
Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Exhibition Space, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 22 Harbour Street, Foxton, on Monday 12 February 2018 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr D J Roache	
Deputy Chairperson	Ms P R Metcalf	
Members	Cr N G Gimblett	
	Mr J F Girling	
	Ms J M Lundie	
	Miss M Davenport	(Student Appointee)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor M Feyen
Cr R J Brannigan

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

Dave Thomson	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> <i>16/341 – Foxton & Foxton Beach Water</i> <i>17/39 - Investment Plan</i> <i>17/547 – Pump Track</i> <i>17/641 – Foxton & Beach Bowling Club</i>
Christina Paton	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report -</u> <i>14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan</i> <i>16/341 – Foxton River Loop Working Party</i> <i>17/154 – New Whirokino Bridges</i> <i>17/547 – Pump Track</i>

	7.2	<u>Chief Executive's Report-</u> 3.1 <i>LTP Consultation Update</i>
Oriel Martin	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> 17/614 – <i>Foxton & Beach Bowling Club</i>
Mayor Feyen	7.1	<u>Monitoring Report</u> 14/32, 16/59, 16/16, 16/341, 17/296, 17/547, 17/614
	7.2	<u>Chief Executive's Report</u> 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Oriel Martin	7.2	<u>Chief Executive's Report</u> 3.5 – <i>Foxton Beach Freeholding Account</i>

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 11 December 2018

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 11 December 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 Announcements

Horowhenua District Council Update

In his update on behalf of Council, Cr Gimblett said he had very little to note that was not included in the CE's report. However, starting with Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, the visitor numbers of 15,728 from 18– 30 November 2017; 14,314 for December, and 8,191 up to 18 January 2018 showed the facility was being well used.

Also of interest:

- Council had adopted the Easter Shop Trading Policy which would allow businesses to trade on Easter Sunday if they so wished;
- district-wide consultation would soon commence on Priority (earthquake-prone) Buildings, which could considerably affect some owners;
- the area considered with regard to the north end of Main Street was from Wharf Street through to Ravensworth Place;
- the following grants were open for applications:
 - Ø Pride and Vibrancy with \$10,000 available to assist with increasing pride and vibrancy. The theme for this round was "Interactive and Generational" to promote creation of investment and design within the community; and
 - Ø The second round of the Community Grants Scheme.

Chair's Report

Mr Roache said he asked for this to be included so he could update Board members and members of the public on what he had been doing on the Board's behalf since the last meeting that had not already been communicated to members by email:

- on Sunday 28 January he had attended a meeting in relation to the Pump Track. A report of that meeting had been sent to Members and the Chief Executive;
- following that meeting he had spoken to the Roding Manager about some of the safety concerns raised. Doing a traffic count and speed monitoring was discussed as well as signage in relation to children crossing the road;
- also looked at had been the beach car park entrance and maintenance required.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 12 February 2018

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 18/50 Monitoring Report to 12 February 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

In his comments on items on the Monitoring Report, Mr Dave Thomson covered:

- the Foxton & Foxton Beach water which he said was taking a long time;
- there was no Officer Comment in relation to the Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan;
- he was concerned about the cost of the Pump Track;
- the Foxton & Beach Bowling Club application and the fraught process that had been undertaken to date;
- Nash Parade and Bond Street stormwater, which was not on the Monitoring Report but was noted in the Freeholding Account information.

Mr Roache and Cr Gimblett both responded to Mr Thomson's comments in relation to the Foxton & Beach Bowling Club.

It was also requested that Nash Parade/Bond Street Stormwater be include on the Monitoring Report to track the progress of the project.

Mrs Paton commented on:

- 14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan – which had been on the Monitoring Report since 2016. When was this item going to be actioned?
- 17/154 – when was the requested meeting with NZTA going to occur?
- 17/547 – how exactly would the noted consultation with local residents be implemented?

Mr Roache said he would take up the issues raised with the appropriate officers.

With regard to the progress of the Pump Track, Ms Metcalf suggested sharing the weekly updates received from Council Officer, Zane Bull, to interested parties.

In relation to the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club's application for funding, Mr Oriel Martin canvassed in some detail the process that had occurred. He raised, amongst a number of issues, what he suggested were irregularities in relation to the conduct of the meeting when the Board had resolved that the application should be progressed via the LTP process; the lack of clarity in the information that had been provided around the application process; the significant number of signatures that had been collected in support of the application; the amount the Club had expended to ensure the project was completed, and how unreasonable it would be to wait a further six months for something that would be of so much benefit to the people of

Foxton Beach when public consultation had already been carried out.

In responding to Mr Martin's comments and reiterating his personal support for the project, Mr Roache noted that originally the application was for a loan, which after public consultation could become a grant, only for it to be found that a loan was not possible under the Club's constitution. Also he had from the very first stated that the application should go through the AP/LTP process which was required by the Freeholding Fund Policy.

