



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 19 July 2011

- Present:** Garry Thomas (Chair), Helen (Darkie) Barrow, Lee Carter and Crs Solitaire Robertson and Keith Sexton.
- In attendance:** Mayor Adrienne Staples (until 7:11pm), Dr Jack Dowds (Chief Executive Officer) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Public Participation** Phil Dittmer and Joe Dittmer
- 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 7:19pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Dittmer and Joe Dittmer presented concept sketches of a gazebo planned for the Featherston War Memorial Site. The Mayor undertook to liaise with Kuniko Polglase, Juken New Zealand Ltd, regarding the concept drawings and the possibility of securing timber for the gazebo. Mr Thomas undertook to get builders quotes to build the gazebo.

4. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

4.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 7 June 2011

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/30) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 7 June 2011 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 Community Board reviewed the action items and provided updates. Mrs Barrow tabled Featherston Information Centre visitor numbers.

The Community Board agreed that professional painters should be engaged to paint the Featherston Information Centre, but the community could support with preparation.

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 784: Liaise with Holmes Construction about securing builders screens for placement around the Featherston Gazebo for a few days in October while it is painted; G Thomas
2. Action 785: Determine if the railway crossing signs at Reeves Street, Featherston are at the correct height - fix if not (recent works may have caused them to be replaced lower than standard); M Allingham

4.4 Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 May 2011

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/31) that the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 May 2011 be received.

(Moved Cr Sexton/ Seconded Barrow)

Carried

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – Council Officers :

5.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

Mr Thomas had received an excess water use charge and found the invoice uninformative and suggested a printout of the whole years readings would be more useful for pinpointing when excess water was used.

It was noted that people noise was classified as disturbance of the peace and was a police issue rather than noise control.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/32):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Barrow/ Seconded Carter)

Carried

5.2 Terms of Reference

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/33):

1. To receive the information.
2. To recommend to Council that the Community Board Terms of Reference be approved.

(Moved Barrow/ Seconded Carter)

Carried

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6. COMMUNITY BOARD/COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Helen Barrow

Mrs Barrow had nothing to report.

Lee Carter

Mrs Carter had received a query on the plaque and time capsule buried below the old post office site in Featherston. It was noted that the items had been recovered and were now housed at the museum.

Dr Dowds advised that smoke testing of sewer pipes was taking place in Featherston and residents connected to the sewer system were being advised of the planned works.

Cr Robertson

Cr Robertson reported that the Christchurch and Japan Support Concert was excellent and thanked Council for the use of Anzac Hall at no cost.

Cr Sexton

Cr Sexton had been liaising with council officers about the removal of trees on Underhill Road in Featherston.

Garry Thomas

Mr Thomas had nothing to report.

Mayor Staples

The Mayor advised that Featherston would be the first town in the South Wairarapa to receive a sculpture as part of a Toi Wairarapa project and that an arts advisory committee would need to be formed to help with artwork design, to identify potential sites and to liaise with the community. The Community Board agreed to appoint Cr Robertson as chairperson and lead for this committee.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/34) to receive Councillors and Community Board Reports.

(Moved Carter/ Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

7. INFORMATION CENTRE:

Mr Thomas and Mrs Barrow had met with Information Centre volunteers and reported that they were supportive of employing someone for the Information Centre so it could be open for regular hours during the Rugby World Cup. The volunteers suggested the busiest days (Wednesday – Sunday) would be the best time for paid staff to run the Information Center. Information from the Community Board meeting of 17 June 2011 regarding staffing costs was referred to.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/35) that a vacancy for the Featherston Information Centre is advertised in the Wai News to cover the period of 1 September 2011 – 10 November 2011. Days of work were Wednesday through Sunday between 10am – 2pm (4 hours a day).

(Moved Thomas/ Seconded Carter)

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7 CAMPERVAN PARK

Mr Thomas advised that Council had provided \$3,000 during the Annual Planning process and in order to complete a campervan park behind the Fell Museum the Community Board would need to fund \$3,500. The benefit to Featherston would be gaining a listing with the NZ Motor Caravan Association as a campervan friendly town. In addition the site is a fire hazard in summer and gravelling the site would rectify this problem and potentially reduce vandalism in the area.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/36) that the Community Board compliments the \$3,000 provided by Council with \$3,500 to fund the creation of a campervan park behind the Featherston Fell Museum.

(Moved Thomas/ Seconded Barrow)

Carried

8. CORRESPONDANCE

8.1 Outwards:

From Garry Thomas to Paul Basham, NZ Police, dated 13 July 2011 (tabled).

9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

9.1 Featherston Community Centre

The Community Board noted that the financial assistance applied for by the Featherston Community Centre was well over the maximum amount allocated by the Community Board, and that if the grant was given there was concern that it would not meet the condition that it be spent within 6 months.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/37) that application for financial assistance from the Featherston Community Centre be placed on hold until the Centre knew whether it was successful in obtaining funds from other sources. If the Community Centre still required funds after receiving notification from other funding bodies then a request should be made to the Community Board in person.

(Moved Carter/ Seconded Cr Sexton)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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