
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 26 June 2017 at 6.07 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mr D J Roache
Deputy Chairperson Ms P R Metcalf
Members Mr D A Allan
Mr J F Girling
Ms J M Lundie

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton (Chief Executive)
Mr G Saidy (Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Cr Gimblett, Cr Brannigan and Mayor Feyen.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

That the apologies from Councillors Gimblett and Brannigan, and Mayor Feyen, accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

- 7.1 Notices of Motion – Flooding at Foxton Beach
Colleen Marlow
Gayle Heine
Rohan Teaz
Dave Thomson
Joy Hansen
Robert Hair
Christina Paton
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3.8 MavTech
3.9 Foxton Pools
Christina Paton
- 3.11 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
Olaf Eady
- 7.4 Stormwater/Roading Upgrade = Nash Parade/Bond Street, Foxton Beach
Christina Paton
Dave Thomson

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 3 April 2017

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 3 April 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

There were no announcements.

7 Reports

7.1 Notices of Motion

Purpose

In accordance with Standing Order 26.1, to place on the 26 June 2017 Foxton Community Board Agenda Notices of Motion as submitted by Board Member Jenny Lundie:

MOVED by Ms Lundie, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT Report 17/296 on Notices of Motion be received.

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

CARRIED

In terms of the first NoM item, Colleen Marlow, Gayle Heine, Rohan Teaz, Dave Thomson, John Hansen and Robert Hair each spoke with feeling on the flooding issues in both Foxton and Foxton Beach and the effect that was having on them and their properties. They provided detail on their individual situations and expressed frustration at what they saw as lack of action by Council. Ms Heine and Mr Teaz provided pictures of flooding at their properties.

In expressing her support for the Notice of Motion, Mrs Paton said she was disappointed that there was not an up-to-date map included with the report showing current or historical flooding sites. Commenting on recent flooding around her property she suggested that there had been some bad planning decisions made.

Ms Lundie spoke to the Notice of Motion expressing her motivation for bring it and her sympathy for those affected by the flooding. She appreciated for some it was not easy to come and speak, particularly if they felt when they had spoken they had not been listened to. She hoped the Notice of Motion would assist in moving things along.

Council's Group Manager – Infrastructure Services, Mr Saidy, said Council had listened to the concerns; however the flooding issues at Foxton and Foxton Beach were a bigger problem than appreciated. It could not be solved by reacting to individual problem areas. Council was looking at it at a higher level which included the whole district as flooding was not just a problem for Foxton and Foxton Beach. Modelling had been done of what was occurring now and some modelling had been done for Foxton and Foxton Beach on the amount of stormwater coming through the towns, whether the pipes could handle flows and where the bottle necks were. Recently there had been repeated events over a short space of time and because they could not be immediately solved he could appreciate the frustrations coming through.

As Council was going into its Long Term Plan process, Mr Saidy said that would provide a forum for affected people to raise their issues and for a solution to be identified. Council was working with Horizons particularly on the Foxton scheme and Horizons was looking at what was coming from farms into Foxton. Based on the solutions identified it could be ascertained who was going to contribute in terms of funding. In terms of timeframes for the LTP, discussions would occur in July/August and the proposed solution for stormwater would go through that process.

In the short term, Mr Saidy said he would be happy to provide and deliver, free of charge, sandbags to affected people and he requested those interested to contact him.

Mr Clapperton said he would undertake to ensure that sufficient resources were in place to address the short term issues that had been identified, including sandbagging and contingency maintenance.

To better capture what had been raised, Mr Clapperton suggested a change of wording to the Notice of Motion in relation to addressing flooding issues, which was agreed to by Ms Lundie and Mr Allan. It was therefore:

MOVED by Ms Lundie, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the Foxton Community Board requests that Council Officers present the findings of the stormwater catchment investigations for Foxton and Foxton Beach through a community engagement programme, with a view of developing an agreed solution for stormwater management in the area, to be incorporated into the 2018/28 Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

In terms of the second item with regard to provision of a southbound bus stop, it was

agreed this would lay on the table, and be included on the Monitoring Report, until a definitive response was received from InterCity.

Ms Metcalf did note that the bus shelter on the other side of the road had not been provided by Council but had been a private arrangement with fundraising done by the Community Board.

7.2 Monitoring Report to 26 June 2017

Purpose

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

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 17/153 Monitoring Report to 26 June 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Paton spoke to the following items on the Monitoring Report, providing a copy of her comments:

Page 10 Item 14/32 – Sand Dune Management Surf Club Car Park

This was still ongoing. She recommended it be removed from the Monitoring Report as there was no sand blow problem as the foredunes had reached a protective height, thus saving \$25,000 per annum for car park cleaning. The \$25,000 figure had been provided by Mr Clapperton.

Mr Roache said he did not support Mrs Paton's comments and the reason why it was still on the Monitoring Report was Mr Nelson had been requested to investigate a lowering of the dunes to the kerb and channel so people could enjoy the view from the car park.

