
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 27 May 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	(from 6.05 pm)
	Ms J M Lundie	

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr R Green	(Acting Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
	Mr A Nelson	(Property & Parks Manager)
	Mr S Hester	(Parks & Property Lead North)
	Mrs R Carr	(Parks & Property Officer)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor M Feyen
Cr R J Brannigan

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Mr Girling and an apology for lateness had been received from Cr Gimblett.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

That the apologies from Mr Girling, and from Cr Gimblett for lateness, be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

7.1 Monitoring Report

Item 19/78 Tax Relief for Earthquake Prone Buildings

Michael Feyen

7.2 Chief Executive's Report

3.2FBPAI Report

Ross Brannigan

3.3Foxton Pool Update

3.4LGNZ Community Boards' Conference

Michael Feyen

7.4 Update on the Proposed Foxton Beach Carpark Fore-dune Works

Michael Feyen

Ted Melton

Christina Paton

Ross Brannigan

7.5 Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track at Holben Reserve

John Story

Ted Melton

Ross Brannigan

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 25 March 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

With Cr Gimblett's arrival awaited, the Chair provided the update on behalf of the Foxton Community Board

Mr Roache reported:

- together with Ms Metcalf, he had attended the PNCC Wastewater Treatment plant for a visual inspection and they were shown upgrades and procedures that were being worked on to comply with their upcoming Resource Consent;
- he and Mr Allan continued to hold regular meetings with both the Chairperson and Secretary of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association ;
- he and Ms Metcalf had attended MAVTech's Annual General Meeting.

Cr Gimblett joined the meeting (6.05 pm) and it was agreed he would provide the HDC update at the conclusion of Agenda items.

Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc Update

Speaking on behalf of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association (FBPA), Mr Melton said the report from the Chair summarised the Association's activity and issues since the FCB's last meeting, which were: Progressing Community Planning for Foxton Beach; the Association's input into the Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund's Strategy/Policy Review; progressing community safety – CCTV for Foxton Beach; a Wellbeing & Health Strategy for Foxton Beach; environmental proposals in the Association's Annual Plan Submission; and the issue with the wharf.

Addressing the speaking point, which he said was purely exploratory, Mr Melton spoke in more detail about the Association's suggestion to appoint a part-time Environmental Ranger to assist with protecting sensitive estuary and dune-scape areas and requested the Board's support to progress that aspiration and FBPA would be canvassing support for the idea at the Marine Boating Club on 14 June. If the idea was supported it would need funding contributions from the three statutory managers and could trigger a review of the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Management Plan which was ten years old. There was also the Manawatū Estuary Management Plan that would need to be considered, which Mr Melton said was also overdue for review.

Noting the meeting at the Manawatū Marine Boating Club on 14 June, Mr Roache queried the availability of Board Members to attend.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 27 May 2019

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 Allan:

THAT Report 19/105 Monitoring Report to 27 May 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 a number of Monitoring Report Items, including Target Reserve and the many activities that were now occurring there; Sand Dune Management and his personal view that the area should remain as it is and any Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund monies that may have been expended be used on Holben Reserve; what actually would the Marketing Specialist – Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom (page 13) be doing?; and the Notice of Motion which requested LGNZ to lobby

Government to provide tax relief for owners of earthquake-prone buildings, which he supported and which was a great example of 'localism' currently being promoted by LGNZ.

Page 8 14/674 - Target Reserve Strategic Plan

Mr Nelson advised that he had tried to get a meeting of the User Groups but had not had a response from the various groups as yet. Further messages had been sent and he would actively follow them up.

16/16 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Responding to a request for an update, Mr Roache said he had had a meeting with Horizons including Reg Crs Burnell and Sheldon. They had put two alternative proposals to Horizons and they had been taken away to be evaluated by consultants (from Christchurch) who would look at the whole issue, including submissions. He had an email last week advising that the consultant would be visiting, with Mr Green confirming the visit was scheduled for 5 June. Mr Roache said he would be meeting with HRC and HDC prior to that meeting.

