
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 28 January 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	
	Mr K Hunia	(Student Appointee)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A James	(Workshop E)
Mrs C McCartney	(Workshop E)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were fourteen members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Mayor Feyen.

MOVED by Cr Girling, seconded Cr Metcalf:

THAT the apology from Mayor Feyen be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

7.1 Monitoring Report to 28 January 2019

17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan

Ted Melton/Katharine Wilkinson – Foxton Beach Progressive Association

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18/423 – Sand Dune Management

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Ross Brannigan

18/637 – Signage – Foxton & Foxton Beach

Kathryn Lane - Manawatū Estuary Trust

18/637 – FCB Meeting Schedule 2019

Olaf Eady

7.2 CE's Report

Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment / Foxton East Scheme

Bill Huzziff

3 Late Items

There were no late items. However, an operational issue raised by Ms Lundie with regard to the trolley bus lines and safety in Main Street would be directed to the appropriate staff via a CRM.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 10 December 2018

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 10 December 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

MAVtech Presentation

The Chair advised that the Workshop E presenters were running late due to traffic and that presentation would be occur following their arrival.

Horowhenua District Council Update

Because of the time of year, Cr Gimblett advised that there was very little to update from a Council perspective. However, he suggested to the Board that if there were any works it would like to see addressed going forward, particularly those that may require a variation to Year 2 of the LTP, it would be good to consider them sooner rather than later.

In terms of a timeframe to progress this, Mr Lester suggested discussing this at the Board's first strategic workshop which was scheduled for February (date yet to be determined) which would give plenty of time to fit in with an Exceptions Annual Plan which would probably see consultation in April/May.

Update from the FCB Chair

Mr Roache advised that it had been very quiet over Christmas so he had nothing to report.

Foxton Beach Progressive Association Inc Update

On behalf of the FBPAI, Ms Wilkinson and Mr Melton raised the following in relation to Community Safety:

- the speed with which Police could respond to incidents in Foxton Beach and what residents could do if faced with unsafe situations. There was a need for some planning on what was the best response. Should one ring 111 or the regular police line; in some situations would it be advisable to ring noise control?
- it was great to now have the Community Patrol in place and operating (with it noted that it was the Foxton and Foxton Beach Community Patrol). Anthonie van Ryn had taken on the job of Community Patrol convener, which had necessitated him moving away from his role with the Progressive Association. It was suggested that the Board liaise with Mr van Ryn as he was keen to engage with the Board going forward.
- possible future Association initiatives that could be considered now the Community Patrol (which had been the first step) was in place, and for which Community Board support to progress them would be appreciated, included:
 - more Neighbourhood Watch schemes (which was quite different from the Community Patrol);
 - CCTV cameras, such as had been installed at Waitarere Beach. That was something that could be looked into;
 - equipping citizens to be effective surveillers and reporters.

Inviting Mr van Ryn to address the Board was discussed with it agreed that a workshop would provide the best environment for that interaction and to explore strategic ideas.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 28 January 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 Girling:

THAT Report 18/708 Monitoring Report to 28 January 2019 be received.

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

CARRIED

Page 10 17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan

As it linked in with the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan and the proposed quarterly report, and speaking on behalf of FBPAI, Mr Melton raised the road works at Nash Parade/Holben Reserve which had been linked to a Board workshop where works as envisaged in the Plan had been authorised. Mr Melton said the road works had upset a number of people who would have welcomed advance explanation of what was being undertaken. FBPAI had sought some answers to those concerns and Council Officers had been very prompt and very full with their explanation of what was being undertaken. Mr Melton raised the fact that there was no substantive understanding of the scope and extent of the wetland work and no indication when there would be a report back so that the Association and the public could give feedback.

It was clarified that the workshop referred to had been at a high level and details of the work to be undertaken was to be brought to a future workshop which had yet to occur. In terms of the current works, the Board

was also in ignorance at this stage. It was stressed that the intention was that there would be a workshop and the Progressive Association would be invited.

