
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 22 Harbour Street, Foxton, on Monday 11 December 2017 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr D J Roache	(from 6.05 pm)
Deputy Chairperson	Ms P R Metcalf	
Members	Mr D A Allan	
	Cr N G Gimblett	
	Mr J F Girling	
	Ms J M Lundie	
	Miss M Davenport	(Student Appointee)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were approximately 37 people in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

Ms Metcalf, assumed the Chair for the commencement of the meeting.

The acknowledgement of Civic Award recipients, Christina Paton who had received a Civic Honour, and Meghan Davenport who had received a Youth Excellence Academia Scholarship received a round of applause.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Mayor Feyen and for Mr Roache for lateness.
NOTED

2 Public Participation

- 7.1 Monitoring Report - 14/32 - Sand Dune Management (page 8)
Parking capacity at Thomas Place (page 9)
Christine Paton
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- 7.2 CE's Report 3.4- 3.4 Foxton Beach Natural Hazards Working Party
Christina Paton
3.6 - Freeholding Account
Olaf Eady
- 7.3 Foxton & Beach Bowling Club - Oriel Martin, Foxton & Beach Bowling Club
John Barry
John Story
Dave Thomson

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 30 October 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Mr Roache assumed the Chair (6.05 pm).

8 Announcements

There were no announcements.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 11 December 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 Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 17/593 Monitoring Report to 11 December 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Page 8 Item 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Carpark

Noting it was proposed that this matter be discussed as part of the LTP process, Mrs Paton urged Council to consider obeying the One Plan Rule 13-9 and save a considerable amount of money.

Mr Clapperton responded that Council had to determine whether it had the appetite to apply for changes to resource consents in place and feedback would be required from the community for that course of action.

Mr Allan commented that the item was on the Monitoring Report as a

direct result of strong community support for the dunes to be lowered to provide visibility from the carpark. Whether that was still the community's view needed to be explored.

Page 9 Increasing parking capacity in Thomas Place

Mrs Paton requested a timeline for this item. She had spoken to the Foxton Beach School Principal that morning and he had outlined the works that could be implemented. She queried if there was a reason this implementation could not occur.

Apologising for the lack of Officer comment in the report, Mr Clapperton said his understanding was that the design work was currently being undertaken by Officers. The next step would be to get an engineer's estimate of the cost prior to going out for tender. It was anticipated it would come within the existing road maintenance budget.

Page 8 Item 16/59 – Toilet at the Foxton Cemetery

While the original issue re the toilet had been completed and would be removed from the report, it was requested that the Ashes Cemetery flooding remain a monitoring report item.

Page 8/9 Item 16/16 – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Responding to a query as to a timeline for the anticipated report, Mr Clapperton said his understanding was that Horizons and Council staff were working together based on the two sets of information they had available. Both Councils had done some data gathering work around stormwater issues both in terms of rural and urban areas. Officers were now meeting to compare that information. February 2018 would be the earliest that something would be brought back. There was a lot of work to be done in terms of asset management plans, but it was possible that the information would be available for the LTP process.

Page 9 Foxton & Foxton Beach Water

Mr Clapperton advised that the contract for the Foxton Beach Greensand Filter had been finalised and would be signed this week. The third week of June 2018 was the completion date. The long wait was due to the scramble for equipment from many other suppliers brought on by the issue at Havelock North and part of the delay was due to the need for a pilot scale trial.

Item 16/341 – Foxton River Loop Working Party

Mr Clapperton reported that the working party had been meeting for the past 18 months to discuss getting the water back into the River Loop. There were two courses of action being considered, one of which was opening up the existing channel, which would not be a long term solution. The long term solution would require some infrastructure and they were working with some key stakeholders to see if support could be garnered to support opening up the Loop. Another key thing would be to develop a robust business case and some funding would be sought from MfE and possibly the new Environment Minister to assist.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 11 December 2017

Purpose

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

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT Report 17/595 Chief Executive's Report to 11 December 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

3.4 Foxton Beach Natural Hazards Working Party

Mrs Paton recommended that the Economic and Environmental Fora be included in the workshop to be held early in the New Year as there was professional expertise that could be tapped into for free. She outlined the immediately identifiable hazards (flooding events, predicted sea level rise, tsunami, liquefaction and monitoring of aquifers), noting that there was still not an accurate aquifer map for this region.

Mr Clapperton said he thought this was a much broader topic than natural hazards and the risk of the unknown around climate change also needed to be incorporated into the discussion as there was a need to understand what that impact may be.

3.6 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Mr Clapperton responded to a number of queries from Mr Eady with regard to the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

7.3 Foxton and Beach Bowling Club

Purpose

For the Foxton Community Board to consider the allocation of \$200,000 from the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund (aka the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account) to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club Inc (FBBC) to enable work to proceed on the construction of an artificial bowling green and remedial works to the FBBC carpark.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT Report 17/614 Foxton and Beach Bowling Club be received.