Mr Roache said he had expressed his disappointment that the 'key stakeholders' had not been more involved at an earlier stage; however he did confirm all proposals were going to be peer reviewed by another consultant.

Page 9 Increased Parking in Thomas Place

Mr Roache said he had asked Officers to look at support funding.

Page 13 FCB Meeting Schedule – Strategic Workshop

It was noted that the Marketing Specialist was Arjan van der Boon from the Dutch Connection Trust who had been involved with TANS since its inception.

3.5 Signage – Foxton & Foxton Beach

Responding to a query and the frustration expressed at the lack of some very basic signage and delay in that being addressed, Mr Nelson said that the FBPA's request for a suite of signage required a cross-divisional approach. Whilst Parks & Property could have a local discussion around signage for such things as the Pump Track, in a wider context care needed to be taken that signage fitted in with the overall design, which could involve a number of Council divisions including Roading and Parks & Property. The Chair requested that signage discussions include Proudly Foxton and the Foxton Beach Progressive Association and an update was requested for the next FCB meeting.

Page 14 Notice of Motion

It was suggested that the recent advice that the remit to LGNZ had been referred to the LGNZ National Council to consider/action and would not therefore proceed to the LGNZ AGM was a positive as the AGM step was not required for it to be progressed.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 27 May 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 19/106 Chief Executive's Report to 27 May 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

Cr Ross Brannigan spoke to the item in the FBPA's Chairperson's Report in relation to the wharf saying it was important that people were fully briefed on the situation with the wharf and what was going on there. Saying he had personally been involved in the wharf issue from the start, Cr Brannigan gave a background to the issue and what was being done to address it with Council Officers, Regional Council and DOC all involved, as well as the Manawatū Marine Boating Club. He advised that Tonkin & Taylor were involved in the shoring up of the western end of the wharf, with there being no immediate danger to the public. There were two streams to the work, one of which was to address the immediate issue and the other was Council working with DOC for a longer term solution, such as the land being vested in Council.

In his comments the Mayor covered a number of matters including:

- his view that in relation to the beach as a road, he would like to see a Policeman again located at Foxton Beach;
- it was great to see the increase in the Pool usage numbers and he would like to have had figures included with regard to income and expenditure;
- thanking Ms Metcalf and Ms Lundie on their report on the recent Community Boards' Conference in New Plymouth, he commented on the Conference which he said he did not think was up to the standard of previous conferences that he had attended.

3.1 Foxton Beach Pump Track – Award for Outstanding Active Park

Expressing his pleasure at receipt of this Award, the Chair said he would like to see this, together with the awards that had been won by Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, displayed at TANS.

3.3 Foxton Pool Update

The Chair concurred with the Mayor's comments that it would be helpful to be advised of the income and outgoings for the Pool's operation, with it also noted that it would be helpful to see if it met the Revenue and Financing Policy with regard to the public/private split.

3.4 Report – 2019 LGNZ Community Boards Conference

Both Ms Metcalf and Ms Lundie spoke to the Conference report saying they had enjoyed the opportunity to network with members of other Community Boards.

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 Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 19/107 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

7.4 Update on the Proposed Foxton Beach Carpark Fore-dune Works

Purpose

To summarise matters related to the fore-dune at Foxton Beach carpark, and to recommend actions to re-contour and replant the dune and potentially refurbish the promenade including seating. This would achieve a long term solution for this popular coastal area, in terms of the protection of the seawall with additional positive outcomes from recreational, amenity and bio-diversity perspectives.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT Report 19/7 Update on the Proposed Foxton Beach Carpark Fore-dune Works be received.

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

CARRIED

Public Participation

Saying it would cost more than it was worth and he would prefer to see any money this would cost spent on other initiatives, Mayor Feyen reiterated his view that the dune area should be left alone.