Mr Melton reiterated that the Officers' explanation had been helpful; however if the drainage work was more to do with the Bond Street upgrade it did not have anything to do with the FB Reserves Investment Plan.

As she had received queries from members of the public in relation to what was occurring and had not been able to respond, Ms Lundie requested that Board Members be kept up to date with what was happening.

Page 11 Forbes Road Subdivision – Freeholding A/c

Noting the December 2018 timeline reference for a further report, Mr Girling requested an update on when that would be available.

18/423 – Sand Dune Management

On behalf of FBPAI, Mrs Wilkinson suggested that any local consultation should be done in a timely manner so that as many people as possible could have the opportunity to respond. She said she understood that there were 120 people involved in the initial petition to have the dunes lowered and she queried why money would be spent when they did not know who those people were and why the changes were wanted. The FBPAI would be very concerned about Foxton Beach Freeholding Fund money being spent on this without consultation.

Responding to the comment about the initial petition, Mr Roache said that the signatures on the petition were part of a public document and there was also a letter of support from the Surf Club. Whatever happened, it would not happen overnight. There would be more information required from Council and from Horizons, and then there would be a further report.

Also speaking in relation to the sand dunes, Cr Brannigan tabled some photographs of the Foxton Beach carpark showing the incursion of sand; the first photograph having been taken on 7 January showing a Higgins Digger removing collapsed sand which was placed on a truck and put back on the beach with no damage to furniture and fauna. The following five photographs had been taken on Anniversary Day (21 January) and showed the sand build up and also the rubbish bins which had been moved out into the carpark

Cr Brannigan canvassed the issues caused by the sand movement, which included the access ways causing problems for people with mobility issues which had attracted a huge amount of public commentary. He referenced the controversial installation of the seawall on which he had initially been neutral. Now the public commentary was such that this had spurred him on to comment as the present situation was unsustainable.

Commenting on the seawall, its initial purpose and consent conditions, Cr Brannigan said it had done a good job preventing erosion and had not caused any impact on the dunes north and south of the carpark. To move forward, the Consents Team of Horizons had provided a steer in terms of three things that would be required: an indication of any effects of sand removal; a demonstration of public support; how on-going maintenance would be undertaken. Council Officers had some good information which they would be happy to provide and it should not necessarily be expensive to research and pull a good case together. Cr Brannigan asked the Board to consider taking some action and to show some strong leadership as this was not an issue that was going to go away.

Responding to a query about funding and possibly using the Foxton

Beach Freeholding Account, Cr Brannigan said at this stage funding was not the issue, it was about the Board taking leadership. He believed there were ways to get a new consent or a variation of the consent. The evidence just needed to be presented: these are the effects and these are the benefits, and he did not believe it would be expensive.

Mr Roache also provided some photographs of the dune/carpark area dating back to September 2017.

To stimulate discussion, Cr Gimblett proposed the a resolution indicating the Board's support for Council applying for either a new consent or a variation of the current consent, which Mr Roache indicated he would second. After Board Members expressing their views in some detail, it was:

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Mr Roache:

THAT the Foxton Community Board supports the Horowhenua District Council in applying for either a new consent or a variation of the current consent to allow the dune to be lowered and for the dune to be maintained in its lowered state.

CARRIED

Saying that whilst she agreed that the Board should show leadership, she would like to see proper consultation rather than relying on anecdotal evidence, Ms Lundie ABSTAINED from voting.

Mr Lester confirmed that the resolution would go to Council, following which there would need to be a something designed at Officer level to go through the consent process. That would include getting an understanding of community support (or otherwise). Subject to full Council support, what was proposed would come back to the Community Board and there would be plenty of opportunity to discuss the process going forward.

Page 13 Item 18/637 – Signage – Foxton & Foxton Beach

Representing the Manawatū Estuary Trust, Kathryn Lane said that during the last year or so signage had come up on their Agenda at virtually every meeting. They had been trying to enhance some signs and get some signs replaced. The Manawatū Estuary Trust did not have signs of its own and it requested that the Trust be included with the Foxton Beach Progressive Association, Foxton Tourist & Development Association and the Foxton Community Board in any discussions on signage to make the most of the RAMSAR International Site down at Foxton Beach. She did confirm that the Trust would be able to provide its share when it came to funding.

