

# Foxton Community Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Blue Room, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 22 Harbour Street, Foxton, on Monday 30 July 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
	Miss M Davenport
	Cr R J Brannigan
	Mr J F Girling
	Ms J M Lundie

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms K Tuckey	("Manawatu Standard")
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### PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

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## 1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Gimblett (with Cr Brannigan as his alternate).

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

*THAT the apology from Councillor Gimblett be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 Public Participation

Christina Paton 7.1 Monitoring Report  
14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Car Park  
14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan  
18/208 – Forbes Road

## 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 Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 18 June 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**CARRIED**

## 6 Announcements

Prior to giving an update on behalf of Horowhenua District Council, on behalf of Cr Gimblett and himself, Cr Brannigan commented on the recent Representation Review and the retention of the Foxton Community Board. He congratulated Board Members on the Board's retention, making particular note of the strong Council majority in that decision, which was a clear change from the last review when the Board was only retained by one vote. Whilst there was still an appeal process to go through, Cr Brannigan said they had no expectation that any appeal against the Board's retention would be successful.

Cr Brannigan noted two points in relation to the majority favouring the Board's retention:

1. With the Board's retention being put out for discussion, he and Cr Gimblett had taken note of both the community viewpoint and LGNZ guidance on community boards in reaching their decision. Even when the submission process had concluded, careful thought was needed as to their decision. Once they had both concluded that retention of the Board was the correct decision, they made that known to other Councillors, together with the reasoning behind their thinking.

Cr Brannigan said they believed that this considered thought and lack of game playing was a motivating factor for other Councillors in their decisions.

2. Noting the above, Cr Brannigan expressed his and Cr Gimblett's disappointment at some elected members around this table who since the matter was first raised with the Board had accused both Kere Kere Ward Councillors in particular, and most Councillors in general, of predetermination on this issue. Good decision making was about communicating to others the position as they saw it, allowing input from others into the process, considering the input received and then making a judgement based on all the information received. Board Members must always consider that while their focus would

always be the area within the FCB boundaries, the consideration of an elected Councillor was not only within their elected ward, but must also stretch across district-wide. Cr Brannigan concluded by saying that this was the process they had undertaken with this review. He and Cr Gimblett accepted that as elected representatives unpalatable and personal comments were sometimes a by-product of their role, but they challenged all elected representatives to be at all times properly open-minded and fair in their comments in all matters that came to the Board table.

#### Horowhenua District Council Update

Firstly Cr Brannigan noted that Council had adopted the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (which was the result of a considerable amount of hard work by Council staff and Councillors) on 18 July 2018, further saying that it was not a silver bullet and there would be huge challenges in that space in the coming years.

Then there had been the Representation Review, which had included the retention of the Board and the challenging rhetoric around that. The number of wards in the district remained unchanged.

With regard to the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account, Cr Brannigan said he would like to see the Community Board lead looking at ways to get the facts out into the community as the Representation Review had shown that there was a lot of misunderstanding around the Account. Whilst the Board's boundaries remained unchanged it had been requested that this be looked at as there were properties on one side of a street in the Board area, whilst properties on the other side of the street were not.

There had been no surprises in the 20 year LTP adoption. The Foxton Beach Bowling Club had been granted \$165,000.00. There had been challenges with one being the future of community halls on which there were still significant discussions to be had. It had been resolved not to retain the Foxton Memorial Hall; there would be further discussion/information gathered on Coronation Hall and the Court House Museum. Another significant and sensible decision was extending the length of the Foxton Pool season to 8 months.

Cr Brannigan acknowledged Council staff for the methodology and presentation of the LTP pre-consultation and consultation documents and process. At its adoption, Audit New Zealand had said that the work done by Council in terms of pre-consultation and consultation was of the highest order and was being used as an example around the country.

A further significant event had been the mid-winter swim which had taken place at the Beach at 9.30 am on Saturday. Whilst it had been extremely cold it had, together with a quiz night at the Boat Club, helped raise \$11,500 for the Foxton Beach Surf Club. Cr Brannigan acknowledged Jason Davy of Foxton New World for his involvement in organising the fund raiser.

In terms of process, Mr Allan said he would value having these reports in writing as some of the matters were of substance and oral reports did not provide the opportunity for reflection. The other side of that would be for the Community Board to provide a written report to Council meetings as well. Written reports were helpful and would assist with better decision making.

