
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Blue Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 22 Harbour Street, Foxton, on Monday 10 September 2018 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	(from 6.20 pm)
	Mr J F Girling	
	Ms J M Lundie	
	Miss M Davenport	(Student Appointee)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
Mr A Grant	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor M Feyen	
Mr R J Brannigan	(from 6.15 pm)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

An apology for lateness was recorded for Cr Gimblett.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the apology for lateness from Councillor Gimblett be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

Ted Melton 7.1 Monitoring Report
77/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 30 July 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

The HDC update would await Cr Gimblett's arrival.

Mr Allan advised that he would like to raise the Cemetery stormwater issue with a view to it being reinstated on the Monitoring Report.

Ms Lundie also suggested the Pump Track should still be on the Monitoring Report as seating had yet to be addressed.

Mr Girling queried the status of the letter that had been received in relation to vandalism at the River Loop as it was something that the Board should discuss.

Update from Foxton Community Board Student Appointee, Meghan Davenport

FCB Student Appointee and also Chair of Youth Voice (YV), Miss Davenport, saying she had anticipated that Deputy Chair, Oliver Parrant, would be in attendance to speak about Tu Whitia Te Hopo, gave a background to Youth Voice, explaining that Youth Voice was Horowhenua's Youth Council made up of a group of 12-24 year olds. Members were selected each year through a written application and interview process. YV focussed on supporting youth in multiple ways to improve their well-being. The Group had support from Council staff, representatives from schools in the region, and Councillors, and met on the first Tuesday of every month.

Miss Davenport outlined the various projects and activities that YV had been or would be involved in, which included:

- making a submission to NZQA on how NCEA could be improved;
- carrying through on the plan from the 2017 Youth Voice to purchase a portable soccer field. This had been set up and used on Children's Day earlier in the year, supervised by Youth Voice members. A schools tour was planned for later in the year;
- organising Horowhenua's Got Talent later in the year and assisting on the night;
- working on a submission to Council to upgrade/improve the skate park;
- undertaking the Tu Whitia Te Hopo ("feel the fear and do it anyway") programme raising awareness of youth mental health. The programme was originally funded by the Ministry of Youth Development and was based on teaching young people how to talk with other youth about mental health.

At its latest meeting, YV considered ideas in relation to making a formal submission to Council on upgrading/improving the Skate Park.

With regard to the Skate Park improvement project, Ms Metcalf queried if that included users being picked up and dropped off. Miss Davenport said she did not think that was being considered but would suggest it be included in the brainstorming for the project.

Mr Roache thanked Miss Davenport for her update, particularly noting the importance of the mental health focus for young people as youth suicide was a serious issue.

Update from the Foxton Community Board Chair

Mr Roache reported as follows:

- he had represented the community and the RSA at the recent re-interment of Private Healey. He thanked Council, Officers and the RSA for the help with organising the day and for making available the plot next to Private Healey's grandfather;
- he had attended the FTDA signing of a contract with Cathy McCartney as Tourist Coordinator. This was a short-term position and he hoped that after Council saw the merit in such a position, it would be taken on board;
- he had met with representatives of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association, with a draft Memorandum of Understanding having been produced. The Board would continue to liaise with the Association;
- he had attended the MAVtech presentation of the concept plan produced by Workshop e. The plan had been well received by the Trustees, with the next step being a feasibility study;
- he was putting together information on the history of the Memorial Hall and was waiting on a reply from the Minister;
- a resident had brought to his attention that the servicemen's names on the northern side of the Cenotaph had faded and he would be writing to Council to have this addressed.

Responding to a query as to which Minister he was waiting to hear from, Mr Roache said originally it had been the Internal Affairs Minister; now it was the Minister for Local Government.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 10 September 2018

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 18/423 Monitoring Report to 10 September 2018 be received.

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

CARRIED

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It was noted that the whilst the entranceway work had been completed, there was still the issue of the fore-dunes with a response awaited from Horizons. It was requested that this remain on the Monitoring Report and a meeting be arranged between HRC, HDC and the FCB.

14/674 – Target Reserve

The status of the reactivation of the User Group was queried with an update requested.

