



## Featherston Community Board

Minutes – 18 July 2017

- Present:** Brenda West (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Cr Dayle Harwood, Cr Colin Olds, Robyn Ramsden and Mark Shepherd.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Viv Napier, Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary) and for part only Murray Buchanan (Planning and Environment Group Manager), Hans van Kregten (Kaha Consultancy) and Annabel Hobson (Resource Management Officer).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 7:00pm and 10:10pm.
- External Speakers:** Roz Harding, Trevor Benton (Cross Creek Railway), Jennifer Grey and Kate Mead, Stephen Higginson and John Stier, Sue Fox (Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association), Wendy Morrison, Kieran McAnulty (Accelerate Wairarapa) and Jim O'Malley, Lee Priday (KittyCat Rehoming Wairarapa).

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Paul Crimp.

#### 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Robyn Ramsden declared a conflict of interest with the application for financial assistance from the Cross Creek Railway to be considered under agenda item 6.6.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### 3.1 Roz Harding and Trevor Benton (Cross Creek Railway)

Ms Harding with support from Mr Benton answered questions relating to the Cross Creek Railway application for financial support requesting funds to purchase a new engine.

##### 3.2 Jennifer Grey and Kate Mead

Ms Grey with support from Ms Mead outlined a project to paint a mural at 89 Featherston Street to beautify Featherston, and requested a letter of support and financial support, from the Community Board.

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- 3.3 Stephen Higginson and John Stier  
Mr Higginson and Mr Stier expressed concern about Council's intention to change the tenancy agreement for community housing residents so rent could be increased incrementally on a yearly basis. Community housing was to be run as 'not for profit' and residents were fearful of the future due to capped incomes. Mr Stier asked the Community Board for support in obtaining definitive information from Council relating to costs associated with running community housing.
- 3.4 Sue Fox, Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association (FRRA)  
Ms Fox outlined progress for making an application to the NZ Geographic Board to register 'Featherston' as the official town name of Featherston. Ms Fox invited the Community Board to send a letter of support that could be forwarded with the registration application. Cr Olds complimented the FRRA on their work.
- 3.5 Wendy Morrison and Kieran McAnulty (Accelerate Wairarapa)  
Ms Morrison with support from Mr McAnulty outlined a programme of work to attract business and investment into Wairarapa. The community driven project was working towards the establishment of a website linked via the existing Destination Wairarapa website to attract businesses, and those that wanted to live and work in the Wairarapa. Ms Morrison asked for Community Board support of the project.
- 3.6 Jim O'Malley and Lee Priday, KittyCat Rehoming Wairarapa  
Mr O'Malley and Ms Priday discussed the KittyCat Rehoming application for financial assistance and answered member's questions. Financial support was sought for the creation of a website that could be used to advise the public of cats that needed rehoming.

#### **4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- 4.1 Cross Creek Railway  
Deferred to agenda item 6.6.
- 4.2 Jennifer Grey and Kate Mead  
Deferred to agenda item 6.6.
- 4.3 Stephen Higginson and John Stier  
*FCB NOTED:*
1. Action 387: In conjunction with Council officers prepare a report on the income and expenses of SWDC community housing for discussion at the August Featherston Community Board meeting;  
C Bleakley

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- 4.4 Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association  
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/43)* that a letter of support in respect to the proposal of the Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association to formally name Featherston.  
*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded West)* Carried  
 Claire Bleakley voted against the motion.
- 4.5 Accelerate Wairarapa  
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/44)* to support the Accelerate Wairarapa project in principle.  
*(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd)* Carried
- 4.6 KittyCat Rehoming Wairarapa  
 Deferred to agenda item 6.6.

## 5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

- 5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 6 June 2017  
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/45)* that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 6 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.  
*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Ramsden)* Carried

## 6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Update of Council's Notable Tree Register  
 Mr van Kregten and Mr Buchanan discussed Council's planned review of the South Wairarapa notable trees register in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan with members and provided a handout on the process. Mr Buchanan asked members to liaise with the community to seek assistance in identifying why the Featherston notable trees had been listed and to identify new specimens for consideration and existing specimens for removal (if appropriate).  
 Mr Buchanan noted that listing a tree does have implications to the owner and it was preferable to have landowner agreement.  
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/46):*
1. To receive the Update of Council's Notable Tree Register Report.  
*(Moved West/Seconded Bleakley)* Carried
  2. Action 388: Utilise local newspapers and social media, including the Featherston Phoenix, to publicise the request for the community to participate in updating of the Notable Tree Register in the District Plan; M Buchanan
- 6.2 Action Items Report  
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/47):*
1. To receive the Action Items Report.  
*(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden)* Carried

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2. Action 389: Ascertain whether operating a community can receptacle container at SuperValue will negatively impact on Council costs/revenue; C Bleakley
3. Action 390: Write to Vicky Alexander advising that operating a community can receptacle container at SuperValue was possible, but that a community group needed to take ownership for managing the operation and distributing profit; C Bleakley
4. Action 391: Provide information to FCB members on the proposed bypass changes to Revans Street; M Allingham

### 6.3 Income and Expenditure Report

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/48)* to receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the 1 July 2016 – 31 May 2017.