Mrs Paton responded that the foredunes were protecting the community as during the last big storm that had been no sand blow.

Page 12 – CE's Report – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Noting the Officer's comment, Mrs Paton recommended that the Catchment Management Plan be offered to the Community Board in the first instance; public input should be implemented and urgency applied to the entire process.

Referring back to the Notice of Motion resolution, Mr Clapperton said the report was in train. When finalised it could be brought to the Foxton Community Board; however the wording in the Monitoring Report did need updating.

Mr Hutchings spoke to the Roore Street Drainage item on the Monitoring Report saying he was a resident of Roore Street that regularly got flooded and he was not very happy. He outlined his issues which included: the delay in utilising a CCTV camera to check pipes for blockages, which may have been avoided if there had been regular maintenance; survey markings had been ignored; work on drains that may have been illegal; concern at staff behaviour/response; despite paying a significant amount in rates nothing had been done; under previous local bodies there had been good drain maintenance but not under HDC. In terms of maintaining drains through properties and to provide some control, he suggested, as occurred in some areas, that there should be an easement or covenant on titles so that where a drain went through a property the owner needed to maintain it.

With regard to comments made about staff members, Mr Clapperton said people could speak to him directly if they had an issue.

Page 11 16/59 – Feasibility of Installing a Toilet at Foxton Cemetery
Completed.

However, it was noted that since the new road had been installed there had been flooding at the Ashes Cemetery. A site visit with Mr Nelson to be arranged.

Page 13 16/341 – Foxton River Loop Working Party

Mr Girling advised that Mr Hapi had spoken to all three iwi. Justin Tamihana would be invited to join so there would be representation from three iwi involved.

Mr Clapperton said it was important that an update report be received from the Working Party on short and long term initiatives.

Foxton & Foxton Beach Water

Mr Saïdy advised that costings were still awaited and then it would need to go through the LTP process.

Mr Clapperton added that Council had identified what was believed would be a solution going forward. Now that needed to be developed by way of a business case. In terms of Foxton water, Council had come a long way particularly in terms of management of manganese in the water and this was still being monitored. The feedback to date had been very positive.

Page 14 Increasing parking capacity in Thomas Place

Mr Clapperton said that Council was working with the School and Roding Team on a solution.

Querying why there was no item number for this, Mrs Paton suggested it should be addressed immediately as there were safety issues involved. Thomas Place was literally shut down to a one way street when pupils were being delivered or picked up and it was potential very dangerous.

In terms of the item number, Mr Clapperton advised there had been no report on this item; hence no number. With regard to a long term solution, it may involve land that was not Council land and that needed to be worked through with the School/MoE which could take time. He would bring an update back to the next Board meeting.

17/32 - Electronic Sign – Manawatu College

Mr Clapperton advised that specific funding had not been allocated, but Officers were working with the College to identify funding opportunities and support applications for funding.

17/26 - Draft Local Alcohol Policy Consultation

Completed

17/125 – Proposed Changes to the Areas Dogs are allowed in the Kere Kere Ward

Mr Clapperton said he would send an email updating members on this item, with Mr Roache also querying if anything had been done about the dog signage that had been requested.

7.3 Chief Executive's Report to 26 June 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 Girling:

THAT Report 17/154 Chief Executive's Report to 26 June 2017 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Paton spoke to the following report items:

3.3 Foxton Community Board's Boundary

A change in report layout was suggested for ease of assimilation of information. Discussion on the matter with the Foxton community was suggested sooner rather than later.

Mr Clapperton responded that it was early days yet and legislation prescribed the process Council needed to follow. Perhaps it would have been better not to have included maps at this stage.

Mr Roache added that people in Motuiti Road had raised the Board's boundary with him and he had requested that it be included on the Agenda to signal an expressed desire for a boundary change.

3.4 Lack of Cycle/Walkway – new Whirokino Bridges

The public had been promised at the time of the original consultation that clip-on cycleways would be provided and NZTA should be reminded of this.

3.8 MAVtech

A financial up-date on what had been spent on MAVtech to date was requested. With the Foxton Memorial Hall also being a seismic risk, other options and whether upkeep was value for money needed to be examined.

Mr Roache commented that it was nice to have history preserved but was it affordable and could it be done better. It had been included in the LTP process.

Mr Clapperton supported Mr Roache's comments about looking at what was being delivered out of the facility going forward to determine what, if anything, should be invested. It would be pointless to bring it up to earthquake standards when future use and sustainability had not been assessed.

3.9 Foxton Pool

Despite adequate research being done, this facility had been poorly constructed and someone should be held ot account.

Mr Roache said the Board would be putting a submission into the LTP for this as he believed it was an LTP issue and it needed to go out to the public to find out why the Pool was not being used. He would like to have a public meeting solely around the Pool and get public input from everybody who had an interest in it to see if there was desire to retain it before going to Council as part of the LTP process.

