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# Foxton Community Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Foyer, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 22 Harbour Street, Foxton, on Monday 26 March 2018 at 6.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Mr D J Roache	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Ms P R Metcalf	
<b>Members</b>	Mr D A Allan	
	Cr N G Gimblett	
	Mr J F Girling	
	Miss M Davenport	(Student Appointee)

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr S Hester	(Parks & Property Lead North)
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	Mrs K J Corkill	

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Cr R J Brannigan

### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

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## 1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Ms Lundie and Mayor Feyen.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Girling:

*THAT the apologies from Ms Lundie and Mayor Feyen be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

Denise Cash	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> 17/547 – Pump Track
Dave Thomson	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> 14/32 - Sand Dune Management-Surf Club Car Park 17/38 - Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan 17/547 - Pump Track Installation at Holben Reserve 17/614 - Foxton and Foxton Beach Bowling Club 18/50 - Nash/Parade/Bond Street Improvement Project
Christine Paton	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Car Park 17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan 17/154 – CE’s Report to 26 June 2017
	7.2	<u>Chief Executive’s Report</u> 3.4 – Foxton Beach Natural Hazards Working Party 3.7 – Foxton Beach Freeholding Account
	7.3	<u>Foxton &amp; Beach Bowling Club</u>
Rosalie Huzziff	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> 16/59 – Foxton Cemetery 16/16 – King Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater
Anne Hunt	7.2	<u>Chief Executive’s Report</u> 3.2 – Foxton Horse Drawn Tram Options
Oriel Martin	7.3	<u>Foxton &amp; Beach Bowling Club</u>

## 3 Late Items

Cr Brannigan tabled a late item – Lighting of Foxton Beach Boat Launching Ramp and Surrounding Wharf Area – (a copy of which is included with the official minutes) requesting that the Board consider it with urgency citing the pending end of daylight saving, the onset of shorter days and longer nights raising concerns with regard to the safe use of the launching ramp and surrounding wharf area.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Girling:

*THAT the Item in relation to the Lighting of Foxton Beach Boat Launching Ramp and Surrounding Wharf Area be considered as a matter of urgency due to safety concerns.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Brannigan gave a background to the matter following an approach from the Manawatu Marine Boating Club and the Manawatu Coastguard unit regarding the lighting of the

environs surrounding the boat launching ramp and wharf area at Hartley Street, Foxton Beach. The Board was requested to support the expenditure of an amount of \$10,000 from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account to fund the installation of two street lamps in the area of the boat launching ramp, with ducting and cabling having been installed during extension works on the ramp, with there being no money in the Council Roding or Parks & Property budgets to undertake such work.

The matter was discussed in some detail in terms of:

- health and safety and whether there was in fact an issue of urgency;
- due process and how this request should be progressed;
- where the funding should be sourced from and whether there should be funding sought from Horizons;
- whether it was an appropriate use of Freeholding Account funds.

In terms of process, Mr Clapperton cited the recent allocation of funding to Nash Parade/ Bond Street which had been slightly outside the normal process but had been considered because there had been the ability to attract NZTA funding. In the current instance, Mr Clapperton said he thought the Board could consider it with urgency on the health and safety grounds raised. Council was also doing a lot of work in the District around improving street lighting, which included installing LED lights in Levin, which could provide the option of coinciding this project with that work. If this was not supported by the Board, as CE he would probably look at finding funding from another source. However, this would not be from Regional Council as the land was actually owned by DOC and administered by Council.

Whilst some ambivalence was expressed in terms of the process, but with Board Members generally expressing their support, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Girling:

*THAT the sum of up to \$10,000.00 be sourced from the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account to fund the installation of two street lamps for lighting the Foxton Beach Boat launching ramp and wharf area.*

**CARRIED**

#### **4 Declaration 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, 12 February 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

#### **6 Announcements**

##### Horowhenua District Council Update

In his update on behalf of Council, Mr Gimblett noted that the recent focus had been on the LTP and Council was nearing the end of the consultation phase. Consultation was also occurring on the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan and Priority/Earthquake-prone buildings; and the Representation Review was coming up so there was quite a bit the community could get involved in. Other than that it was business as usual. He encouraged everyone to take a look at what was being consulted upon as it was the chance for people to

have their say particularly as it could involve the expenditure of a considerable amount of money.

Mr Gimblett further commented that the Horizons Regional Council LTP included stormwater for Foxton which also involved a considerable amount of money but had the potential to solve the flooding issues for the Foxton area.

#### Update from the Board Chair

The Pump Track opening was commented on by Mr Roache, with he and the Mayor cutting the ribbon.

Following the meeting on Thursday evening with regard to the East Drainage Scheme, Mr Roache said he had been approached by a ratepayer on the issue. Because of the timeframe he had written to the CE about submitting on the matter, with a reply received from Mr Lester that Council would give consideration to late submissions, but only in relation to the East Drainage Scheme.

