



Featherston Community Board

Minutes – 12 March 2019

- Present:** Robyn Ramsden (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Brenda West, Cr Colin Olds and Cr Ross Vickery.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Viv Napier, Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services), Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary) and for part only Jo Dean (Zero Waste Co-ordinator) and Bryce Neems (Amenities Manager).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 7:00pm and 8:50pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Jamie Jacobs (Heritage NZ), Lee Mauger (Martinborough Dark Sky Society), Nim Grewal (Featherston Football Club) and Cheryl Gallaway.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/10) to receive apologies from Mark Shepherd.

(Moved West/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Jamie Jacobs (Heritage NZ)

Mr Jacobs outlined a proposal to create new interpretative signs for Featherston Military Training Camp. In addition to physical signs, a 3D digital model of the camp and stories could be accessed via visitors' mobile phones. Heritage NZ sought Community Board support, and would then consult with other interested or affected parties.

3.2 Lee Mauger, Martinborough Dark Sky Society

Mr Mauger outlined the Society's progress in creating a dark sky reserve in Martinborough. It was envisaged that an application would be lodged with a growth plan to accommodate other areas of the Wairarapa if there was community support. Mr Mauger asked the Board to promote Society events and to provide a letter of support for the concept.

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- 3.3 Nim Grewal, Featherston Football Club
Mr Grewal spoke in support of the Featherston Junior Football Club's application for financial support.
- 3.4 Cheryl Gallaway
Ms Gallaway spoke in support of her application for financial assistance.

4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4.1 Heritage NZ

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 132: Write a letter of support for the Interpretation Project in the Featherston Military Camp, as proposed by Heritage NZ, requesting Heritage NZ work with Claire Bleakley and other key members of the community; P Crimp

4.2 Martinborough Dark Sky Society

1. Action 133: Write a letter of support for the Martinborough Dark Sky Society Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve project; P Crimp
2. Action 134: Council officers are to note the location of the Carkeek observatory and its value as a heritage site, and advise the Featherston Community Board how the site will be managed under the current wastewater proposal; M Allingham

5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 29 January 2019

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/11):

1. That the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 29 January 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West) Carried
2. To note in the 29 January 2019 minutes that the Mayor did not attend the meeting.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Officers Report to Community Boards

Mr Allingham discussed LGOIMA requests, weeds growing in roading gutters, and a drainage issue with members.

Jo Dean provided an update on Long Term Plan waste initiatives as well as other zero waste initiatives.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/12):

1. To receive the Officers' Report.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
2. Action 135: Consider publicly releasing all LGOIMA requests and answers to those requests; P Crimp

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3. Action 137: Forward the Featherston Community Board a list of Council owned amenities; M Allingham

6.2 Action Items Report

Members discussed the action items and updates were made.

Mr Allingham introduced Bryce Neems and Mr Neems outlined amenities tasks being undertaken in Featherston. Amenities requests for action were to be funnelled through the Chair.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/13) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West) Carried

6.3 Income and Expenditure Report

Mrs Bleakley and Mrs West expressed concern that their approval was not sought before a commitment was made to purchase flags for the town. Their concerns were acknowledged and the Chair undertook to discuss this matter further with members.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/14):

1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period 1 July 2018-31 January 2019.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

2. To approve payment of \$1,662.49 plus GST to Traffic management NZ for a traffic management plan for the Featherston 2019 Christmas parade noting that resolution FCB2018/121 approved \$900 plus GST.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

3. To approve the purchase of Christmas flags at \$1,530 plus GST.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

Brenda West voted against the motion

Claire Bleakley abstained

4. Action 152: Check the FlagTrax commitment amount of \$625 as well as the delivery of Kuranui IT Flyers coded to FCB; J Mitchell

6.4 Financial Assistance

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/15):

1. To receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

2. To grant Featherston Junior Football Club \$500 to provide equipment and coaching to local Featherston schools.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

3. To grant Cheryl Gallaway \$200 for development and presentation of a public art work.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West) Carried

4. To grant Wairarapa Rape and Sexual Abuse Collective \$200 for a 'Saying no to Rape' campaign.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

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6.5 SWDC Logo and Branding Working Party

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/16):

1. To receive the SWDC Logo and Branding Working Party Report.
(*Moved West/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried
2. Action 137: On behalf of the Community Board write to Leigh Hay congratulating her on the project process undertaken and outcome for the new Council logo; P Crimp

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant (FWWTP) and Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plan II (FWWTP)

