
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Ngārongo Iwikātea Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 22 Harbour Street, Foxton, on Monday 18 June 2018 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson Ms P R Metcalf
Members Mr D A Allan
Cr R J Brannigan
Mr J F Girling
Ms J M Lundie

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton (Chief Executive)
Mr P Gaydon (Water & Waste Services Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were 16 members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Mr Roache, Cr Gimblett and Mayor Feyen.

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the apologies from Mr Roache, Cr Gimblett and Mayor Feyen be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

7.1 Monitoring Report

16/16 - Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Rosalie Huzziff

7.2 Chief Executive's Report

3.3 – Foxton Community Board – Public Meeting

Oriel Martin, Foxton and Beach Bowling Club – would not speak but would respond to any questions that may arise.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 7 May 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Horowhenua District Council Update

On behalf of Council and in Cr Gimblett's stead, Mr Clapperton gave an update which included:

- Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom being nominated as a finalist in the LGNZ Creative Space Excellence Awards, with the winner to be announced at the LGNZ Conference in July;
- Council would find out on 20 June if Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom was the winner of the NEC Contract of the Year, being a finalist with building projects in Singapore and the UK;
- The considerable amount of discussion currently occurring on how the Three Waters would be managed going forward with Central Government looking at what had occurred at Havelock North and the recommendations that had come out of the inquiry. Central Government may consider a single regulator to cover Public Health, Regional, City and District Councils which could have a far reaching impact on local government throughout the country;
- Consulting with the sector and looking at what might occur, one thing could be mandatory chlorination. Whilst all the Horowhenua water sources were chlorinated, there were some areas in New Zealand where they were not;
- O2NL and what could occur was still being considered because of the change in the Government's Policy Statement. The preferred route from Taylors Road through to north of Levin could be known in a couple of months. Funding had been diverted away from motorways to light rail, local roads, etc;
- With the change, Council was now getting subsidised for its footpaths. Footpaths would have the same FAR rate as for roading. HDC's FAR rate had gone up from 54% to 59% which was positive for Council;
- The recent robust LTP process with the proposed rates increase to be 5.53%, down from 6.05%. The rate impact per rateable assessment would not be as high as the overall rates increase due to the growth that had occurred over the last two years. Council's consultation document had been cited by the Auditor General as a model for other Council's to emulate.

Update from the Board Chair

Ms Metcalf reported as follows:

- together with Mr Roache and one of the architects from Bossleys, she had attended the 2018 Western Architecture Awards Function in Whanganui, where Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom had won the Public Space category;
- a public meeting had been held on 13 May at the Foxton Beach School in relation to the proposed Foxton and Beach Bowling Club Grant – this was reported on in the Chief Executive’s report;
- a well-attended Representation Review Public meeting had been held at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. There was a clear Indication from the majority of the attendees that they wished to retain the Foxton Community Board. From that meeting a Petition was circulated to represent the silent majority, those people who found it difficult to write a formal submission. 262 signatures were gathered in support of retaining the Board. Foxton Community Board Members would be speaking to their submission to retain the Board on 4 July;
- a meeting had been held with NZTA on 22 May with regard to the Bridge:
 - a progress report on the project was provided
 - anyone was welcome to drop in to the Ladys Mile office to have a chat
 - the plans at the office were much larger and easier to read
 - an add on walkway was not going to happen on the bridge over the water
 - there was still going to be the cycleway under the trestle bridge
 - the main bridge would be much wider than the existing bridge which NZTA said fitted within safety needs
 - keeping the existing bridge was not a possibility as it was on the east side of the new structure and if it failed it would compromise the new bridge.
- on Wednesday 30 May a dusk service had been held for the Blessing of the newly installed Pou at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom. It was a very moving ceremony.
- last Tuesday she, Board Member, John Girling, and Parks and Property Officer, Rachel Carr, had met with affected neighbours to discuss the options for a new bus shed on the east side of Main Street.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 18 June 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 18/284 Monitoring Report to 18 June 2018 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

Mrs Rosalie and Mr Bill Huzziff spoke to Item 16/16 - Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment covering in some detail the issue of the rating base and what could be considered a fair distribution of the rates impact. The Huzziffs provided a copy of their comments and a map which set out the Foxton East Drainage Scheme showing clearly the impacted properties.