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 Monitoring Report to 26 March 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 Ms Metcalf:

*THAT Report 18/99 Monitoring Report to 26 March 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

Speaking to Item 15/547 – Pump Track Installation at Holben Reserve – Mrs Denise and Dr Michael Cash strongly expressed their views not about the activity per se but about the location of the Pump Track which was situated about 20m from their front gate and what they saw as the lack of consultation with people in the vicinity. They said they wondered about the legality of it as whilst there had been some communication with the wider community, those living close by had not been notified. They questioned why the BMX track that was already there had not been used for this venture.

In response Mr Roache outlined the extensive consultation that had been undertaken, but said he took on board what had been said and in hindsight things could have been done differently. Going forward he would ensure there was more public notification prior to any project under the Foxton Beach Investment programme being progressed.

Commenting in the first instance on the late item, Mr Dave Thomson said while it was a health and safety issue there was also concern that lighting could encourage freedom campers and that would need to be controlled.

Mr Roache responded to Mr Thomson's queries in relation to 14/32 – Sand Dune Management saying it was the entrance way into the car park that was a safety concern, and it was not the top of the sea wall that had been taken out but the sand in front of the Surf Club that had been levelled.

17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan – with the investment in the Pump Track, Mr Thomson said he was concerned about funding and queried if funds would

run out shortly so that the rest of what was proposed would not be finished. On the track's location, Mr Thomson said he had assumed it would be near the BMX track and was surprised where it had been located. Mr Roache advised that funding had not yet been allocated to any other projects but there would be discussion before that occurred.

17/547 – Pump Track Installation at Holben Reserve – Mr Thomson raised where parents were standing at the track as a health and safety issue and suggested, if there was any money left, a platform for spectators could be placed on the outer perimeter. Also raised by Mr Thomson was drainage as the site did not seem to be draining well and some kind of fencing was needed around it.

Mr Thomson reiterated his stance on 17/614 – Foxton and Beach Bowling Club, urging this be brought to a conclusion, particularly as Council had indicated its support, and he expressed concern that the contract for the Nash Parade/Bond Street Improvement Project (18/50) had been awarded to Higgins as he said they did not have a good track record.

Mrs Christina Paton spoke in relation to the following:

- 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Carpark – requesting a report from the Roading Manager on the entranceway to the carpark to come to the next FCB meeting as it was a health and safety issue;  
Mr Roache clarified that the entrance in question was the vehicle access way. He had spoken with Messrs Nelson and Peel and they were going to check if there was a budget for the work. That would come back to the Board by way of a report.
- 17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan – with the commencement date for this being 3 April 2017 a progress report was requested.  
Because of the amount of funding involved, Mr Clapperton said it justified having a separate quarterly report giving an update on the activity that had occurred and what required consultation.
- 17/39 – New Whirokino Bridges – a name at NZTA was requested for an independent member of the public or independent group to see if the requested meeting could be progressed.  
Mr Clapperton outlined the challenges identifying a suitable person at NZTA due to them having recently undergone a restructure. He said he would make a further phone call tomorrow to see if he could elicit a name.

Mrs Rosalie Huzziff said that while she was very pleased with the progress made at the Foxton Cemetery (Item 16/59) there had not been much detail provided and she was concerned at what was proposed in terms of contouring as it could cause problems for adjacent houses and issues for the future of the cemetery.

Mr Roache explained that any water would not drain into silt but into sand country. In terms of the next stage of the cemetery, that was something that needed to be discussed.

Speaking in some detail to 16/16 – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater – Mrs Huzziff gave a background to the Foxton flooding issue which had gone on for many years and suggested possible solutions, such as purchasing portable pumps and increasing the size of the culverts under State Highway 1.

Mr Roache advised that the Board was making a submission to the LTP for funding which should be more than sufficient to address the issue using the existing drain. At a recent meeting, Mr Foxall from the Regional Council had advised that the drain was mechanically cleaned and sprayed twice a year. It was also suggested that if anyone saw that there had been items dumped in the drain they should advise the appropriate people.

Page 10 16/341 – Foxton River Loop Working Party – responding to a query from Ms Metcalf who had been unable to attend the recent meeting, Mr Girling gave an update saying that at the moment two possible programmes were

being worked on: opening a new cut, and a resource consent to open the old loop.

The other action was being taken by SORT. SORT had been talking to the Minister for Regional Development, who had asked them to develop a business plan. The Minister had also indicated he was interested in supporting the opening of the river loop. SORT was currently sourcing funding to prepare a plan to give to the Minister.

17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan – Mr Roache said a time to go over the plan would be organised once the LTP, Representation Review, etc, had been concluded.

Page 12 18/50 – Nash Parade/Bond Street Improvement Project – having listened to the earlier conversation around the Pump Track and process, Mr Clapperton raised that fact that there had been no consultation around the detailed design work for this project. He sought guidance from the Board if work should be suspended until consultation had occurred.

After discussion, with it noted that it was not an appropriate comparison in terms of the type of project, and there had also been the NZTA subsidy for the Bond Street/Nash Parade project that had to be taken into consideration, Board Members indicated that while they supported information sharing, they were not keen on having the project delayed and were happy with the status quo.

In terms of Higgins doing the work and possible delays, Mr Clapperton advised that it was a crew from Palmerston North, not Levin, that was undertaking the work.

