

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD AT THE FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 14 WAKEFIELD STREET, FEATHERSTON.
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Tui Rutherford (Chair), John Dennison, Warren Maxwell, Annelise Schroeder, Cr Rebecca Gray, Cr Colin Olds.

APOLOGIES: None.

IN ATTENDANCE: Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory), [REDACTED]

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Featherston Community Centre, 14 Wakefield Street, Featherston. and via audio-visual conferencing commencing at 8:55pm. The meeting was held under public excluded provisions from 8:55pm to 9:35pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/29

Moved: Cr R Gray

Seconded: Cr C Olds

That the Featherston Community Board resolved:

1. To receive the Chairpersons report.
2. That these minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reasons to withhold the information under the Act.
3. To note that the withholding of the information is necessary to:
 - a. s7(2)(f)(i) free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority; and
 - b. s7(2)(f)(ii) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Council members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

CARRIED

Mr Rutherford spoke to his report.

Members discussed concern that any decision made by this Board is kept by any following members after the Local Government election.

Members discussed if the purchase of land would trigger the 'Significance and Engagement Policy'. Cr Olds assures the Board that it would not be based on advice from the CEO.

Members discussed using the 'Featherston Reserve' to make improvements to the Anzac Hall.

Members discussed concern for not having a business case or a feasibility study ready to make this decision. It is the role of Council staff to make the business case. The Community Board can continue to look at other options to spending the 'Featherston Reserve'.

Members request staff locate the DP number for this resolution.

2. That the Featherston Community Board consider and approve proposing to Council that South Wairarapa District Council purchase the vacant land at 38 and 40 Fox Street, Featherston.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB2025/30

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Mr W Maxwell

That Featherston Community Board resolved to approve the Council to move forward with a feasibility study for the purchase of land behind 38 & 40 Fox Street (Legal Description LOTS 2 3 DP 16148 – SUBJ TO R/W).

CARRIED

1 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Warren closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Mayor/Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)