



Minutes – 10 August 2021

Present: Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Jayson Tahinurua, Mike Gray, Councillor Garrick Emms, and youth representative Ana Souto.

In Attendance: Mayor Alex Beijen, Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Steph Frischknecht (Committee Advisor).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was conducted in public in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston between 7:00pm and 8.47pm.

1. MEMBER DECLARATION

Elected Featherston Community Board member Mike Gray made his oral declaration.

2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

3. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/29) to receive apologies from youth representative Isla Richardson.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms Bleakley and Mr Shepherd declared a conflict of interest with the grant application for Featherston Organic Week.

5. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Mrs Bleakley acknowledged Taralee Freeman who had been announced as a finalist in World of WearableArts (WOW) 2021.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Josje Neerincx – Grant application for Featherston Organic Week 2021

Ms Neerincx spoke in support of the grant application for Featherston Organic Week and provided an overview of the events planned. Ms Neerincx responded to questions on event attendance and if the event would be extended regionally.

Heather Murphy – Featherston Dog Park

Ms Murphy, Chair of the Featherston Dog Park Group, updated members of improvements made to the park and activities the group had organised. Ms Murphy informed members of future plans to implement a ‘Pawfit’ circuit and to enter into the New Zealand Parks Awards.

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Raewyn Rota and Amy Hayes – Incentive to rejuvenate Featherston skatepark
Ms Rota stated there were maintenance issues at the skatepark that needed addressing for safety reasons and considered the lighting needed improving. Ms Rota also spoke of an idea to rejuvenate the skatepark by involving youth in creating murals and outlined the benefits this would bring.

7. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The grant application for Featherston Organic Week would be considered under agenda item 9.4, the Financial Assistance Report. Mayor Beijen invited Ms Neerincx to discuss with him and the Deputy Mayor the possibility of applying to the Wellington Regional Events Fund.

Members informed Ms Rota and Ms Hayes of the Featherston Community Board grant fund available to support community projects and would raise the skatepark maintenance concerns with Council officers.

FCB NOTED:

Action 338: Request an update from Council on the maintenance schedule for Featherston Skatepark, H Wilson.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

8.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 15 June 2021

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/30) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 15 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Officers' Report

Members discussed options being explored for the proposed Combined Council Dog Pound and the Johnston Street location, the status of the Featherston Peace Garden upgrade, the underspend on the water capex delivery programme, and timeframes for engaging with the community on the shortlist of options for a suitable wastewater solution for Featherston. Members were concerned about the capacity to deliver the three waters service through the proposed four entities and noted the importance of consultation and communication with the community.

Mrs Bleakley acknowledged Ā Mua, Featherston's community resource centre, for assisting with a reduction in rubbish dumping.

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 339: Provide an update on the status of the Featherston Peace Garden, H Wilson.
2. Action 340: Provide clarification on the reasons for the underspend of the water capex delivery programme, H Wilson.
3. Action 341: Provide members an email update on the timeframes for engaging with the community on the shortlist of options for a suitable wastewater solution for Featherston, H Wilson.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/31) to receive the Officers' Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

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9.2 Action Items Report

Mr Shepherd was awaiting contact from the Māori Standing Committee following a presentation given on the Featherston pou and naming proposal. Mr Shepherd would be progressing discussions on the Māori battalion flags.

Members discussed the time being taken to complete the Welcome to Featherston signs and requested a progress update.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/32) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

9.3 Income and Expenditure Report

Members discussed lights purchased from the beautification fund and the underspend on street flags. Mr Shepherd would be seeking information on the costs to repair the FlagTrax system.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/33) to receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

9.4 Financial Assistance Report

Members discussed the growth of Organic Week and the involvement of and benefits to the community.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/34):

1. To receive the Applications for Financial Assistance Report.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

2. To approve funding Featherston Organics \$500 for Featherston Organic Week 2021.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

Mrs Bleakley and Mr Shepherd abstained

3. To note an ineligible grant application was received from Kidz Need Dadz Wellington requesting \$500 for a Father's Day Bowling event that was subsequently withdrawn.

4. To note that officers will update the Community Board grant form to reflect the new Grants Policy.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Notice of Motion: Conflict of Interest

Mrs Bleakley and Mr Shepherd spoke to matters as outlined in the notice of motion. A request for clarification had been made.

Mr O'Leary advised the matter sits outside of the Board's role and outlined the process for officers to investigate the matter with the Chair. Members requested being notified of the outcome.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/35) to receive the information.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

11. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

There was no chairpersons report.

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12. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

12.1 Claire Bleakley:

Mrs Bleakley spoke to matters as outlined in her report and would be seeking a quote for the Featherston Christmas Parade Traffic Management Plan from a local company.

The flooding issue around the supermarket would need to be raised with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency as it involves the State Highway. Members discussed the three water reforms and had concerns about the lack of information available for councils to make an informed decision about participation.

Members were seeking information from council officers about the completion of the Featherston Town Square.

FCB NOTED:

Action 342: Discuss going thirds with the other two community boards for home health assessment kits for the Featherston and Martinborough libraries, FCB.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/36) to receive the Member Report from Claire Bleakley.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date