## 6.2 Chief Executive's Report to 26 March 2018

### Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Cr Gimblett:

*THAT Report 18/100 Chief Executive's Report to 26 March 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 Anne Hunt, a previous Chair of the Society, spoke to the Foxton Horse Drawn Tram Options Report giving a comprehensive background to the iconic attraction which had been operating in Foxton for nearly 30 years, having been opened by Annette King in 1989. She noted the original proposal for Foxton Main Street had intended to capitalise on Foxton's heritage, with there having been a horse drawn tram running in the town in the 1870s. Having read the report, Mrs Hunt said she was disappointed that it did not appear that the Horse Drawn Tram people were being listened to or their needs taken into account.

Mr Girling said he was a member of the Horse Drawn Tram group, which had passed a motion to approach the Wildlife Foxton Trust about taking over the management of the tram as Jim White had indicated he no longer wished to drive the tram and others were also looking to withdraw. He was aware that there had been discussions with Council about access through Ravensworth Place and smooth concrete.

In terms of consultation, Mr Roache said there had been a number of occasions when Cathy McCartney had had discussions with Mr White, and he also had had discussions with the group. However, he was very much in agreement that the attraction should not be lost.

3.2 Foxton Horse Drawn Tram Options

Council's Parks & Property Lead North, Sean Hester, spoke to the report saying he had come in quite late in the piece in terms of the landscape design. He had been alerted to the problem of one of the horses slipping and had met with Mr White on site to see how he had been operating and to work with him in terms of the options. He had also consulted with members of the roading team to get the wider picture of the whole operation.

Mr Hester outlined the three options, with the Board discussing these. To progress the matter it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Metcalf:

*THAT representatives from the Horse Drawn Tram Society be invited to present at the next Foxton Community Board meeting on their preferred option with their reasons.*

**CARRIED**

3.3 Foxton Main Street Trees

With a survey of shop owners/operators being 5 to 3 in favour of the elm trees remaining, Mr Hester sought the Board's view. With regard to a concern expressed about the trees' root systems and if they could cause a problem, Mr Hester said he had spoken to the Roading Team and with their knowledge of the trees, they did not think there would be an issue. He further noted the trees had been chosen by Boffa Miskell because they were quite upright and provided a boulevard effect.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Metcalf:

*THAT the Foxton Community Board was in favour of the elm trees in Foxton Main Street remaining.*

**CARRIED**

3.5 Foxton Beach Natural Hazards Working Party

Mrs Paton sought clarification if in fact this was in relation to the Foxton Beach Coastal Hazards Working Party and querying why there was not a report from the meeting on 19 March 2018, stressing the importance of reporting on what was an important matter that affected the very existence of Foxton Beach.

3.7 Foxton Beach Freeholding Account

Mrs Paton sought clarification as to why 160 Forbes Road properties were not rated for wastewater until four years ago and who had made up the deficit. This was a matter that had been brought to her attention recently.

Mr Clapperton said he would make enquiries and provide a response.

3.6 Earth Day – 22 April 2018, Plastic Pollution

This was discussed, and while the Board expressed its support for Earth Day and individual members could participate, there were some of the items sought that the Board was not in a position to provide. It would, however, request Council to assist with advertising in local papers, including it on Council's website and also on social media.

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Mr Allan:

*THAT the Foxton Community Board places on record its support for Earth Day – 22 April 2018.*

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 Foxton and Beach Bowling Club

#### Purpose

For the Foxton Community Board to consider the allocation of \$200,000 from the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund (aka the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account) to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club Inc (FBBC) to enable work to proceed on the construction of an artificial bowling green and remedial works to the FBBC carpark.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Mr Girling:

*THAT Report 18/147 Foxton and Beach Bowling Club be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

#### Public Participation

Noting the 50% limit on how much could be paid out in a grant from the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund, Mrs Paton requested that the relevant statute law to that effect be supplied.

Mr Roache responded that this was not covered by statute, but it was in the Policy approved by the Board and sanctioned by Council when the Policy had been adopted.

Speaking on behalf of the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club, Mr Oriel Martin confirmed that the information contained in the report was correct. He did understand that only 50% of what was applied for could be granted; however there had been a requote from the contractor and the price had increased and the new amount would be \$164,869.50 (not \$153,000).

Ms Metcalf, noting the fact that the Club finances would be tight, but the Club had had an increase in membership which would enable them to have more activities and fund raising opportunities, queried if the Club had enough money to cover the difference. Mr Martin responded that it would push the building programme back a little bit.

In moving the recommendation to proceed with formal consultation, Mr Gimblett acknowledged the excellent Business Case that had been provided to support the application. It was an excellent example for anyone to use should they wish to utilise funds from the Freeholding Account in the future.

Mr Clapperton also confirmed that the time frames provided by Mr Martin for the project should work in with the consultation process.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Mr Allan:

*THAT the Foxton Community Board agrees to proceed with a formal consultation with the Foxton Beach community regarding a \$164,869.50 grant from the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund (FBEF) to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club.*

**CARRIED**



**6.4 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 Mr Girling:

*THAT Report 18/146 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**

8.20 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:**.....