



## Featherston Community Board

Minutes – 17 July 2018

- Present:** Robyn Ramsden (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Mark Shepherd and Brenda West.
- In Attendance:** Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 7:00pm and 9:45pm.
- Also in Attendance:** David Hancock and Paul Broughton (Destination Wairarapa), Elsa Kelly and Keiko Nojima (Featherston Heritage Museum) and Martine Bijker.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### 1. APOLOGIES

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/56)* to receive apologies from Cr Colin Olds and Mayor Viv Napier.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd)*

Carried

#### 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### 3.1 David Hancock and Paul Broughton (Destination Wairarapa)

Mr Hancock with support from Mr Broughton brought a proposal to the Community Board to divert traffic through town in order to help retail volumes and direct traffic away from Featherston School and remove the need to cross the railway lines. Mr Hancock requested the Board give direction to Council to do the work necessary to understand what changing the traffic flows would mean. Mr Broughton had canvassed business owners who all supported the diversion provided traffic calming methods were also employed.

##### 3.2 Elsa Kelly and Keiko Nojima (Featherston Heritage Museum)

Ms Kelly with support from Ms Nojima outlined the work the Museum had undertaken in the past 18 months and requested the Community Board support the Museum's application for financial assistance.

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### 3.3 Martine Bijker

Ms Bijker shared her ideas for promotion of Featherston. The First Friday's website was now being used not only for the First Friday events but as a general Featherston information site. Ms Bijker noted that Greytown and Martinborough had village websites and an indication of interest was sought from the Community Board to be part of a wider Featherston website development project.

## 4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### 4.1 David Hancock and Paul Broughton (Destination Wairarapa)

Members discussed the need to carefully define what was trying to be achieved, options for moving the traffic diversion proposal forward, and the need to involve the community early in the process.

### 4.2 Featherston Heritage Museum

The application for funding from the Featherston Heritage Museum would be considered under agenda item 6.4.

### 4.3 Martine Bijker

Members thanked Ms Bijker for her presentation.

#### *FCB NOTED:*

1. Action 478: Organise a meeting with Mark Shepherd and Mark Owen (NZTA) to discuss the proposal to divert traffic from Revans Street through Featherston, options, traffic statistics, and to define next steps; M Allingham
2. Action 479: Open discussions with Fab Feathy about support for a Featherston village webpage; M Shepherd

## 5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

### 5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 5 June 2018

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/57)* that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 5 June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the correction of Action 349 being assigned to Claire Bleakley rather than Robyn Ramsden.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley)*

Carried

## 6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 6.1 Officers Report to Community Boards

Mr Allingham discussed Card Reserve tree removal, swimming pool heating, Waihinga Centre financial matters, and the increase in solid waste with members.

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*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/58):*

1. To receive the Officers' Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded West*) Carried
2. Action 480: Provide the correct rates arrears graphs to Martinborough Community Board; J Mitchell
3. Action 481: Provide Powerco with current contact details of Card Reserve users and ask that they ensure all users are contacted about the planned tree removal; M Allingham
4. Action 482: Advise the Featherston Swimming Club on the outcome of the swimming pool solar heating failure and any proposed heating remediation works; M Allingham
5. Action 483: Advise Claire Bleakley how much the community raised for the Waihinga Centre project, and how the \$2M in invoices to come will be funded, and whether the overall expected expenditure is short of the project budget; J Mitchell
6. Action 484: Advise the FCB where e-waste is going to be collected; M Allingham

6.2 Action Items Report

Members discussed the action items and updates were provided.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/59):*

1. To receive the Action Items Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd*) Carried
2. Action 485: Undertake safety repairs (if needed) to the stile leading into Lone Tree Hill; M Allingham
3. Action 486: Itemise outstanding items from the Featherston 2033 plan that will not be picked up by the proposal to divert traffic through Featherston; FCB
4. Action 487: Release communications, letting the community know that repairs are being undertaken inside the Featherston Sports Stadium; M Allingham
5. Action 488: Liaise with a Featherston based mosaic artist to ascertain interest in moving and then repairing the train mosaic; C Bleakly
6. Action 489: Determine a mechanism for consulting with the community on renaming the Featherston Town Square; FCB

6.3 Income and Expenditure Report

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/60):*

1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried

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#### 6.4 Financial Assistance

