

**FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD**  
**Summary of Business from**  
**Ordinary Meeting 19 May 2020**

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<b>Present:</b> (via audio/tele conference)	Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley (from 7.23pm), Sophronia Smith, Councillor Garrick Emms and Councillor Ross Vickery
<b>In Attendance:</b> (via audio/tele conference)	Mayor Alex Beijen, Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Karen Yates (Manager Policy and Governance), Suzanne Clark and Steph Dorne (Committee Advisors)
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	Due to COVID-19 restrictions it was not possible for Featherston Community Board to conduct this meeting with members and the public physically present. This meeting was held in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with clause 47A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
<b>Public Participants:</b>	Nik Rilkoff (Community Patrol) and Paul Mason (Featherston Community Centre)

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**6. Public Participation**

**6.1 Nik Rilkoff – Community Safety and Crime Prevention**

**Discussion Points:**

- Ms Rilkoff provided an introduction to the Featherston Community Patrol and requested becoming a regular item on the Featherston Community Board agenda.
- Support requested from the Community Board and/or Council would likely be in the way of funding for a new vehicle and contribution to running costs.

**Decisions:**

- No decisions were made. Ongoing conversations would be had between the Board and Community Patrol.

**6.2 Paul Mason – Partnership with the Featherston Community Centre**

**Discussion Points:**

- Mr Mason proposed a partnership between the Featherston Community Centre and South Wairarapa District Council whereby the property is gifted to Council in exchange for funds to realise upgrades

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to the property and ongoing maintenance. Mr Mason proposed Featherston Community Centre would remain the long-term tenants.

- Discussion points included the sale of 57 Fitzherbert street, level of ongoing maintenance, and a desire for further information on the proposal.

**Decisions:**

- No decisions were made but an action was recorded for officers to obtain a copy of a written proposal from the Featherston Community Centre and advise on next steps.

## **9. Chief Executive and Staff Reports**

### **9.1 Featherston Community Board Extraordinary Vacancy Report**

The purpose of the report was to outline options available to the Featherston Community Board in respect of filling the extraordinary vacancy.

**Discussion Points:**

- The Board received profiles from members of the community who expressed an interest in the position and assessed these so they could be considered for appointment at this meeting.

**Decisions:**

- The Board noted that the Featherston Community Board has an extraordinary vacancy since no nominations were received through the recent by-election to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Indigo Freya
- That the extraordinary vacancy will be filled by the appointment of Tohoa (Jayson) Tahinurua, and the process and criteria by which Tohoa (Jayson) Tahinurua was selected for appointment was by agreeing the following criteria for selection a) consideration of experience b) sector of the community that is not represented c) balancing Board composition and d) people who have expressed an interest in the past to stand for the Board, each with an equal weighting of 25 percent.
- The Board noted that the decision of the Community Board will be publicly notified in accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

### **9.2 Income and Expenditure**

The purpose of the report was to present the Community Board with the most recent Income and Expenditure Statement. This was an information only report.

### **9.3 Applications for Financial Assistance**

The purpose of the report was to present applications for financial assistance to the Featherston Community Board for their consideration.

**Discussion points:**

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- The three grants applications came back to the Board for consideration as they were deferred at a prior meeting.
- For the Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau application, members weighed up whether they would prefer to spend their grant funding in the Featherston Ward only or to support community groups who operate in other areas as well. Supporting this application does not set a precedent for supporting future applications.
- Members were updated on the funding South Wairarapa Neighbourhood Support sought from Council and the coordinator role that has been filled through to 30 June 2020.
- Members discussed deferring the application from the Featherston Community Centre given the proposal raised by Mr Mason in the public forum.

**Decisions:**

- To grant Wairarapa Citizens Advice Bureau funding of \$350 to support its day to day running costs.
- To grant South Wairarapa Neighbourhood Support funding of \$200 to assist with the costs of funding a new promotional flag and collateral.
- To defer granting Featherston Community Centre funding to assist with the costs of its carpark development until Council has considered the proposed partnership agreement with the Featherston Community Centre.

**9.4 Community Funding Arrangements Report**

The purpose of the report was to present a draft funding partnership agreement with Wairarapa Maths Association for consideration by the Board.

**Decision:**

- To approve the funding partnership agreements with Wairarapa Maths Association.

**9.5. Community Board Terms of Reference Report**

The purpose of the report was for the community board to review the revised Community Board Terms of Reference and recommend to Council its adoption.

**Discussion points:**

- Discussion points included the scope of the Terms of Reference in relation to the Board's role in maintaining cycleways and its involvement in Carkeek, civic awards, financial delegations, the

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Board's funding allocation from Council and the advocacy and representation role of the Community Board.

**Decision:**

- To recommend to Council the adoption of the Community Board Terms of Reference.

### **11.1 Chairperson Report**

The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the Chair's actions since the last meeting and to recommend items for decision.

**Discussion points**

- Mrs Bleakley raised amending the submission to the Annual Plan to reflect discussions under the Terms of Reference on issues such as the Board's role in Carkeek and cycleways, and funding allocation from Council.
- Members discussed that a change in the funding allocation from Council should be supported by a plan and that there is limited time to progress this in time for submissions closing on 24 May 2020. The submission broadly captures the issues raised at a high level and no amendments were made.

**Decisions**

- Approve the Featherston Community Board submission to the South Wairarapa District Council Annual Plan 2020-21

### **12.1 Member Report**

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals conference attended by Mrs Bleakley and to signal that, at the next meeting, Mrs Bleakley intends to present further information on this for the Board to consider recommending to Council the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Discussion points**

- The further work Mrs Bleakley intends to undertake on the Sustainable Development Goals and the work on the Climate Change Strategy should inform one another.

**Decisions**

- No decisions were made but an action was recorded for Mrs Bleakley to liaise with Melanie Barthe, Climate Change Advisor, to work together on a report for consideration by the Community Board.

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