Mr Olaf Eady spoke to 3.11 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account giving a background to the Fund, how it had come about and how it should be operated. He then queried the amount that had gone into the upgrade of the Pinewood Camp, which had later been sold and what appeared to be a loss on sale.

Mr Clapperton explained how this had been treated in the accounts with normal accounting practice having been followed and he also addressed the Development Contribution query raised by Mr Eady. Mr Clapperton said he would be happy to sit down with Mr Eady and discuss the figures with him. He also agreed to provide a

summary of the Financial Statements for the Freeholding Fund for 2015.

Mr Clapperton worked through his report providing additional comment as required.

3.2 Foxton Main Street Upgrade

Responding to a query from Ms Lundie if the results of the workshop held with regard to the Cenotaph would come to the Community Board before they were released to the public, Mr Clapperton said while he did not know when that would be available, the concept around that area would certainly come back to the Board.

3.4 Lack of Cycle/walkway – new Whirokino Bridges

What the Board's response to this should be was discussed including requesting the CE to set up a meeting with NZTA and to also include the local MP.

Mr Clapperton suggested that it was something he could approach NZTA on to see if there was a willingness to come and speak to the Community Board about the programme of works that was being undertaken, which may also include the bigger picture around the Roads of National Significance.

Mr Saidy did say his understanding was that although there would be no dedicated cycle lanes, sufficient space had been provided on both sides for cyclists.

3.7 Foxton Wastewater Treatment Plant Hearing

The possibility of Council working with Turks to introduce sludge drying was raised by Mr Girling.

Mr Clapperton said it was a business decision the company would need to make itself. Council was currently discussing the company's intentions and may work with them in terms of treatment of their waste and also with regard to water.

3.9 Foxton Pool

Mr Roache reiterated the need for a public meeting, otherwise the status quo would continue.

Mr Clapperton said a public meeting could be initiated to see what the community wanted going forward. It may mean that a significant capital investment would be required. The budget of \$1.5m was never going to be enough to provide a long term sustainable facility so the community now needed to decide what it wanted in terms of Aquatics going forward and what would be needed to meet future requirements.

3.10 New Zealand Community Board's Conference – 2017

Mr Girling read out his summary of the Community Board's Conference.

Ms Metcalf said she would be happy to workshop their Conference attendance to share the knowledge gained.

Following on from the Conference attendance, Mr Roache advised that he was keen to try and get a Manawatu College student appointed to the Board. He had approached Mr McIntyre and had also spoken to Council's Graduate Community Development Advisor, Joshua Wharton, and now need the Board's endorsement of the idea. The appointee would have full speaking but no voting rights.

The Board Members expressed their support for the idea and it was suggested that the School elect the appointee.

7.4 Stormwater/Roading Upgrade - Nash Parade/Bond Street, Foxton Beach

Purpose

To discuss an option for carrying out the physical works of the proposed stormwater and roading upgrade of Bond Street and Nash Parade in the upcoming 2017-18 Financial Year.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 17/271 Stormwater/Roading Upgrade - Nash Parade/Bond Street, Foxton Beach be received.

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

CARRIED

Mrs Paton spoke succinctly to this report saying "Get on with it and yes, use the Freeholding Fund. It was about time the Freeholding Fund was spent in Foxton Beach".

Mr Thomson expressed a concern that the report was too vague with not enough detail. He also queried dipping into the Freeholding Fund as rates were paid district wide and were being used to address the stormwater issues in NE Levin so Levin people should help to pay for Foxton Beach stormwater. While he said he did want it to go ahead, the Board did need to know the cost and the time it would take.

Ms Lundie expressed her discomfort with what was proposed as there was not enough information with regard to cost and also with the Freeholding Fund being used.

Requesting that the report be taken as read, Mr Saidy responded to Members questions in relation to exactly where the work would be undertaken with the reasoning being to widen that section of road and resolve the stormwater issues that occurred when it rained. The figures provided were just an estimate based on a very high level concept design. 52% of the funding would be provided by NZTA, with the balance being proposed from the Freeholding Fund.

Mr Clapperton noted it was not the Board's place to question costs; that was an operational matter. There was a procurement process that would be undertaken, which would include a tender process. If this project was not progressed now funds from NZTA may potentially not be available for the foreseeable future. Also the only way to progress this was through the Freeholding Fund as it was not included in the LTP.

Following discussion and with all but Ms Lundie, who still expressed her misgivings, supporting the proposal, it was:

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account be utilised for the purpose of funding the local share of the Nash Parade and Bond Street upgrade project.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Members: David Allan
John Girling
Patricia Metcalf
David Roache

Against:

Ms Jennifer Lundie abstained.
The division was declared CARRIED by 4 votes to 0.

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 Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 17/152 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

9.10 pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....