Acknowledging that there was quite a bit of history behind this situation and also the process concerns, Mr Lester said he did not believe it would take six months for this to be decided. The consultation would be undertaken as part of the LTP process which would kick off at the end of February (23rd) and would run until 26 March. As the LTP would not be adopted until 20 June, he would explore whether or not there was a way to fast track the process once the LTP consultation was concluded.

Mayor Feyen commented:

- 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – he supported leaving the dunes but building a small ramp that provided wheel chair access using funding from other areas;
- 14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan – he would like to be involved in the process;
- 16/59 – Foxton Cemetery – he was pleased this was being sorted out;
- 16/341 – he had emailed the Chief Executive, the Chair and CE of Horizons to set up a meeting with urgency to get some movement on getting the flow back into the Loop. Based on comments made by Shane Jones it was important to pull together funding for the project to get this underway.

Responding to Mr Roache's concern that there could be two separate delegations which would be confusing, Mayor Feyen said it was David Clapperton who had been leading this and he had written to Mr Clapperton expressing his support.

- 17/296 – South Bound Bus Stop – Main Street – he was pleased the seat would be reinstalled.
- 17/547 – Pump Track – whilst this was a good thing, it was disappointing that consultation, or lack thereof, had become an issue. He would also be asking the CE about this in terms of funding.

Mr Roache said that when this had been approved by the Board it had been ranked highest in terms of committing funding, with the Board opting to do it once and do it properly. If everyone had attended the public meetings they would have known what was proposed. However he had asked through the CE to Arthur Nelson that any further stages undertaken in relation to the Reserve Management Plan were communicated to Board Members.

- 17/614 – Foxton and Beach Bowling Club – this had not been a good process as it appeared to have been done the wrong way around, with Council making a decision before the Community Board.

Raised by Members:

Page 8 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Ms Metcalf said the beach car parking looked great; but expressed a concern that the entrance way was dangerous because of the height of the sand hills which should be kept at a reasonable height for public safety.

Mr Roache advised that he had had a meeting with Council's Roading and Parks Managers last week and they would come back with suggestions on how that could be improved.

16/16 – Kings Canal and Purcell Street Stormwater Catchment – Having spoken with people who had been affected by flooding, Ms Lundie asked that the requested report come to the next Board meeting.

Mr Roache noted that this was also a Regional Council issue and a

- submission had been put into their Annual Plan. He would request the CE to find out from Mr Saïdy where that was at.
- 14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan – Mr Gimblett requested that the anticipated report also cover what effect the all-weather racing track promised by Winston Peters would have on Foxton in the future.
- Page 10 17/39 – Foxton Beach Reserves Investment Plan – it was suggested that the Board needed to have a further look at the Plan to ensure that what was proposed was still valid and achievable, particularly following the amount that was being spent on the Pump Track.
- Page 11 17/547 – Pump Track – Ms Lundie raised an issue re the location and size of signage saying it needed to be where it could be seen and of a suitable size.
- Also raised was the visibility of the two Health & Safety signs.
- Mr Roache said he would raise these with Messrs Nelson and Bull.

7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 12 February 2018

Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Girling, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT Report 18/52 Chief Executive's Report to 12 February 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 3.1, LTP Consultation, Mrs Paton queried if there were any public events in Foxton which could be used to engage with the community, particularly as the LTP was a very important process.

Whilst he was not aware of any events, Mr Lester said that Officers would have ensured if there were any such events, they would dovetail into the LTP process. However, he would check back with the project team.

Commenting on the Board's selection out of the four options for the north end of Main Street, Mr Olaf Eady said there were actually five options – with the fifth being to do nothing.

Mr Roache noted that two of the options had been disregarded because of safety issues.

Mr Eady then raised issues in relation to the Freeholding Account which included historical matters, operation of the fund and his interpretation of the information provided.

Mr Roache offered to arrange for Mr Eady to meet with the relevant financial officers at Council to go through the information in more detail to enable them to respond to his queries.

3.3 Foxton Main Street Upgrade

Noting the officer comment that engagement was underway with specifically affected stakeholders, Mr Girling queried who the stakeholders were as he was regularly being asked about that. He also brought to the Board's attention that one of the Horse Drawn Tram's horses had died and a meeting was to be held later in the week to see if they were going to continue particularly in light of the selected option for the north end of Main Street not being practical for the Tram's operation.

Mr Roache said he would also like to see the final design.
Mr Lester said he would let Members know with whom and how communication would occur.
It was requested that the Foxton Main Street Upgrade be included on the Monitoring Report.

3.4 Representation Review

The importance of this process for the Board's future was stressed. Responding to a query, Mr Lester advised that the most recent census information would be used, and growth since that time and projected growth would also inform Council's assumptions. These growth figures and projections had been compiled by SensePartners, had been audited by Audit New Zealand, and were robust.
Mr Roache reminded Members that they had each been requested to set out the reasons why they believed the Board was required and he would organise a meeting so they could compare ideas.

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 Cr Gimblett, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 18/53 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

7.32 pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....