THAT this decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

On behalf of the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club, Mr Oriel Martin spoke at some length and provided further information on the Club, its finances, its activities, its reach into the community and its vision for the future, to seek the Board's support for the provision of a grant to the Club of \$200,000 from the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund for construction of an artificial bowling green and remedial works to its carpark. He then responded to Board Members' queries with regard to how the Club would fare if the grant was \$153,000 (as provided in Option 2 of the Report); Club membership, with the majority of members being from Foxton Beach; and life expectancy of the proposed artificial turf.

Mr Martin tabled a letter from the Club's committee members in support of the application.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the letter in support from the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club's committee, as tabled, be received.

CARRIED

Speaking as an individual resident of the Foxton Beach community, Mr John Barry said he supported the Bowling Club's planned improvements but he did object to use of the Freeholding Fund. He thought the grant being sought was unrealistic and, looking at the Club's finances, he believed they had enough money available to do the project. He would support seeking funding from charitable trusts.

With there being only six days' notice of the public meeting, Mr John Story said he did not think that enough time for adequate consultation. Looking at the summary of submissions, he queried where the 21 'other residents' lived. At the public meeting there had been no business plan, nor any financials. Whilst there had been submission forms available at the public meeting, there had not been any available through other avenues and they should have gone to all residents at the Beach so everyone could have a say. The Freeholding Fund's Policy also allowed for only 50% of a total project to be funded and it was not much use having policies if they were not adhered to. He suggested the Board should be supporting the project but not subsidising it.

Mr Dave Thomson said if the job was going to be done it should be done properly and he would prefer the Board recommended to Council Option 1 (approve a \$200,000 grant, as recommended). As a beach resident Mr Thomson said he would rather see the Endowment Fund's money spent at Foxton Beach rather than in the town.

Board Members discussed the four options in the report explaining the reasoning behind their preferred choice.

Mr Clapperton also noted that should the Board choose option 3 it would have three days to come up with some further projects to be considered as part of the LTP process next year.

To progress the debate, it was:

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the Foxton Community Board does not approve a grant to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club pending further community consultation during the 2018-2038 LTP consultation process.

With there being three for the recommendation (Mr Roache, Cr Gimblett and Mr Allan), and three against, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the resolution which was, therefore,

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned briefly (7.35-7.40 pm).

7.4 Foxton Main Street

Purpose

To allow the Foxton Community Board to confirm the roading and open space configuration for the northern end (Cenotaph) of Main Street, Foxton.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT Report 17/616 Foxton Main Street be received.

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

CARRIED

Ms Metcalf commenced the discussion expressing her support for the 'connect north and west' concept giving her reasons. In looking at the options, she noted that they had arisen from workshops and had been proposed by the community. It was only after investigation that the first two options were ruled out, and then the roundabout in Option 3 was ruled as not workable by roading.

Ms Lundie said she thought the process had been flawed. She said she would be supporting option 3 as she did not support cutting off Ravensworth Place and she did not believe pushing traffic passed the school was a good thing.

Mr Allan said there was a need to recognise that the cenotaph would not move. He also said the visual aspect of option 4 was something special as significant public space would be created and it would also tie in with Seaview Gardens at the other end of Main Street. It was not his choice because it was the only option, but because he could see it working, and working well.

Mr Girling expressed his concern that option 4 was going to cause difficulties for the horse drawn tram and queried if they had been involved in discussion on the various options.

Beginning by acknowledging that any decision made was going to inconvenience someone and also commenting on the time that had elapsed since the street had last been upgraded, Cr Gimblett said that any decision made was not about now but was about the future. He would be supporting connecting north and west because it would provide the best future for the town.

Miss Davenport expressed her support for option 4 as there had been some problems for members of the public for cultural reasons with other options, and for pedestrian safety as well as it was a route she walked to school every day.

Mr Roache also expressed his views on the various options.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT the Foxton Community Board endorses the 'connect north and west' concept for the final roading and open space configuration for the northern end (Cenotaph) of Main Street, Foxton.

CARRIED

For the recommendation: Ms Metcalf, Cr Gimblett Mr Allan and Mr Roache.

Against: Ms Lundie, Mr Girling.

7.5 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 Gimblett:

THAT Report 17/374 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

Mr Roache acknowledged the great job done by Mr Clapperton and Council staff on the opening of Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. It was a pleasure to see people enjoying the facility and the comments received had been excellent. He requested that Mr Clapperton pass his comments back to the appropriate people. Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom was a credit to Foxton and a credit to the Horowhenua.

8.00 pm

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

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....