



Minutes – 22 February 2022

- Present:** Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Jayson Tahinurua and Mike Gray, Cr Garrick Emms and Cr Colin Olds (from 7.02pm)
- In Attendance:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Russell O’Leary (General Manager, Planning and Environment), Amanda Bradley (General Manager, Policy & Governance), Bryce Neems (Amenities & Waste Manager) and Kaitlyn Carmichael (Committee Advisor)
- Also in Attendance:** Richard Knott, Ree Anderson, Ken Stokes, Julia Reed, Hans van Velzen and Josje Neerinx
- Conduct of Business:** Under the RED traffic light setting, this meeting was held via video conference and was live-streamed to Council’s [YouTube channel](#). All members participating via video conference counted for the purpose of the meeting quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. The meeting was conducted between 7:00pm and 9.50pm.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Mr Shepherd noted that item 9.4, The Featherston Master Planning Report, would be moved to follow item 7, Community Board Minutes.

Cr Olds joined the meeting at 7.02pm.

2. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/01) to receive apologies from Mr Gray.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Olds and Mr Shepherd declared a conflict of interest with the grant application from Kai Atawhai Featherston, to be considered under item 8.3, Financial Assistance Report.

Mr Shepherd declared a conflict of interest with the grant application from Wai Wheels, to be considered under item 8.3, Financial Assistance Report.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgements and tributes.

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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ken Stokes – Berm Mowing

Mr Stokes voiced concern with the decision to stop mowing berms and requested that special consideration be given to berms that were: extensive (extending greater than half the size of the adjacent road); steep (over 20 degrees in slope); and wide (greater than 3 meters).

Members discussed the scope of the problem and potential for community organizations to provide support.

Julia Reed – Covid-19 Vaccine Passport (CVP)

Ms Reed voiced concern with the use of the CVP to access the Featherston Pool and Library. Ms Reed noted that this decision was dividing the community and that rate payers should be able to access public amenities.

Mr O’Leary and Mayor Beijen spoke to the rationale for the decision and noted that further questions should be directed to Mr Wilson, Chief Executive.

Hans van Velzen – Covid-19 Vaccine Passport (CVP)

Mr van Velzen voiced concerns with the use of the CVP and noted that it was dividing the community. Mr van Velzen requested that Council remove the use of the CVP in the community.

Josje Neerinx – Covid-19 Vaccine Passport (CVP)

Ms Neerinx had connection difficulties and indicated she agreed with the previous two public presenters on the use of the CVP in the community.

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Council officers spoke to the decision to stop mowing berms in urban areas. Mr Shephard undertook scheduling a meeting to discuss with the community.

Ms Bradley undertook scheduling an informal meeting with the Chief Executive and three public presenters to discuss the use of Covid-19 Vaccine Passports.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

7.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 30 November 2021

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/02) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 30 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

9. REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

9.4 Featherston Master Plan Report (item moved)

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/03):

1. To receive the Development of the Paetūmōkai, Featherston Master Plan report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

2. To note that engagement with the Featherston Community Board will include facilitated elected representatives’ workshops on early drafts, ongoing formal reports to the Board to keep the Board updated,

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participation in public meetings and the opportunity to provide written feedback.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

3. To note that a public meeting/workshop to be facilitated by Ree Anderson (Consultant) has been planned for the evening of Wednesday 30 March in the Anzac Hall (62 Bell Street) to allow for early input from the community in the development of the masterplan. Questionnaires will be available following the public meeting on the 30 March.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

Mr O'Leary and Ms Anderson spoke to items outlined in the report and responded to questions from the board. Members highlighted the importance of community and stakeholder engagement throughout the process and made recommendations for consultation.

8. DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

8.1 Carkeek Observatory Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/04):

1. To receive the Carkeek Observatory Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

2. To note the significance of the Carkeek Observatory and the importance of the conservation options.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried

3. To note that the Featherston Community Board recommends and supports option 4, stabilise and cover the Carkeek Observatory and build a replica nearby that could have a functional use.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

Members discussed the options and cost presented in the report and noted the potential for additional financial support within the community.

8.2 Elected Member Code of Conduct Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/05) to receive the Elected Member Code of Conduct Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

Members queried changes to the Elected Member Code of Conduct and requested additional time for consideration and further consultation prior to adoption. Ms. Bradley undertook scheduling a workshop with the board.

8.3 Financial Assistance Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/06):

1. To receive the Financial Assistance Report.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Shepherd) Carried

2. To earmark \$229 + GST for Wai-Wheels Featherston to hold a fundraiser for Featherston School, when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

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(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

Shepherd abstained

3. To grant Kai Atawhai Featherston \$500 to support a Covid-19 Community Response team.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

Shepherd and Cr Olds abstained

4. To grant Mulled Wine Concerts \$500 to support a concert in Featherston.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

Bleakley abstained

5. To grant Featherston Skate Park \$500 to purchase materials to paint the skate park, from the beautification fund.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd)

Members discussed the application from Wai-Wheels Featherston and noted that the application is no longer being considered retrospectively. Members discussed the application from Kai Atawhai Featherston and noted the funding limit of \$500 outlined in the grants policy. Members queried the application from Mulled Wine Concerts and discussed ticket sales for the event and the need for grant funds. Mr Neems provided an update on the Featherston Skatepark upgrade and undertook following up with the board on the current lighting and costs for upgrades.

8.4 Underhill Road Naming Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/07):

1. To receive the Assessment to Rename Underhill Road report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried

2. To note the "Assessment to Rename All or Part of Underhill Road" report by Armstrong Dixon Limited.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

3. To agree that there is no longer a compelling reason to pursue a name change of Underhill Road in Featherston.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

Members discussed items outlined in the report and voiced concern over the cost and time associated with the consultation process. Members noted this item was raised by Greytown Community Board and was not identified as a concern in Featherston.

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

9.1 Officers' Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/08) to receive the Officers' Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

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Mr O’Leary provided an update on the dog pound and members discussed a timeline for project completion.

9.2 Action Items Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/09) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

Members discussed open action items and noted further updates. Mr Shepherd undertook progressing the Welcome to Featherston signs.

9.3 Income and Expenditure Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/10) to receive the Income and Expenditure Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

Members queried the status of the Home Health Kit for Featherston library and Ms Carmichael undertook providing an update to the board.

Members discussed potential options for the use of beautification funds.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

11. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

11.1 Chairperson Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/11) to receive the Chairperson Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

Mr Shepherd spoke to items outlined in the Chairperson Report. Members discussed flood areas in Featherston and queried the maintenance responsibility of open drains and culverts. Mr Shepherd undertook noting specific concerns as action items on the Council website.

Members discussed the removal of St John’s Anglican Church from the New Zealand Heritage List and noted no submission was necessary.

12. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

Ms Bleakley spoke to matters outlined in the Member Report and requested an update on the completion of the town centre.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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.....Chairperson

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