report was worked through with Members commenting on/querying the following:

Page 8 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Car Park

With the Monitoring Report comment recording that Horizons classified any alteration of the dunes as a non-complying activity, Mr Allen suggested the community should be canvassed on its views as to whether this should be progressed or not. His suggestion was supported by Mr Girling.

Mr Roache said he would like to see this discussed as part of the LTP process.

Mr Clapperton commented that it may not just be a matter of what the community wanted. The RMA process and the rules of the One Plan also needed to be taken into account.

16/59 – Foxton Cemetery

Officers had the flooding issues in hand.

16/16 – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Mr Roache advised he had a meeting with Messrs Strong and Foxall from Horizons later in the week and would report back to the Board on the outcome of that meeting.

Page 9 Increasing parking capacity in Thomas Place

Mr Clapperton advised Council’s Roding Team had this in hand.

Page 11 17/154 – Foxton Main Street Upgrade – North End

Mr Clapperton to speak to this later in the meeting.

Page 12 17/154 – New Whirokino Bridges

Council was endeavouring to arrange a meeting with NZTA representative(s).

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 18 September 2017

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 17/375 Chief Executive's Report to 18 September 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Requesting the report be taken as read, Mr Clapperton advised he would address two items in more detail: the Foxton Main Street North Upgrade and the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club's request for funding support.

3.7 Foxton and Beach Bowling Club

Having agreed to come back with some options as to how the Club could be supported with its development plans, Mr Clapperton outlined possible options particularly in terms of providing funding from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account should the Community Board have a desire to go down that path. He spoke in some detail about the possibility of providing a suspensory loan (for \$200,000) from the Freeholding Fund.

With the Freeholding Account Policy requiring community consultation on the use of funds there could be issues, in terms of:

- (a) timing, as the Club was seeking to progress the project over the summer period;
- (b) the quotes received, which had a deadline;
- (c) how the loan would be treated going forward should the community response be to not support the proposal;
- (d) if the community did not support the project the loan would have to be repaid and how that may occur - over time or in a lump sum - would require the Club's written response.

Mr Clapperton noted that suspensory loans had been used in the past, with an interest free loan having been provided to the Events Centre Trust for the construction of the stadium. That had been paid back over period of time with some funding support coming through from Council.

If the Board went down the suspensory loan path, there would need to be some tags with regard to the use of the facility so it could be used by the community, not just the Bowling Club. There had been an indication that there was willingness for other activities to occur as long as it did not compromise the activities of the Bowling Club. The loan would cover both the carpark and the green.

Council would also support the Club to seek third party funding for the capital component of the project, which it would be more likely to be successful if it was a multi-purpose facility.

Board Members discussed the proposal in some detail, with it stressed that, if the Board supported the proposal in principle, confirmation would be needed from the Club that it would repay the loan should community support not be forthcoming.

Mr Clapperton concurred that a discussion needed to be had with the Bowling Club and there also needed to be an assessment of the Business Case.

On behalf of the Bowling Club, Mr Oriel Martin said 450 signatures from the public had been received in support of the proposal. He also provided a copy of the quote and accompanying letter that had been received.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT THE Foxton Community Board agrees in principle to exploring the possibility of a suspensory loan from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund for the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club to build an artificial green and surrounding apron and upgrading the carpark subject to confirmation from the Club that it will pay back the loan if community support for the use of Freeholding Funds was not forthcoming.

CARRIED

Mr Clapperton said he would progress the matter with the Bowling Club.

3.3 Foxton Main Street Upgrade Project

Mr Clapperton tabled a Project Update on Main Street North prepared by Anna Wood which provided a summary of the process that had been undertaken to date. There had been four options identified after considerable stakeholder engagement. Two had been discounted and Mr Clapperton suggested that further engagement was needed with building and business owners, land owners and residents located in that vicinity, and the Horse-drawn Tram, Police and Fire Service before a final decision was made on the preferred option. Further engagement with iwi should also occur. The Board could also contribute in terms of the decision making. He stressed that it was not intended to relocate the cenotaph; the options were around roading and open space configuration.

3.4 Flooding Issues – Foxton and Foxton Beach

Mr Girling queried if anything had been done about the flooding that he had reported and the end of Cousins Avenue.

3.8 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Mr Clapperton responded to matters raised by Mr Eady in terms of the layout of the information provided, whether the Account was audited; and also queries in relation to the roading rate and how it was apportioned.

3.9 Long Term Plan 2015-2015 and Annual Plan 2016/17 Monitoring Reports

Shared Pathways

Responding to a communication from Cr Gimblett, Mr Clapperton noted that there had been a change in the way Council was proposing to deliver Shared Pathways. These would be largely on road reserves and the responsibility had been shifted to the Roding team. Part of the reason for the change was the ability to get subsidised funding. It had meant that there had been a delay in in the programme of works. He appreciated the frustration caused by the lack of physical works to date.

Page 21 – SORT

It was requested this remain on the Monitoring Report as SORT had not yet uplifted the whole of the allocated funded.

Mr Girling advised that the Chair of SORT had agreed to the formation of a joint working party to get quotes for the work involved so it was done professionally and to push the project on.

7.3 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

Purpose

To present details of decisions made under delegated authority in respect of Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Cr Girling:

THAT Report 17/372 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority be received.

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

CARRIED

7.20 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....