Mrs Bleakley presented her notice of motion and spoke in support of the request for information in the Community Board forum.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/17):

1. To receive the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plan Notice of Motion.
(*Moved Bleakley/Seconded West*) Carried
2. To request SWDC to report to the FCB what process the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant (FWWTP) consent went through regarding:
 - a. Who was responsible for the delegation of the 35 year FWWTP, submitted February 2018, conditions to Mott MacDonald
 - b. Who was responsible for the delegation of the 5 year FWWTP, submitted February 2018, conditions to Mott MacDonald?
 - c. What oversight was conducted into the accuracy of the reports by the SWDC?
 - d. Who in the SWDC did the monitoring of the final 35 and 5 years application documents?
 - e. What was the business case?
 - f. Who is accountable for the whole process
 - g. What are the accountability guidelines that have been followed?(*Moved Bleakley/Seconded West*) Carried
3. To request SWDC to provide a comprehensive breakdown of the costs to date of the Featherston Wastewater project:
 - a. The cost of the FWWTP 35 year consent application in February 2018 including the costs of lodging the application to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), costs incurred by Mott MacDonald and experts.
 - b. The full cost of the Hodder land and all fees incurred by lawyers and any third party.
 - c. The full cost of the Golf course including lawyers and any third party costs.

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- d. The full costs of the new 5 year consent plan including the costs of Mott MacDonald to write and submit the plan; the GWRC resource consent costs and any expected costs incurred whilst rewriting and relodging the application.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

4. To ask the SWDC to report to the FCB what process the 5 year Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant (FWWTP) consent went through regarding:

- a. Who was responsible for the delegation of the 5 year FWWTP, submitted January 10 2019?

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West) Carried

- b. Why were Mott MacDonald not the contracted to write the report?
- c. The full costs of the new 5 year consent plan including the costs of Lowe Environmental Impact (LEI) to write and submit the plan.
- d. Why did the Council change to LEI to change the report?
- e. What oversight was conducted into the accuracy of the reports by the SWDC?
- f. What were the unauthorised additions made to the 5 year application documents?
- g. Who will be responsible for the resubmission of the 5 year consent and will the public have input to it?
- h. What are the accountability guidelines that will be taken?

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

7.1 Featherston Vacant Lot

Mrs Ramsden presented her notice of motion, prepared on behalf of the Featherston Vacant Lot Project Team.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/18):

1. To receive the Featherston Vacant Lot Notice of Motion.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
2. To support the Project Team's recommendation that the councillors endorse resolution DC2015/90 and sell the Featherston vacant land (Lot 2 DP 471153) for the purpose of commercial development.
3. To recommend that the decision made in item 2 be put to the SWDC at the Council meeting scheduled for 3 April 2019.
4. To recommend that SWDC use an 'Expressions of Interest' process to ensure the right decision is made for the Featherston community.

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5. To recommend that the profit/proceeds of Lot 2 DP471153 be returned to the Featherston community via the Featherston Community Board.
6. To recommend that if any purchaser of Lot 2 DP 471153 sells the land that the SWDC have first right of refusal.
7. To thank the project team for their dedication to the Featherston community.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

8.1 Chairperson's Report

Members agreed that it was Council's responsibility to update the Street Flags and Banners Policy as it covered the district and not all towns operated their flags in the same way.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/19):

1. To receive the Chairpersons report.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West) Carried
2. To agree in principle to the Dog Park proposal as presented to the Board at the Featherston Community Board meeting on 20 November 2018.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West) Carried
3. Action 153: Request a Featherston specific amendment to the Street Flags and Banners Policy and seek direction from the Amenities Manager on the Street Flag policy; M Allingham

9. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

- 9.1 Governance Review, Council Committee and Working Parties Structures
FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/20) to receive the Governance Review, Council Committees and Working Parties Structure Report.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

9.2 Mysteries of Wairarapa Moana

Mrs Bleakley presented her report as submitted in the meeting papers.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/21) to receive the Mysteries of Wairarapa Moana Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West)

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Inwards

Featherston Community Centre, cc'd to Featherston Community Board, received 8 February 2019

Leslie Austin, forwarded to Featherston Community Board, and SWDC response

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*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/22) to receive the inwards correspondence.
(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried*

10.2 Outwards

To Mayor Napier, SWDC, from Featherston Community Board, dated 28 February 2019

To Jo Johnson, Featherston Swimming Club, from Featherston Community Board, dated 26 February 2019

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2019/23) to approve the outwards correspondence.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

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.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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