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# Foxton Community Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Stuart Ellwood Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton, on Monday 22 March 2021 at 5.00pm.

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### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Mr D J Roache  
**Deputy Chairperson** Ms P R Metcalf  
**Members** Cr D A Allan  
Cr R J Brannigan  
Mr T J Chambers  
Mr J F Girling  
Ms N J Newland

### IN ATTENDANCE

**Reporting Officer** Mr D M Clapperton (Chief Executive)  
Ms C H Marheine (Meeting Secretary)

#### 1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 2 Public Participation

There were three requests for Public Participation to speak to 5.1 - Foxton War Memorial Hall submission item.

Brett Russell Mr Russell shared his connection with the Foxton War Memorial Hall and spoke to the submission. Mr Russell referred to the Shannon War Memorial Hall and used this as a successful example of a facility being returned to Community Ownership.

Nola Fox Ms Fox spoke to the submission and responded to the questions raised by the Board members.

Christina Paton Mrs Paton noted the Foxton War Memorial Hall Society was currently interim and not yet registered. Mrs Paton raised her concerns around the wording of the constitution, due diligence being met and Foxton Beach Community engagement.

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#### 4 Declaration of Interest

Three members of the Board Mr Trevor Chambers, Ms Ngaire Newland and Chairperson Mr David Roache declared a non-financial conflict of interest. Mr Clapperton asked the members to vacate the table. Ms Tricia Metcalf was asked to chair the meeting in her capacity as Deputy Chairperson.

#### 5 Announcements

There were no announcements

#### 5 Reports

##### 5.1 Foxton War Memorial Hall Submission

###### Purpose

To discuss the Foxton War Memorial Hall Submission to the Horowhenua District Council 2021-2041 Long Term Plan, submitted by Mr David Roache on behalf of the interim Foxton War Memorial Hall incorporated society seeking support from the Foxton Community Board.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT Report 21/82 Foxton War Memorial Hall Submission be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

The Board members discussed the submission in detail and sought clarification from the two public participants Mr Russell and Ms Fox representing the Foxton War Memorial Hall Interim Incorporated Society on the items outlined below in the submission.

- The budget including proposed income and expenditure.
- Funding options.
- Earthquake strengthening.
- Community Hall vs income stream commercial activities.
- Use of demand for the Hall.
- What is the plan if the proposal is not successful or sustainable.
- What if Council says no, will the submission fall over.
- What are the challenges with there being an existing community facility (TANS) within the community.

Councillors Allan and Brannigan made it clear that the Council would have tough decisions to make through this LTP process due to the growth in the district. There would be a strong focus on whether the item for consideration was a need or a want.

The Board discussed the need for the resolution to be amended or a second resolution added as the submission is seeking two items. First the sale or gifting of the Hall to a Foxton-based incorporated society, second that Council considered an annual grant towards the operating costs for a period of six years.

Mr Clapperton agreed there was a need for a separate recommendation relating to the annual grant request, and that this would be part of a separate report through the LTP process. The current resolution was focussed on the Foxton Community Board's support for the submission to Council to consider the return of the Hall to Foxton Community ownership.

Following an amendment to the resolution by the Board to include 'consider', it was:

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Mr Girling:

*THAT the Foxton Community Board supports the submission to the Horowhenua District Council 2021-2041 Long Term Plan, to consider the return of the Foxton War Memorial Hall to Foxton Community ownership through the sale or gifting of the hall to a Foxton-based incorporated society.*

**CARRIED**

5.56 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:**.....