Page 10 17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan

Speaking on behalf of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association and noting that he was a relative newcomer to the area, Mr Ted Melton, (who was accompanied by Ms Katharine Wilkinson, the Association's Chair), complimented those involved with producing the Investment Plan. He said that the Association was not only very supportive, but was very interested, and they had also been talking with a number of local people who were also interested and had high expectations.

Now that the Pump Track had been completed, people were wondering what would come next, with it fairly obvious that the Holben Te Wharangi Park looked like the next highest priority.

Cr Gimblett joined the meeting (6.20 pm).

Mr Melton expressed the Association's interest in being involved in whatever capacity it could play as an advocate for community-led development. Noting the workshop in the offing, the Association would appreciate the opportunity to have a presence should that be a possibility. With regard to the workshop, Mr Roache noted that would include the Kilmister Block as well as the Investment Plan. He would liaise with Mr Melton as to the Association's attendance.

18/209 – CE's Report – MAVtech

A time line for this was queried, with an update to be requested for the next FCB meeting.

Foxton Cemetery Stormwater

With this having been raised under Announcements, it was:

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Roache:

THAT the Foxton Cemetery Stormwater mitigation measures be reinstated on the Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

Speaking to the issue, Mr Allan said he was aware there was an on-going concern as to whether the mitigation measures were working as he understood that three weeks ago the ponds had been overflowing. This was important because at the end of the day it was about being landowners and having a duty of care for neighbours. An update was requested for the next Community Board meeting.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 10 September 2018

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 18/462 Chief Executive's Report to 10 September 2018 be received.

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

CARRIED

Mr Law worked through the CE's report adding further comment.

3.1 Economic Update

This had also been presented to the Business After 5 group and had been included in the last Council Agenda. It contained some good and bad news, with the District's economy starting to level off a bit.

Ms Lundie queried how tourism expenditure was broken down into categories with Mr Law saying he was not aware of the methodology but would find out.

3.2 Foxton Beach Water

This was good news, with no complaints having been received.

3.3 Marketing Plan / Te Awahou Signage

To be included on the Monitoring Report, and:

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT an update on the Marketing Plan/Te Awahou Signage be presented to the next Foxton Community Board meeting.

CARRIED

3,4 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Queries were raised in relation to how, and for what, Administration was apportioned, noting the \$69,000 in the current financial year.

The grant to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club was also discussed, with a portion of the grant (\$60,000) showing for this financial year. With the Club having changed what was going to be undertaken (such as one artificial turf rather than two), whether or not the grant should be re-evaluated was raised.

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 Mr Girling:

THAT Report 18/424 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

Horowhenua District Council Update

Cr Gimblett said that in terms of Council actions or decisions that affected the Foxton/Foxton Beach area, there was not a lot to report. However, the Hearings Committee had considered earthquake-prone buildings and had brought back a recommendation that would leave Foxton out of the earthquake-prone area. At this stage, the report to Council for its adoption lay on the table because there was the possibility of government revisiting its decisions in terms of provincial areas due to the pressure from a number of Councils around the country.

Central government had recently released its national transportation programme. There was some concern that the O2NL expressway had been scrapped, but that was not the case. It was still listed in the plan as being under evaluation. The expectation was that this would be carried forward, with Council's main aim being to get this designated even if the build was some time away.

Last week the Environment Court had made a decision on Foxton Wastewater with the consent having been granted. Whilst he did not have all the details, it should mean that within three years Council would have its wastewater out of the river and Horowhenua would have all of its wastewater going to land. It would be one of the only Councils in the country putting all its wastewater to land. There was a limitation on the amount of wastewater that could be discharged so Council would need to do some work so there would be no infiltration of stormwater.

Responding to queries, Cr Gimblett explained priority areas and the time frames in the legislation in terms of earthquake-prone buildings.

With Council taking its wastewater out of the river, how it should approach the Councils upriver was raised. Mr Roache said once Horowhenua District Council had its own house in order it would be in a stronger position when dealing with those Councils going forward.

Prior to the meeting concluding, Mr Law introduced Andrew Grant, Council's recently appointed Group Manager – Infrastructure Services.

6.50 pm

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

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BOARD HELD ON

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CHAIRPERSON:.....