

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD AT THE FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 14 WAKEFIELD STREET, FEATHERSTON.
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Deputy Mayor), Cr Rebecca Gray, Mr Tui Rutherford (Chair), Mr John Dennison, Ms Annelise Schroeder
- APOLOGIES:** Warren Maxwell
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Robyn Ramsden (Advisor, Community Governance)
- PUBLIC FORUM:** Ann Hynds, Elisabeth Mikkelsen, Amy Ross, Joanne Ridley-McBeth, Mary Gow (over phone)
- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** This meeting was held in the Featherston Community Centre, 14 Wakefield Street, Featherston. This meeting was audio recorded for administrative purposes. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 7:03pm to 9:11pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Tui Rutherford opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/01

Moved: Mr T Rutherford

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

To accept apologies from Mr Warren Maxwell.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Tui Rutherford offered everyone a happy new year.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ann Hynds – road speed limits on Underhill Road

Ann spoke to the speed limit of 100 kms on Underhill Road. The road is now used by residents, quarry trucks and cyclists. There have been two accidents in the last 5 years. She is asking the Community Board to pursue this issue with Council on behalf residents and users of the road.

Ann provided images of damage to the road and showed an example of how narrow the road is.

Members discussed the SWDC speed review, suggested using temporary speed signs acknowledge some truck drivers make an effort to be courteous of other road users.

Amy Ross – Featherston Pride Parade

Amy spoke to their grant application to support a Pride Parade and Festival in Featherston. The Wairarapa has the 7th highest queer population in New Zealand. By hosting a pride festival; parade, picnic and evening event we honour our communities pride traditions. There is a lot of people offering support and a regional interest in the event. This grant application is primarily to pay for a Traffic management plan and venue hire. The parade has been planned to be off the main road, making the traffic management plan less expensive.

Mary Gow – Mulled Wine Concerts

Mary spoke via phone. Mulled Wine Concerts have been occurring at the beautiful Anzac Hall for the last 5-6 years. It has been easy to get musicians to agree to play there. There will be three concerts. Most of the ticket sales go to the musicians and hall hire. See application to list of musicians.

Joanne Ridley-McBeth – Fareham Creative Space

Joanne spoke to their grant application. The Fareham Creative Space committee want to continue and to grow. The pottery studio is well established with 70 members and they invite other potters. By using the gas firing kiln it allows higher temperatures and the use of more colours. They currently have pit fires, but wish to build up to be more professional. They have approached Featherston's own and Creative Communities for funding. They do charge potters to use the kiln. Fareham Creative Space contribute the studio space and specialty gloves.

Elisabeth Mikkelsen – bike parking in Featherston 33:52m

Elisabeth is a long time cycling advocate. There is no cycle parking available in town. In front of the super value is a garden, she suggests turning the garden into a cycle park space. She asks the Community Board to put in cycle parking.

Romain Busby

Frequent visitor to the Community Board. Romain is waiting for the Welcome to Featherston signs. She mentions a man who cleans up overhanging trees and over grown berms in Featherston, and wishes to thank him for his service.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Action - Follow up on suitable bike locking stands in Featherston.

Action - Follow up on speed limit on Underhill Road. What levers we have to pursue this. Gravel roads lowering from 100kms. Share the road with cyclists sign?

Action - request CEO to advise an up date on the status of the speed review.

Action – request to the Super Value to install cycle parking.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/02

Moved: Cr R Gray

Seconded: Ms A Schroeder

1. That the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 6 November 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. Correction. Matua Dick Smith. Served in Vietman, Malaysia and Borneo. He was not a member of the Māori battalion, he researched the Māori battalion.

In Favour: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr R Gray, Mr T Rutherford and Ms A Schroeder

Against: Nil

Abstained: Mr J Dennison

CARRIED 4/0

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 ROAD NAMING APPLICATION, WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE, 4132 OCEAN BEACH ROAD, FEATHERSTON (ROMNEY LANE)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/03**Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter****Seconded: Mr J Dennison**

The Officer recommends that the *Community Board*:

1. Receive the 'Proposed naming of a new private road, at Wharekauhau Country Estate (Romney Lane)' Report.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/04****Moved: Ms A Schroeder****Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter**

2. Consider and approve the proposed naming of 'Romney Lane' for the new private road at Wharekauhau Country Estate.

CARRIED

Members discussed using appropriate Māori names. Discuss at next informal meeting on how this can be achieved.

Action – request information on how Planning recommend street names to applicants.

Members discussed the subdivision being so close to the sea and how in the broad sense the Council is not talking about managed retreat.

Action – request the managed retreat policy from SWDC.

10.2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/05****Moved: Cr R Gray****Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter**

That *the Featherston Community Board* receive the Income and Expenditure Report.

CARRIED

Action – request the Featherston Beautification collect the rest of their grant.

10.3 GRANT REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/06****Moved: Mr J Dennison****Seconded: Cr R Gray**

1. That *the Featherston Community Board* receive the Grant Report.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/07**Moved: Ms A Schroeder****Seconded: Cr R Gray**

2. That the Featherston Community Board consider the application from **Featherston Toy Library** for \$ 1,500 to support **operational costs** from the Grant Fund.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/08****Moved: Mr J Dennison****Seconded: Cr R Gray**

3. That the Featherston Community Board consider the application from **Pae Tū Mokai Pride** for \$ 2,600 to support **Featherston's Pride Parade** from the Grant Fund.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****Moved: Mr J Dennison****Seconded: Ms A Schroeder**

4. That the Featherston Community Board consider the application from **Mulled Wine Concerts** for \$ 500 to support **Classical and Jazz Concerts in Featherston's Anzac Hall** from the Grant Fund.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/09**AMENDMENT****Moved: Mr J Dennison****Seconded: Ms A Schroeder**

That Featherston Community Board resolved that purchase tickets to the Mulled Wine Concerts Classical Jazz in Featherston's Anzac Hall up to \$500. Tickets to be distributed by the members of the Featherston Community Board via trusted agencies to people in the Community who may not usually attend.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/10****Moved: Cr R Gray****Seconded: Ms A Schroeder**

5. That the Featherston Community Board consider the application from **Fareham Creative Space** for \$ 863.45 to support **purchase part of a Community Outdoor Gas Kiln** from the Grant Fund.

CARRIED1

11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

11.1 ACTION ITEMS REPORT TO 28 JANUARY 2025

196 – request a representative from FCB speak at the Māori Standing Committee Forum.
476 – no change.
390 – John or Tui to attend the Strategic Working Committee on behalf of the Board. Speaking on the berms project and it’s closeness to the No Mow project. Is there a list of suitable native plants.

12 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

12.1 MEMBERS REPORT - ANNELISE SCHROEDER

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/11
Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter
Seconded: Mr J Dennison

That the Featherston Community Board approve the purchase of a commemorative wreath from ‘Blooms in the Grove’ up to the value of \$150 for the purpose of commemorating the anniversary of the “Featherston Incident” on 25 February 2025.

CARRIED

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Tui Rutherford closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 9:11pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Mayor/Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)