
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Blue Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton, on Monday 23 September 2019 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
Ms J M Lundie

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer Mr M J Lester (Group Manager – Corporate Services)
Meeting Secretary Mrs K J Corkill

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor M Feyen (to 6.55 pm)
Cr R J Brannigan

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Student Appointee, Kenyon Hunia.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Girling:

THAT the apology from Kenyon Hunia be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

Cr Brannigan 7.1 Monitoring Report
- Increasing Parking capacity in Thomas Place

Mayor Feyen 7.1 Monitoring Report
7.2 Reporting Officer's Report

- Rosalie Huzziff 7.2 Reporting Officer's Report
– 3.1 Foxton Pools
- Ted Melton 7.1 Monitoring Report
- Increasing Parking capacity in Thomas Place (page 9)
- 17/39 – Reserves Investment Plan Review
- 19/7 - Update on Foxton Beach Foredunes
- 19/150 - Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track
- 19/162 – Holben Reserve Wetland Development
- 7.2 Reporting Officer's Report
- 3.2 – Foxton Growth Area Master Plan
- 3.3 – National Policy Statements
- 3.4 – Climate Change Response – MOU
- 3.5 – Foxton Beach Community Plan

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations 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, 29 July 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Horowhenua District Council Update

In his HDC update, Cr Gimblett highlighted three significant issues for the district, not necessarily just for Foxton. These were:

- the issue of housing, with Council having had a few workshop and was now working with other groups and agencies to see what could be done to improve timelines, particularly with regard to affordable housing;
- National Policy Statements, including one on the use of highly productive land and what impact that could have on the Horowhenua;
- an Horizons Regional Council Plan Change which aimed to reduce the nitrogen leaching into waterways.

Other than that, the relevant issues for Foxton were in the Agenda.

Responding to a query, Cr Gimblett said he did not have a list of the groups and agencies Council was working with in relation to housing, but it did include WINZ, Government agencies and something as simple as just talking to people and providing facilitation services to ensure everyone got the benefits they were entitled to and talking to builders and developers with regard to how Council could improve its planning processes.

With regard to what could happen to the district's growth factoring in the uncertainty of the expressway, Cr Gimblett said it would only be conjecture but further advice had become available on proposed growth which had exceeded what had been anticipated a year or two ago.

Commenting further on the issue of the district's growth, Mr Lester said that Council had in 2017/18 received advice through Sense Partners on projected growth and that was currently being reviewed as information received from Statistics New Zealand had shown that growth had outstripped original predictions by about 2%.

Update from the FCB Chair

Mr Roache commented:

- Marketing Meeting
A very positive marketing meeting had been held including Cathy McCartney, FTDA and Proudly Foxton, and Council's Marketing Specialist for Te Awahou Riverside Cultural Park, Arjan van der Boon. He had hoped that there would be an update on the marketing plan for this meeting, but had been advised it was a little premature and should be available for the next FCB meeting.
- Destinations Stand at Mystery Creek
Cathy McCartney and Council Officers had attended the New Zealand Motor Home Caravan & Leisure Show at Mystery Creek promoting the Horowhenua, Foxton and Foxton Beach as a destination. The weekend had been a great success, speaking and meeting with more than 2,500 people. Mr Roache said he would circulate the email he had received from Cathy McCartney on the event.
- East Drainage Scheme
Following the increase in his Horizons rates re the East Drainage Scheme, he had met with CE, David Clapperton, and had a meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning with Horizons CE, Michael McCartney, to query the East Drainage Scheme plans. He would keep people informed as to what was happening following his meeting at HRC.
- Memorial Hall
A public meeting for consultation with the community on the proposed sale of the Foxton Memorial Hall was to be held on 12 October, 2.00 pm at the Hall.
- Thank you
With this being the final meeting of the FCB for this triennium, he thanked his fellow Board Members, Council Officers and staff, and members of the public for their support over the past three years. He also wished candidates all the best in the coming elections.

Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc Update

Mr Melton tabled an Activities Summary for the FBPAI for Mid-2019 to Mid-2020, giving a more in depth explanation with regard to its various components and responded to queries from Board Members. Responding to a question in relation to the membership of the FBPAI, Mr Melton said current paid up membership was approximately 70.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 23 September 2019

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 19/276 Monitoring Report to 23 September 2019 be received.

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

CARRIED

Public Participation

Speaking to the Thomas Place parking item, Cr Brannigan raised the length of time that this had been on the Monitoring Report and his concerns about the lack of progress because of safety issues in Thomas Place at peak times, with the school roll currently standing at 200 and increasing. The issue appeared to be funding, but the report was vague when it came to detail. It appeared there was some NZTA funding available, but there was an issue with the balance. He suggested that this could be something the Board or a working party could look to progress as soon as possible after the election, including looking at using FB Freeholding Account funds. As it was a health and safety issue, it was queried if the MoE may have some funding available.

Summarising the Officer Comment in the report, Mr Lester said that in total the project would be approximately \$50,000. \$20,000 of the work was within Council's road reserve and would attract NZTA funding. The remaining work (a \$30,000 funding gap) was within the school grounds and he was unsure if the school had approached the MoE for funding.