Responding to matters raised by Cr Brannigan, Mr Allan said he agreed with Cr Brannigan's comments with regard to the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account and suggested that it could be an opportunity to work with the newly formed Foxton Beach Progressive Association to disseminate that information.

With regard to the Memorial and Coronation Halls, Mr Allan said there was a lot of misunderstanding and anxiety in the community. Whilst it was very early in the process, it was important to get information out perhaps using the "Community Connection".

#### Update from the Foxton Community Board Chair

Firstly thanking Ms Metcalf for stepping in while he was away, Mr Roache further expressed his thanks to Ms Metcalf, Mr Allan and Board Members for putting together the Board's submission to the Representation Review. The result was very pleasing, with Council taking

on board the submissions received, when so often Council was criticised for not listening. Mr Roache said he did find comments relating to the performance of the Board disappointing but, like all organisations, there was always room for improvement. He noted that during this term the Board had arranged consultation meetings for:

- Parks and Reserves, held at the Holben Pavilion;
- the Foxton and Beach Bowling Club's request for funding, held at the Foxton Beach School (x2);
- the Main Street upgrade; and
- the Foxton Pools

which he believed were more public meetings on current issues arranged this term than in the past.

Mr Roache advised of an approach from Mr Melton of the Foxton Beach Progressive Association to meet with Board members, with a date, venue and time requested. Mr Melton had been advised that an evening meeting would suit better to fit in with Board Members' work commitments. He would contact Members when a response was received.

He also suggested the Board consider opening the Community Board meeting to the public for discussion prior (perhaps 5.30 pm) to the meeting proper commencing at 6.00 pm.

Now that Council had made the decision to dispense with the Memorial Hall, Mr Roache said he was giving notice he would like to call a public meeting (to be held at the Memorial Hall) to discuss that decision.

## 7 Reports

### 7.1 Monitoring Report to 30 July 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 18/373 Monitoring Report to 30 July 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

Commenting on 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Car Park, Mrs Paton said this had been suggested many years ago, she thought it was a very good idea and was very supportive of it. However, as there had been a considerable change of staff at both Horizons Regional Council and at HDC and a lot of the history was not known, she suggested making sure that those involved were very conversant with the terms of the consent.

In relation to 14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan – Mrs Paton said the comments here were contradictory and queried where it actually sat in terms of Council's Property Strategy.

Mr Clapperton clarified that in 2015 work had been done to develop a Council Property Strategy and to identify policies and procedures around retention, disposal and acquisition of Council-owned property categorised as core and non-core assets. Because of its Reserve status, Target Reserve was not identified as being such a property, with the intention being to develop a strategy for the future of the Reserve, which had not yet occurred. With regard to a timeframe, Mr Clapperton said it was an issue of resourcing, but he would set a goal to have the Strategic Plan completed by the end of this year. He also advised that Target Reserve was not being considered for sale to the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust.

Mrs Paton raised a further timeline query, this time in relation to 18/209 – Forbes

Road Subdivision – Freeholding A/c and asked when the report on the further development of the subdivision would be brought to the Board.

Mr Clapperton explained what had occurred to date and the reason why this had not progressed. The path that had been available pre-Christmas 2017 was no longer available because the developer with whom Council proposed to work was too busy because of the current market situation. In conjunction with the Community Board, Council now needed to reconsider the way forward which should occur by the end of this calendar year. It was not considered critical at the moment as there were other subdivisions that would meet demand. What had happened in the past, with the development being facilitated by Council Officers, was not the preferred option going forward as Council did not have the capacity in house. As the Kilmister Block was part of the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account investment, he reiterated that the Board would be included in the process, which Board Members endorsed.

Page 8 14/32 – Sand Dune Management – Surf Club Car Park

Ms Lundie expressed her appreciation for the very informative email received from Zane Bull on what was happening at the car park.

14/674 – Target Reserve Strategic Plan

It was requested this remain on the Monitoring Report.

With there having been a Target Reserve User Group set up in the previous triennium which had lapsed, Cr Brannigan requested that this be revived/reactivated as it had been very helpful.

Page 9 16/16 – Foxton East Drainage Scheme

With HDC going to use an independent consultant for this, Ms Lundie queried whether that consultant would be looking at the methodology and its suitability as being fit for purpose.

Page 10 Thomas Place Car Park

Mr Clapperton confirmed that this would happen in this financial year and he understood the Design and Build tender was out.