Because signage at present was an open concept, it was suggested that the Trust give the Board a list of signs in terms of what they would like and where they would like them.

FCB Meeting Schedule 2019

With the change to bi-monthly meetings for the Board for which the dates were now available, Olaf Eady queried when the dates would be available for the proposed quarterly workshops.

He also suggested that rather than a verbal report from the Chair, this should be in a written format.

Mr Lester advised that the workshops had not yet been scheduled, and dates and format would be part of the planning at the first workshop which would be held in February (date to be determined). In terms of the Chairperson's Report, Mr Lester also noted that Standing Orders allowed the Chair to deliver a report in a format of his choosing.

MAVtech - Workshop e Presentation

Ms James and Mrs McCartney were welcomed to the meeting, with Ms James giving a PowerPoint presentation outlining the concept plan for MAVtech going forward. Ms James highlighted that there was nothing like MAVtech in New Zealand. What they were wanting to do was to expand on that and build on the collection base, and look at how that might work within the community. The concept broke the building up into different areas with Ms James explaining in detail how each area might be used. She said it was about taking something that already existed and building on that for the future.

Responding to a query about the building's earthquake issue, Ms James said there was a feasibility process underway and that was something that would feed in to that, with the estimate for further strengthening being about \$400,000.

With it suggested that the vision was something that belonged in a larger city, Ms James explained how its location – close to Wellington, Whanganui, Palmerston North – could be built upon with some seriously clever thinking needed behind a marketing plan and the right people involved on the business side of it.

In terms of attracting funding, it was noted that there were a number of possible avenues such as the Provincial Growth Fund and also Lotteries.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the Foxton Community Board supports the concept design for MAVtech and recommends progressing the feasibility study.

CARRIED

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 28 January 2019

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 18/709 Chief Executive's Report to 28 January 2019 be received.

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

CARRIED

3.1 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment / Foxton East Scheme

Speaking to this item, Bill Huzziff suggested that Horizons and Horowhenua District Council were advancing the proposed Cook Street pipeline without consultation with the affected parties despite the substantial costs to be imposed on the ratepayers of the scheme. He outlined his concerns which included that he did not believe what was proposed would work and if it did not there would be substantial costs for remedial work. Also, with Foxton East being the only urban drainage scheme, why were ratepayers in the scheme paying for that as well as paying a district wide stormwater rate, particularly as the financial report for December 2018 showed that some 13% of Foxton ratepayers were in arrears with their rates.

Mr Huzziff provided a copy of his notes.

In terms of funding, Mr Lester said his understanding was that HRC proposed funding their share; HDC's share would be funded through the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Whilst Regional Council had come and spoken about this in September/October 2018 and a lot of questions had been asked including

about the lack of funding for the pumps and the cost of the full scheme, the Board was still not aware of any updates. There had been an understanding that the Board would hear back from Horizons and it was suggested there was nothing to be gained by talking further about it this evening, but guidance would be sought from Council Officers.

3.2 Foxton Pool Update

With the Pool update having been circulated as noted in the Agenda, Mr Roache said he would like to have a workshop with the Pool Manager and Pool users and look at what was going to be done next year should anything planned require to be included in the Annual Plan.

Mr Lester said that there would be the opportunity for the Board to discuss this at the proposed workshop.

It was requested that the Pool update be included on the website with the meeting minutes.

3.3 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

To provide a wider audience with information on the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account it was requested that information on the Fund be included in the "Community Connection" perhaps one or twice a year. It would need to be formatted in such a way that it was more easily understood.

The amount of the grant to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club was raised and discussed with it queried if the amount should be reconsidered as the project had been changed from what was originally discussed.

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 Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 18/710 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

Mr Lester said he would check the corporate calendar and come back to the Board with options for the first workshop.

8.10 pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....