Responding to a query as to why the Board had not seen the plans, Mr Lester said the Board would not normally be involved in the detailed design, but Officers had been looking for direction from the Board as to what steps might be taken in terms of funding, including if there was support for using funds from the FB Freeholding Account.

Recommending to the in-coming Board that this be made a priority was suggested. Mr Melton commented that as this was not in the 2019/20 Annual Plan it could not proceed this financial year but was something the new Board could take up particularly when it came to the possible use of Freeholding Fund monies.

Mayor Feyen commented on 16/16 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment and the diversion of water option being considered and also 14/674 Target Reserve saying there were some really exciting things happening there.

Mr Ted Melton covered the following: 17/39 Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan; 19/7 Update FB Carpark Foreduke Works; 19/150 New Holben Carpark Design and 19/162 Holben Wetland Development, providing a hard copy summarising his comments (a copy of which is attached to the official minutes).

Mr Lester then provided a verbal response to pre-presented questions from Ms Metcalf on Monitoring Report items: 16/16 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater; 16/162 Holben Reserve Wetland Development; 19/7 – 3.5 Signage at Foxton and Foxton Beach and Update on the Proposed Foxton Beach Carpark Foreduke Works; and Reporting Officer's Report items: 3.5 Foxton Beach Community Plan and Foxton Beach Freeholding Account (with regard to Heat Pumps in the FB School Hall): and responded to queries from Board members undertaking to email Board Members the information provided.

7.2 Reporting Officer's Report to 23 September 2019

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 19/277 Reporting Officer's Report to 23 September 2019 be received.

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

CARRIED

Public Participation

In his comments, Mayor Feyen covered:

- 3.2 'Te Wharangi' – Foxton Growth Area Master Plan – suggesting that the reference to Ngati Raukawa needed to be more specific with regard to hapu;
- 3.4 Climate Change Response – MOU – which he said he supported conceptually, but the implementation was another matter and was something that needed to be worked on;
- 3.5 Foxton Beach Community Plan – commenting favourably on the involvement of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association and the Association's leadership and aspirations.

In relation to 3.5 Foxton Beach Community Plan, there was a query as to why the FBPAI was leading this and not the Community Board.

Speaking on 3.1 Foxton Pools, Mrs Rosalie Huzziff raised the fact that there was no signage on SH1 directing people to the Foxton Pool. The only signage was in Main Street and she suggested that there needed to be clear signage on SH1, both at the north and south town boundaries, and the signs should be in white and blue.

Mr Melton spoke to:

- 3.2 'Te Wharangi' – Foxton Growth Area Master Plan – with the FBPAI keen to make a positive input, especially with regard to variety and sustainability;
- 3.3 Proposed National Policy Statements – applauding HDC for taking this seriously and consulting widely;
- 3.4 Climate Change Response – Memorandum of Understanding – the FBPAI was keen to engage in strategic 'conversations' with the Foxton Beach community;
- 3.5 Foxton Beach Community Plan – with there having been excellent work done by Officers, the feedback now being analysed prior to the Plan's first drafting.

Requesting that the report be taken as read, Mr Lester worked through the various items responding to queries from Board Members:

- 3.3 Proposed National Policy Statements
It was acknowledged that these were a huge issue for the Horowhenua, particularly the Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land. Council was extremely concerned and whilst there was a short time frame for response, both Elected Members and Council Officers were working hard in the advocacy space and Council would also be considering its submissions at its meeting on 2 October.
- 3.5 Foxton Beach Community Plan
With regard to whether Foxton would be having a Community Plan and who would be expected to drive that, he noted that at this point the result of the Foxton Futures Provincial Growth Fund proposal was awaited. That work already covered off what would be included in a Community Plan for Foxton and the outcome of the PGF application would determine what further was required to progress a Plan for Foxton and who would drive it.

- 3.1 Foxton Pools
Following from the successful opening, it was suggested that Officers should meet with pool users to put forward ideas for submission to the Annual Plan. Mr Lester said he would talk to the appropriate managers; however he noted that pool staff were engaging with pool users all the time and ideas were constantly being brought back to Council for consideration.
Also noted was the fact that the hoist was now available to assist people in and out of the pool and that should be communicated to those who could be interested such as residents in retirement villages.

- 3.6 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
It was confirmed that the heat pumps had been installed at the Foxton Beach School Hall and the account had been received by Council.

7.3 Resource Consenting (Planning) Matters Considered Under Delegated Authority

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 19/278 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.

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Reporting on behalf of the Horse Drawn Tram Society, Mr Girling said that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed between the Society and Council which provided for the use of the Te Awahou Cultural Park, there was a confirmed Health and Safety Plan in place, and a lease for the use of Council land.

Mr Allan extended a vote of thanks to David Roache for his contribution as Chair of the Foxton Community Board having led by example in keeping engaged and connected with the community during his tenure.

7.20 pm

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 27.4,
CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

CHIEF EXECUTIVE:.....