Page 11 18/209 – MAVTech

Jim Harper had scheduled a meeting for Thursday. The business case was in progress.

## 7.2 Chief Executive's Report to 30 July 2018

### Purpose

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

MOVED by Mr Allan, seconded Mr Girling:

*THAT Report 18/374 Chief Executive's Report to 30 July 2018 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 spoke to his report, providing further comment as required.

### 3.1 LGNZ Conference

Some of the topics discussed at the LGNZ Conference were particularly relevant to this area. One was in relation to drug testing in the community which involved having processes in place to allow the testing of the discharge

into the effluent stream which could identify the scale and problem of illegal drugs within communities. Programmes could then be put in place to reduce harm.

With China no longer receiving plastics from global markets, reducing the waste stream was a major issue as there was now considerable stockpiling occurring. There was no short term solution but there did need to be a change in thinking. Mr Clapperton said it was his personal view that a New Zealand wide approach should be taken rather than an individual one which was why this particular resolution had been put up and adopted by LGNZ.

Another remit of interest was the copper in brake pads. When brakes were used there was a discharge on to roads which went into the stormwater which went into discharge points. A New Zealand wide approach to this was being sought.

### 3.2 Manawatu River Loop Update

This was moving along quite nicely. Messrs Girling and Roache, Mayor Feyen and he were working with GHD Consultancy to seek funding through the Provincial Growth Fund to complete a business case to open the Manawatu River Loop. It was not just about opening up the River Loop, but maximising the opportunities in terms of the social, economic, environmental, and cultural benefits to enhance the wellbeing of the community. Whilst opening the River Loop might be the catalyst, it was about the benefits that would come from that. This was one of those community projects that was starting to get some traction.

### 3.6 Electric Vehicle Station, Foxton

Advice was still awaited as to whether there would be funding from EECA to support the installation of electric vehicle stations in Foxton and Shannon.

### 3.5 Shared Pathway – Foxton Beach

Ms Lundie said it would have been helpful to have seen an email on this before it commenced so Board Members had a heads up on what was occurring before it was made public.

Responding to a query in relation to 3.1, Heritage Buildings and whether there was any more money coming from Central Government, Mr Clapperton said the remit had been passed to try and lobby Government to make some tweaks to the Earthquake-Prone Building legislation.

With the Main Street Upgrade concluding with the north end now finished, Ms Metcalf queried if there was going to be a celebration or blessing. Mr Clapperton said he would find out if anything was planned.

In relation to the original plan for Main Street and what was proposed to bring people off the State Highway into town, Mr Clapperton said discussions were still be held with NZTA. The intention had always been to try and get one roundabout on SH1 to provide a safe passage from one side of Foxton to the other. However the challenge would come because of the increased number of vehicles coming from Foxton. NZTA was doing work on what SH1 might look like north of Levin through to Waiouru. Mr Clapperton said he had indicated to NZTA that this needed to be looked at quite quickly as Foxton might be the first town on SH1 after leaving Wellington. That was something he would come back to the Board with, particularly given the Government's intention to provide more funding for safety on rural roads. In terms of whether the Board could be involved in the planning, Mr Clapperton said NZTA was involved in the carriageway; Council's involvement was non-carriageway, i.e. stormwater and such like.



Cr Brannigan said he was pleased to see Local Alcohol Policies were part of the conference. As Chair of the District Licensing Committee he had been involved in the preparation of Council's LAP, which he thought was a very good policy. It had been appealed by the two main supermarket chains because of the 2 year cap asked for by the community and the hours of trading. It was indicative how a community could be handicapped by the power of those large organisations.

Mr Girling said it was good to see that the bus shelter was under way.

In relation to 3.7 – Foxton East Drainage Scheme, and the referenced meeting, Mr Roache said he had been led to believe by Horizons Regional Council that any meeting would include not only HDC and HRC but also the Community Board. He had been given that assurance.

Mr Clapperton said that the key purpose of the meeting had been to progress getting an independent consultant and consider design options. Responding to a query as to whether Board Members would get to see the Terms of Reference, Mr Clapperton said that was not normal practice.

Board Members expressed their wish to be involved in the process.

Mr Clapperton responded to queries from Ms Lundie in relation to the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account.

### 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 Girling, seconded Ms Metcalf:

*THAT Report 18/406 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**

7.00 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

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....