



Minutes – 19 May 2020

- Present:** Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley (from 7.23pm), Sophronia Smith, Councillor Garrick Emms and Councillor Ross Vickery.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager), Suzanne Clarke and Steph Dorne (Committee Advisors).
- Conduct of Business:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions it was not possible for Featherston Community Board to conduct this meeting with members and the public physically present. This meeting was held in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with clause 47A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and was conducted on 19 May 2020 between 7:02pm and 8.05pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Nik Rilkoﬀ (Community Patrol) and Paul Mason (Featherston Community Centre)

1. MEMBER DECLARATION

Elected Featherston Community Board member Sophronia Smith made her oral declaration.

2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

3. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/11) resolved to accept apologies from Harry Wilson, Chief Executive.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Smith)

Carried

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Ross Vickery declared a conflict of interest with the public participation item from Paul Mason on a proposed partnership with the Featherston Community Centre.

5. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgments or tributes.

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6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1 Nik Rilkoff – Community Safety and Crime Prevention

Ms Rilkoff provided an introduction to the Featherston Community Patrol and requested that Featherston Community Patrol be included as a regular agenda item to provide updates on their activities to support crime prevention and community safety. Community Patrol members are willing to work with the Board in local events. Support desired from the Community Board and/or Council would likely be in the way of funding support for a new vehicle and contribution to the Community Patrol's running costs.

6.2 Paul Mason – Partnership with the Featherston Community Centre

Mr Mason proposed a possible partnership between the Featherston Community Centre and South Wairarapa District Council whereby the Council takes ownership of the property and carries out required upgrades and ongoing maintenance. Mr Mason proposed a partnership relationship with the Featherston Community Centre remaining the long-term tenants.

Mrs Bleakley joined the meeting at 7.23pm.

7. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

7.1 Nik Rilkoff – Community Safety and Crime Prevention

Mr Shepherd noted ongoing discussions will be had with Community Patrol.

7.2 Paul Mason – Partnership with the Featherston Community Centre

FCB NOTED:

Action 163: Officers to obtain a copy of a written proposal from the Featherston Community Centre on the proposed partnership with Council and provide advice on next steps once received.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

8.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 25 February 2020

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/12) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 25 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Featherston Community Board Extraordinary Vacancy Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/13):

1. To receive the Featherston Community Board Extraordinary Vacancy Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Smith)

Carried

2. To note that the Featherston Community Board has an extraordinary vacancy since no nominations were received through the recent by-

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election to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Indigo Freya.

(Moved Smith/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

3. That the extraordinary vacancy will be filled by the appointment of Tohoa (Jayson) Tahinurua, and the process and criteria by which Tohoa (Jayson) Tahinurua was selected for appointment was by agreeing the following criteria for selection a) consideration of experience b) sector of the community that is not represented c) balancing Board composition and d) people who have expressed an interest in the past to stand for the Board, each with an equal weighting of 25 percent.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Smith) Carried

4. To note that the decision of the Community Board will be publicly notified in accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

(Moved Smith/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

9.2 Income and Expenditure Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/14) to receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 March 2020.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

9.3 Financial Assistance Report

Mr Shepherd provided an update that the applications had come back for reconsideration as they were previously deferred.

For the Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau application, members needed to weigh up whether they would prefer to spend their grant funding in the Featherston Ward only or to support community groups who operate in other areas as well. Mrs Bleakley noted supporting this application does not set a precedent for supporting future applications.

Mr Shepherd updated members that the application had been made by South Wairarapa Neighbourhood Support as the grant funding received from Council covered wages/operating costs and the full amount requested from Council was not granted. The coordinator role has been filled through to 30 June 2020.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/15):

1. To receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried
2. To grant Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau funding of \$350 to support its day to day running costs.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried
3. To grant South Wairarapa Neighbourhood Support funding of \$200 to assist with the costs of funding a new promotional flag and collateral.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Smith) Carried
4. To defer granting Featherston Community Centre funding to assist with the costs of its carpark development until Council has considered the proposed partnership agreement with Featherston Community Centre.

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(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

9.4 Community Funding Arrangements

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/16):

1. To receive the Community Funding Arrangements Report.

(Moved Smith/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

2. To agree to enter into a funding partnership agreement with Wairarapa Maths Association.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

9.5 Community Board Terms of Reference

Mayor Beijen and Ms Yates responded to questions on the scope of the Terms of Reference, including whether the Board could seek additional funding from Council to take a more active role in activities such as maintaining cycleways e.g. the Featherston to Cross Creek Cycleway, and the Board's involvement in the Carkeek Observatory.

Mayor Beijen updated members that the Civic Awards delegation had been deferred while further work is progressed on the process, but the expectation is that Community Boards will be involved.

Members discussed the importance of the Board's role in advocacy and representation.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/17):

1. To receive the Community Board Terms of Reference Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

2. To recommend to Council the adoption of the Community Board Terms of Reference.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

11. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Mrs Bleakley raised amending the Annual Plan submission to reflect discussions on the Terms of Reference in respect to issues she considered the Board could take a more active role in. Members discussed that a request to Council for an increase in funding should be supported by a plan and that there is limited time to progress a plan for this year's submission given the closing date of submissions on 24 May 2020. Further work could be done on a plan for future.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/18):

1. To receive the Chairperson Report.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

2. To approve the Featherston Community Board submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Annual Plan 2020-21.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

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12. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

Mrs Bleakley spoke on matters from the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals conference in 2019 which outlined 17 goals to address sustainable development. Mrs Bleakley proposed to present further information to the next physical Community Board meeting for the Board to consider recommending to Council the adoption of the goals.

Cr Vickery raised the Climate Change Strategy and noted the two pieces of work should inform one another.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2020/19) to receive the member report.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Smith)

Carried

FCB NOTED:

Action 164: Mrs Bleakley to work with Mélanie Barthe (Climate Change Advisor) to develop a report on recommendations that could be put forth to Council regarding the UN Sustainable Development Goals for consideration by the Community Board.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Mr Shepherd expressed a vote of thanks to officers and media for their support with preparing for and reporting on the Board's meeting, and community board members in respect to appointing the Board's fourth member.

Mayor Alex Beijen expressed a vote of thanks to community board members and councillors for their support and contribution during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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