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/61):*

1. Receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded West*) Carried
2. To allocate \$500 to the Friday Club to help with the costs associated with purchasing a safe new slide.  
(*Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd*) Carried
3. To allocate \$300 to Maths Wairarapa towards the costs associated with running the Wairarapa schools maths competition.  
(*Moved West/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried
4. To allocate \$500 to the Featherston Heritage Complex Society towards the costs associated with hosting Chor Farmer.  
(*Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried

#### 6.5 Grants Policy Review Report

The Community Board withheld agreement as they felt it would be more difficult to make grants decisions under the proposed changes.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/62):*

1. Receive the Grants Policy Review Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd*) Carried
2. Action 490: Provide clarification to FCB on why there are so many deletions in section 4 and why 6.3 has been deleted; J Mitchell
3. Action 491: Correct grammatical use of abbreviations and apply consistency throughout policy; J Mitchell

#### 6.6 Working with Volunteers

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/63):*

1. Receive the Working with Volunteers Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd*) Carried
2. To note the process for assessing whether volunteers can be utilised.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried

### 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There was no notices of motion.

### 8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

#### 8.1 Chairperson's Report

Mrs Ramsden reviewed recent workshop minutes and members discussed footpath renewals, funding for new footpaths, installation of curbing and channelling in streets with none, pensioner housing, and the Community Board Featherston Wastewater submission.

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Half the members present were disappointed the Featherston wastewater submission did not represent those members of the community who presented to the Board. Other members felt that only a neutral position could be presented as other members of the community wanted the wastewater proposal to proceed, and statements as presented to the Board by the community were not all technically correct.

Mrs Bleakley had requested that the submission include a minority view of the Board as follows:

“The Featherston Community Board (FCB) public forum received presentations from members of the public regarding:

- The effluent irrigation being too close to surrounding properties.
- The data on sensitive land use in the vicinity of the site has not identified all surrounding properties.
- The detrimental effects on the soil, water, air, notably ground water and bores, from the long term irrigation of effluent.
- The threat to health of surrounding community and loss of economic livelihoods for the surrounding properties is highly concerning.
- There was a request to have a system that treats water to a high standard before irrigation to land.
- The application did not fully align with Featherston’s current growing social and economic environment.”

Mrs Ramsden noted that requesting a change to a submission four hours before a submission is due is not acceptable, particularly where the request included points that had previously been discussed and where there was no consensus view.

Members agreed not to progress blue directional signage at this time.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/64):*

1. To receive the Chairpersons report.  
*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd)* Carried
2. Action 492: Release communications, advising that Council have decided not to undertake any new footpaths pending a new footpath strategy/policy being adopted; M Allingham
3. Action 493: Provide guidance to the FCB on what can be included in a Board submission where there is no consensus; P Crimp

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/65)* to recommend to Council that a business case to NZTA is made for new curbing and drainage to be undertaken on a number of streets in Featherston (exact locations pending).

*(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West)* Carried

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/66):*

1. To recommend to Council that now that it is known that Lone Tree Hill is Council owned land, that it be maintained under the Citycare maintenance contract.

*(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West)*

Carried

2. Action 494: Write to Mark King and let him know the ownership status of Lone Tree Hill and that the Community Board has requested that it is maintained by Council; P Crimp

## **9. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)**

### 9.1 Mayor's Update

Members noted the report as submitted.

### 9.2 Wings Over the Wairarapa Report

Members noted the report as submitted.

### 9.3 Pensioner

Mrs Bleakley briefed members on a meeting held with Mayor Napier, Cr Olds, Cr Wright, Perry Cameron and Jennie Mitchell. Mrs Bleakley thanked Ms Mitchell for finances which were accompanied with a plain English explanation and noted that Featherston community housing tenants were paying \$5 per week more than their Martinborough counterparts for the same size rooms, and that Featherston rents should be adjusted downwards rather than Martinborough's adjusted upwards.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/67)* to request a membership position on the Community Housing Working Party and if permission is granted to nominate Claire Bleakley.

*(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West)*

Carried

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

### 10.1 Inwards

From Featherston Toy Library, to Featherston Community Board, dated 12 May 2018

From Forestry NZ, to Mayor, South Wairarapa District Council, dated 1 June 2018

From Victim Support, to Featherston Community Board, dated 22 June 2018

### 10.2 Outwards

To Raymond Hicks Contracting, from Featherston Community Board, dated 28 June 2018

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/68)* to receive the inwards and approve the outwards correspondence.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West)*

Carried

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.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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