Responding to the Huzziffs, Ms Metcalf passed on a comment from Mr Roache. He was less concerned about how the costs were to be apportioned and more concerned about looking at why the present drainage system was not working and what could be done about it. He was not prepared just to accept HRC’s very expensive proposal.

Page 8 Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Car Park

It was noted that what had been completed was the entrance to the car park. Work on the sand hills would commence at the beginning of the next financial year.

Foxton Cemetery

Assurance was sought that there would be no water impact on the neighbouring Patterson property with regard to the pond.

Page 9 Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment

Mr Clapperton advised that the outcome of the Horizons deliberations had left the capital component in year 2 of the LTP. The intention was that Horizons would work with HDC and the community on whatever the solution might be. There would be no rates impact next year.

Page 10 Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan

The need for seating at the Pump Track was raised and the Board agreed in principle to support funding for this coming out of the Investment Plan depending on how much it might cost.

Increasing parking capacity in Thomas Place

An indication of when this would occur was queried. Mr Clapperton advised that the project had gone out for tender and Council was currently in negotiations with the preferred contractor. Once the contract had been finalised, a timeframe would be agreed. In essence it was about resourcing; however the intention was construction would commence in the new financial year. It would be funded out of the roading budget, not the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

Page 12 Forbes Road Subdivision

Responding to a query in relation to the \$1.5m put aside for the Forbes Road Subdivision extension, Mr Clapperton said this obviously would not be spent in this current financial year, but would be carried forward to the 2018/2019 financial year when consideration would be given as to how, or if, that might proceed.

New Zealand Police

Sergeant Dave Fraser was welcomed to the meeting. Commenting on the current situation in Foxton from a Police perspective, Sergeant Fraser said they had the same problems as every other small town. There had been a spate of thefts from sheds and unsecured buildings recently. The last time he had spoken to the Community Board they had had 30 burglaries at Foxton Beach, for which an arrest had been made.

On a positive note, Sergeant Fraser said there were not as many motorbikes on the Beach and complaints had been reduced. The Pump Tracks was going really well and keeping young people amused and occupied. In effect, it was pretty much business as usual.

Responding to a query in relation to the situation with regard to 'p', Sergeant Fraser said this area faced the same issues that the rest of New Zealand. It was an issue which affected families throughout the country.

In closing Sergeant Fraser noted with regret the passing of Kris Burberry, ex Senior Sergeant of the Levin Police, who was very well regarded in the community. Sergeant Fraser's comments were echoed by Cr Brannigan who also noted Mr Burberry's involvement in the establishment of the Levin Crime Prevention Camera Trust.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 18 June 2018

Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board, for information, issues relating to the Foxton Community Board area.

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Mr Allan:

THAT Report 18/285 Chief Executive's Report to 18 June 2018 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 Foxton Beach Manganese Removal – Greensand Filter

Council's Water and Waste Services Manager, Paul Gaydon, gave a PowerPoint presentation, "Adding the Sparkle to Foxton Beach", which provided an overview of the system being used to treat the water at Foxton Beach.

3.3 Foxton Community Board – Public Meeting

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Foxton Community Board recommends to Council the allocation of \$165,000 from the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club Inc for the construction of an artificial bowling green and remedial works to the carpark.

CARRIED

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 Lundie:

THAT Report 18/286 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 Clapperton sought clarification from Board Members as to how they wished to progress the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan. Did they want Officers to bring something to the Board for consideration in terms of projects to be progressed and in what order, or did Members want to have an input into that in the first instance. It was agreed that Council Officers would come back to the Board with a recommendation as to what the next stage might entail.

7.15 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD
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DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....