*(Moved West/Seconded Shepherd)* Carried

### 6.4 Officers' Report to Community Boards

Members noted that Council officers had only attended one of the last three meetings. Members discussed slips on Cape Palliser Road, the increase of solid waste going to landfills and upcoming Resource Management Act changes.

Members thanked Mayor Napier for representing the region in Belgium.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/49):*

1. To receive the Officers' Report to Community Boards.  
*(Moved West/Seconded Bleakley)* Carried
2. Action 392: Provide regular short progress reports on the wastewater projects as a regular agenda item; M Allingham

### 6.5 Review of Policy E502: Community Groups Use of and Access to Council Parks and Reserves

Members discussed the Policy and whether it would suit groups with reoccurring events and requested that officers incorporate specific park requirements into the terms and conditions.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/50):*

1. To receive the Community Groups Use of and Access to Council Parks and Reserves Policy Report.  
*(Moved West/Seconded Cr Harwood)* Carried
2. That further information was required, including a schedule of the parks and reserves in each town and their individual requirements before approving the Policy.
3. That the draft Policy be revisited at the August 2017 meeting.  
*(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West)* Carried
4. Action 393: To change the word 'wishing' in paragraph 3.1.1 of the policy to 'seeking'; M Allingham

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## 6.6 Applications for Financial Assistance

Members agreed to defer consideration of the application for financial assistance from Jennifer Grey and that Brenda West would work with the Planning team to discuss resource consent requirements for the project and then prepare a report for Community Board consideration.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/51):*

1. To receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.
2. To grant Cross Creek Railway \$300 to help with the costs associated with the purchase of two new motors for the existing locomotives.

*(Moved West/Seconded Cr Harwood)*

Carried

Claire Bleakley voted against the motion.

3. To grant KittyCat Rehoming Wairarapa \$300 to help with building a website; provided statistics are kept for the next 6 months outlining which towns cats have been taken in from.

*(Moved West/Seconded Cr Olds)*

Carried

Claire Bleakley abstained.

4. Action 394: Work with the Planning team to discuss resource consent requirements for the 89 Featherston Street mural project and then prepare a report for Community Board consideration; B West

## 6.7 Naming of New Road in Featherston

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/52):*

1. To receive Naming of New Road in Featherston Report.
2. To support the use of the name “Ataahua Place”.

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley)*

Carried

## 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

## 8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

There was no report to consider.

## 9. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

### 9.1 Wairarapa Library Service

Mrs Ramsden discussed key issues from the Wairarapa Library Service meeting with members as outlined in the report submitted.

### 9.2 Featherston Information Centre

Cr Olds and Mrs Ramsden had organised a successful afternoon tea for volunteers which was well received and Mrs Ramsden was working with the Centre to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding, financial information and a Health and Safety Policy.

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*FCB NOTED:*

- 1. Action 395: Include a graph showing usage of WiFi in the district libraries in council reports; M Allingham

9.3 Featherston Community Facebook Page

Mrs Ramsden reported that the FCB page now had 78 likes and continued to provide only updates.

9.4 Update on Actions from Claire Bleakley

Mrs Bleakley undertook to provide proposed street names for the Poppy project in September 2017.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/53) to receive the Community Board reports*

*(Moved West/Seconded Cr Olds)*

Carried

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Inwards

Members discussed correspondence from Jan Stephen and undertook to discuss perceived concerns with the property owner.

From Kevin Tso, Victim Support, to Featherston Community Board, dated 13 June 2017

From Jean McDowall, Featherston Camp Sculpture Memorial Trust, to Featherston Community Board, dated 1 July 2017 (tabled)

From Jan Stephen to Brenda West, to Featherston Community Board, dated 9 July 2017 (tabled)

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/54):*

- 1. To receive the inwards correspondence.  
*(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden)* Carried
- 2. Action 396: Write and acknowledge correspondence submitted by Jan Stephen; P Crimp

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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