Covering matters in relation to this and the following two reports in his comments, in relation to the dune work Mr Melton requested that the FCB not support the recommendation in the Officer's report providing his reasoning.

Speaking to recommendation 3.3, Mrs Christina Paton said in effect it contained two items: there was funding and then there was what that funding was intended to pay for. She requested that Board Members consider Condition 26 which was in the current Resource Consent which covered that area as part of their decision making, giving her reasoning. She further said:

- she recommended that the Board ask for a review of the Consent;
- that there had been no mention of DOC in the report and DOC was one of the major parties to the consent;
- that although it had originally been intended that the cost of the seawall would come out of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account, Council had decided that the cost would be shared 50/50, with 50% of the seawall funded district wide from the general rate;
- that the foreshore was a district-wide asset.

Responding to a query as to whether she was against the re-profiling of the dunes, Mrs Paton said that if that occurred it should be after full discussion with all the parties,

including DOC.

In relation to this issue, Cr Ross Brannigan said that his position was well known to the Board. He said he had been interested to hear Mrs Paton's comments about Condition 26 and asking the Board to look into that; however it was not the Board's job to do that. Council Officers had done a thorough job in taking this matter to the Regional Council and the response had been clear; there was no need for a new consent as long as the work proceeded along the lines discussed. Again touching on the various issues that had been raised and the benefits that would accrue from the work being done, Cr Brannigan urged Board Members to approve it going ahead, noting that the core job was to get it tidied up, and in terms of cost Option 1 (\$15,000) was the responsible option particularly as on-going maintenance costs were not known. In terms of funding, he would prefer to look at Council's Maintenance budgets in the first instance.

Speaking to the report, Mr Nelson responded to some of the issues raised. In terms of Condition 26, his view, having read the Resource Consent, concurred with Cr Brannigan's view that it was not an issue for the Board. He further clarified that whilst there had been some differing opinions within the Regional Council ranks on what could and could not be done as part of the consent, the upshot of discussions was that lowering the dunes for aesthetic reasons would not meet the consent. What did meet the requirements of the consent was to maintain the integrity of the seawall, with Mr Nelson reiterating the main points in the report as to how that would be achieved.

Responding to a query as to whether other funding sources had been considered, Mr Nelson said he was not aware of any other funding sources for physical maintenance and he did not have a pool of money set aside. If there was an issue of on-going maintenance, it was also hard to say what on-going maintenance might cost. However, initially the \$15,000 would be adequate to do the re-profiling and planting and to do some monitoring.

With regard to refurbishing the promenade space, Mr Nelson said the current situation was not ideal and any refurbishment done would be to ensure it would be easier to maintain going forward. For that the whole of life cost would need to be considered. The purpose of the report was to have the conversation and find a way forward. Also noted was the fact that the Foxton Beach Reserve was in the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan, but it was not rated as highly as other reserves.

Board Members discussed in some detail the various, including historical, issues that had brought this matter to this point, with it suggested that the different components of the substantive recommendation 3.3:

- (i) whether or not the Board supported the re-profiling and replanting of the foredune;
 - (ii) whether or not the Board supported the refurbishing of the promenade space;
 - (iii) where the funding for either activity should be sourced from.
- should be considered separately.

After Board Members expressing their views, it was:

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the Foxton Community Board supports and recommends to Council the re-profiling and replanting of the foredune at the Foxton Beach Carpark.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends that the refurbishing of the promenade space, including seating, be placed in the Annual Plan.

CARRIED

Ms Metcalf and Ms Lundie recorded their vote AGAINST the motion.

Moved: Mr Allan

Seconded: Ms Lundie

THAT the Foxton Community Board's support for the foregoing resolutions is conditional on funding sources other than the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account, including the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment.

