



Featherston Community Board

Minutes – 3 December 2019

- Present:** Mark Shepherd (Chair), Indigo Freya, Claire Bleakley, Cr Garrick Emms (to 8.15pm), and Cr Ross Vickery.
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Mayor Alex Beijen, Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor), Steph Dorne (Committee Advisor).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was conducted in public in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston on 3 December 2019 between 7:00pm and 8:18pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Peter Jackson (Featherston RSA), Mary Bryne and John Broeren.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Mr Shepherd advised that a late item had been received in relation to a request for the naming of a new road. Mr Shepherd asked the Board to consider the report as an additional agenda item.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/68) to consider the request for the Naming of New Road/Right of Way, Sandy Bidwill and Others, 741 Kahutara Road, RD1, Featherston 5771 as agenda item 9.7; the application was received late but two of the new allotments on this new road/right of way have been sold and the purchasers will require an address for emergency purposes and connection of electrical and telecommunication services.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Freya)

Carried

2. DECLARATIONS

2.1 Elected Featherston Community Board member Claire Bleakley made her public declaration.

3. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/69) to accept apologies from Cr Emms as he needed to leave the meeting early.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Vickery declared a conflict of interest with the financial assistance application from the Featherston RSA as he is a member.

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5. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES**

Members noted Dr Berry's upcoming retirement and that the Community Board may have a role to play in acknowledging his service to the community. Members also noted the passing of Joe Dittmer who was a member of the Featherston Heritage Museum.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

6.1 Peter Jackson – Featherston RSA

Mr Jackson spoke to his grant application to assist with the costs of repainting the exterior of the RSA building. Mr Jackson noted the RSA is a longstanding organisation in the Featherston community and is seeking to rectify the deferred maintenance of the building. Mr Jackson indicated this repainting would be in keeping with the historic nature given its location in a historic precinct.

6.2 Mary Bryne – Fluoridation

Ms Bryne spoke of a remit that has been put forth to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) that decision-making relating to fluoridation of drinking water should go to central government rather than remain with local councils. Ms Bryne spoke of new studies which have highlighted the adverse health effects of fluoridation and requested the Board recommend to Council that it puts forth a motion to LGNZ that decision-making remains with local communities which is the current position.

6.3 John Broeren – Role of the Community Board

Mr Broeren spoke of an incident involving a Community Board member and requested this member refrain from discussions relating to him and his properties. Mr Broeren noted it is unfortunate to be speaking of this incident as it doesn't reflect the direction the community is working towards. Mr Shepherd apologised to Mr Broeren on behalf of the Featherston Community Board for the unjust way Mr Broeren felt he had been treated. He also offered to speak with Mr Broeren after the Board meeting, which Mr Broeren accepted.

7. **ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Peter Jackson – Featherston RSA

The Grant Application will be discussed under agenda item 9.4.

Mary Bryne – Fluoridation

Mrs Bleakley requested Ms Bryne provide some wording the Board could consider that could be put forth to Council should the Board decide to move forward with Ms Bryne's request. Mr Wilson suggested the Community Board be presented with alternative views so that it can make a decision on balance before presenting a recommendation to Council.

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Action 216 – To seek the perspective of Wellington Water Limited or Public Health in relation to fluoridation of drinking water and present their views back to the Featherston Community Board for consideration, H Wilson

John Broeren – Role of Community Board

Action 217 – To speak with Mr Broeren to investigate the incident involving a Community Board member as the incident described constitutes a breach of the Code of Conduct, M Shepherd.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

8.1 Minutes of the first meeting of the triennium – 30 October 2019

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/70) that sections D and G of the minutes of the first meeting of the triennium for Council and community boards held on 30 October 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Freya)

Carried

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Adoption of the 2020 Schedule of Ordinary Meetings

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/71):

1. To receive the Adoption of the 2020 Schedule of Ordinary Meetings Report.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

2. To adopt the 2020 schedule of ordinary meetings for Council, community boards and committees.
3. To set a meeting start time for ordinary meetings of 7pm.
4. To delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to alter the schedule of ordinary meetings following consultation with the Chair.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

9.2 Officers' Report

Mr Wilson advised the Officers' Report is dated as the relevant committees have not yet had their first meetings this triennium. Mr Wilson indicated this is particularly true of the information relating to water supply and noted an update will be covered in agenda item 9.5. Mr Wilson answered questions regarding the NRB Survey, the Fulton Hogan reporting and the Featherston Wastewater to Land Consent.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/72) to receive the Officers' Report.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

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9.3 **Income and Expenditure Report**

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/73):

1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019.
2. To receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 October 2019.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Freya)

Carried

9.4 **Financial Assistance Report**

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/74):

1. To receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Freya)

Carried

2. To defer a decision on granting funds to the Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau pending discussion by officers on the mechanism for dealing with funding requests from agencies who operate services across the district.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

3. To grant the Featherston RSA funds of \$500 to contribute to the cost of painting the exterior of the RSA.

(Moved Freya/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

Cr Vickery and Bleakley abstained.

Mr Shepherd used his casting vote to ensure the motion passed.

Action 218: Council officers to investigate a mechanism for handling funding requests from agencies who operate services across the district, J Mitchell.

9.5 **Summer Water Demand Report**

Mr Wilson provided an update on the water compliance issues across the South Wairarapa District and advised members that Council has agreed to fund up to \$500,000 to implement urgent improvement work needed to achieve compliance.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/75):

1. To receive the Summer Water Demand Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

2. To note the vulnerabilities of the Featherston water supply and potential impact on summer water demand.

3. To note the Wellington Water microsite for summer water demand information.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

9.6 Laws Affecting Elected Members Report

Mr Wilson presented selected sections of the Laws Affecting Elected Members Report. This was provided for the benefit of Mrs Bleakley who was absent when this was covered at the first meeting of the triennium on 30 October 2019.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/76):

1. To receive the Laws Affecting Elected Members Report.
2. To note the laws and obligations affecting elected representatives.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Freya)

Carried

9.7 Request for the Naming of New Road/Right of Way, Sandy Bidwill and Others, 741 Kahutara Road, RD1, Featherston 5771.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/77) to receive the request for the Naming of New Road/Right of Way, Sandy Bidwill and Others, 741 Kahutara Road, RD1, Featherston 5771.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Freya)

Carried

Members referred this item to the Martinborough Community Board as Kahutara falls within the Martinborough Ward. Members also discussed having a preapproved list of road names for developers to use across the district.

Cr Emms left the meeting at 8.15pm.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

11. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

There was no Chairpersons report.

12. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

There were no member reports.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/78) to receive the inwards correspondence.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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