



## Featherston Community Board

### Minutes 1 May 2012

- Present:** Garry Thomas (Chair), Helen Barrow, Lee Carter, Phil Robertson (from 6:15pm), Cr Solitaire Robertson, and Cr Keith Sexton.
- In attendance:** Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Group Room of Family Works Centre, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:00pm and 7:25pm.

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

##### 1. APOLOGIES

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/17)* to receive apologies from Dr Jack Dowds.  
(*Moved Barrow/ Seconded Sexton*)

Carried

##### 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Thomas and Cr Robertson declared an association with the Anzac Club and a conflict of interest with agenda item 9 'Featherston Anzac Hall Landscaping'.

##### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

##### 4. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

###### 4.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 13 March 2012

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/18)* that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 13 March 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(*Moved Cr Robertson/ Seconded Carter*)

Carried

###### 4.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

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4.3 Action items from previous meeting  
The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services undertook to provide an update on the removal of Featherston recycling bins to members before the next meeting.

4.4 Income and Expenditure Statement  
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/19)* that the tabled Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 March 2012 be received.

*(Moved Cr Sexton/ Seconded Thomas)*

Carried

## 5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS:

5.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards  
The community board reviewed the report and discussed water metering, planning and environment streamlining, noise complaints, swimming pool income, and the WLS library opening hours survey and outcome.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/20):*

1. To receive the information.

*(Moved Thomas/ Seconded P. Robertson)*

Carried

2. Action 215: Break down the dog and stock control incidents by town and provide to Featherston community board members; G Bunny

## 6. COMMUNITY BOARD/COUNCILLORS REPORTS

### **Phil Robertson**

Mr Robertson gave an update from a meeting of the Featherston Walkways and Reserves Trust, and noted graffiti on Wakefield Street in Featherston was worsening. The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services advised that it was the property owners responsibility to remove graffiti and even larger councils only removed graffiti on private property if it faced a major road.

### **Lee Carter**

Mrs Carter requested that Council look at relocating a rubbish bin in Fitzherbert Street to where the school bus stopped. Mrs Carter also noted the poor condition of the fence at the Featherston Cemetery. The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services noted that quotes were being obtained to replace this fence. Implementing the Lake Domain Development Plan was also discussed.

### **Cr Robertson**

Cr Robertson reported that there was good public support of the Featherston Anzac Day celebration.

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### **Cr Sexton**

Cr Sexton reported that there had been four smoke nuisance complaints from the Featherston area.

### **Garry Thomas**

Mr Thomas noted the LGNZ invitation to community boards to attend the LGNZ Community Board Conference later in the year.

#### *FCB RESOLVED (FCB2012/21):*

1. That Garry Thomas and Phil Robertson should attend the 2012 LGNZ Community Board Conference and that the Featherston Community Board would cover Mr Robertson's attendance costs.

*(Moved Cr Solitaire Robertson/ Seconded Barrow)*

Carried

2. Action 216: Arrange for the rubbish bin outside Cindys in Fitzherbert Street to be moved to where the school bus stops (the next set of buildings south); M Allingham
3. Action 217: Look at the pedestrian crossing islands by St Teresa's School and Anzac Hall and investigate if anything can be done to improve access to the Anzac Hall car park; M Allingham

## **7. FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY HALL HIRE**

Mayor Staples reported that the Featherston Swimming Club had requested use of Anzac Hall free of charge to celebrate the clubs 100-year centenary. Council policy was approved for this event which gave them a 50% discount. The community board discussed subsidising hall fees beyond a 50% discount and agreed that grants would not be allocated to charitable and like community organisation already in receipt of a Council concession of fees for hall hire.

## **8. PINE TREES AROUND FEATHERSTON SKATE PARK**

Mr Thomas proposed that the trees overshadowing the Featherston Skatepark be removed as they were potential hazards. Cr Robertson advised that the trees were historic montereypines planted in 1890 and had a high amenity value (as per the Clifford Square Reserve Management Plan). Prior consultation on the trees future had already been undertaken and it was unlikely community sentiment had changed.

#### *FCB NOTED:*

1. Action 218: Arrange for an arborist to look at the montereypines in the vicinity of the Featherston Skatepark to provide advice on trimming them for tree health and public safety; M Allingham

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**9. FEATHERSTON ANZAC HALL LANDSCAPING**

On behalf of the Anzac Club Mr Thomas presented their concept of placing a large greywacke rock retrieved from the Rimutaka Hill by the fence as a landscaping project. Mr Thomas said it would be mounted in concrete and could have a plaque erected on it telling the rock’s story. The community board agreed that the Anzac Club could progress this concept.

**10. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

10.1 Maths Wairarapa

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/22) to grant Maths Wairarapa \$200 for the Wairarapa schools’ maths week competition.*

*(Moved Cr Robertson/ Seconded Cr Sexton)*

Carried

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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