After further discussion on possible funding sources, with the agreement of the mover and seconder the motion was reworded so as not to preclude discussion on the use of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account as a funding source, it was:

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT the Foxton Community Board's support for the foregoing resolutions is conditional on the funding source being other than the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

CARRIED

Mr Roache recorded his vote AGAINST the motion, saying he would like Officers to source funding from maintenance budgets.

7.5 Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track at Holben Reserve

Purpose

To seek a decision from the Foxton Community Board to endorse the design and construction of an enlarged parking area within Holben Reserve, to be funded from the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Ms Lundie:

THAT Report 19/150 Proposal for New Carpark Design near Pump Track at Holben Reserve be received.

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

CARRIED

Public Participation

Mr John Story said that before adding more carparks at Holben Reserve, the final stage of Seabury Avenue should be completed, with the final stage of that project having always been put in the too hard basket. He also said that there was a need to look at that whole area for safety reasons, providing the rationale behind his comments in terms of location, speed limits and usage. He asked that Council reconsider the proposal and look at the whole area properly.

Mr Ted Melton said that Mr Story's comments had underscored for him that there were other options on how this could be done better, including revisiting the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan.

Speaking to the report and responding to queries from Board Members, Mr Nelson said he understood Mr Story's perspective but Mr Story was suggesting a much larger project than was being proposed by Officers. He drew Board Members attention to the table in the report which noted that 50% of the people visiting the Pump Track site were from outside Foxton Beach/Foxton which clearly placed some pressure on parking at this point and what was proposed would address that. It had also not been looked at from a roading management perspective, but from a parking perspective for that site.

Mr Green also noted that a rural speed limit review had just been undertaken, following which each town would be looked at in terms of speed limit adjustments and this could feed into some of those safety discussions that would be undertaken.

Because of the number of issues and queries raised by Board Members, it was:

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the matter of the Proposal for New Carpark Design near the Pump Track at Holben Reserve lay on the table and be part of the upcoming Strategic Workshop Agenda.

CARRIED

7.6 Holben Reserve Wetland Development

Purpose

To seek approval from Foxton Community Board to engage a consultant to develop a detailed design to construct a wetland on Holben Reserve by way of improving the existing water quality of the site and develop recreational use.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT Report 19/162 Holben Reserve Wetland Development be received.

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

CARRIED

Public Participation

Mayor Feyen expressed his support for this progressing as long as there was proper consultation undertaken with the community and if it was returned to an actual wetland with native plantings and the like. This was another possible project that should be considered at the Strategic workshop.

Mr Melton also spoke in support of this proposal, saying it was the only thing that could be done to develop that area and it would deal with the water that flowed into the site.

Cr Brannigan said he supported in principle the work Council Officers had done, complimenting them on the quality of the report. He noted that when the Bond Street development had been looked at the role that Holben Reserve could play in stormwater mitigation had been discussed. He requested that Board members recommend stormwater mitigation as part of the project as if that did not occur it would be a missed opportunity.

Mr Nelson, speaking to the report, said this was an opportunity to make some reasonably significant improvements to water quality taking out impurities and pollutants before it got into the water ways, as well as improving the recreational value of Holben Reserve itself. This did feature highly in the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan. Specialists would be employed to get this up and running. Any plan produced would come back to not only the Board, but to the community for consideration. From his perspective this was an opportunity to turn a not very well functioning reserve into something that would benefit all the community.

Responding to a query in terms of cost, Mr Nelson said Requests for Proposal would be sought which would have minimal cost. Following that Council would look at engaging a consultant to develop a detailed design for the site. Depending on what was proposed, the project may need to be phased.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Roache:

THAT the Foxton Community Board supports and recommends to Council the development of a detailed design for a wetland at Holben Reserve and request officers to progress to a detailed design through an RFP process.

CARRIED

With the majority of issues that would have been covered by Cr Gimblett in his Council update having been addressed during the meeting, the Council update was not required.

8.35 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON

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CHAIRPERSON:.....