



Minutes – 23 February 2021

- Present:** Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Jayson Tahinurua, Councillor Garrick Emms (to 8.39pm) and youth representatives Ana Souto and Isla Richardson.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Alex Beijen (to 8.35pm), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Steph Dorne (Committee Advisor).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was conducted in public in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston between 7:02pm and 8.58pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Perry Cameron and Mike Gray.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

2. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/01) to receive apologies from Sophronia Smith.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Mr Shepherd paid tribute to Godwell Mahowa, a SWDC staff member, who had recently passed away.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.1 Perry Cameron – Submission to NZTA regarding speed limits and a heavy traffic bypass

Mr Cameron informed members of a submission he made to NZTA advocating for a common speed limit through the Wairarapa towns connected by State Highway 2 and a heavy traffic bypass for Featherston’s Main Street. Mr Cameron requested the Board support these proposals or an alternative solution to reduce heavy traffic through Featherston.

5.2 Mike Gray – Community Board Futures

Mr Gray spoke of the recommendations pertaining to community boards from the report ‘Serving New Zealand?’ - a 2018 survey conducted by Callum and David Hammond. Mr Gray expressed the view that it is important that community boards be familiar with the recommendations

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of the report and be able to respond to questions on the role of community boards in local democracy and the opportunities for the future role of community boards in case of a local government restructure.

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FCB NOTED:

Action 21: Hold a Featherston Community Board workshop with Mike Gray to discuss the role of and opportunities for the future role of community boards, FCB.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

7.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 15 December 2020

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/02) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 15 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the correction of the minutes to record Claire Bleakley's vote against the motion under item 8.9 to adopt an eight-weekly cycle of meetings for the Featherston Community Board.

(Moved Tahinurua /Seconded Bleakley) Carried

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Officers' Report

Mr O'Leary responded to questions on the Featherston Tiny Homes/Brookside recourse consent in relation to the number of dwellings permitted. Members discussed dwelling density in respect to pressures on infrastructure and Mr O'Leary advised of growth planning considerations.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/03) to receive the Officers' Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd) Carried

8.2 Action Items Report

Members reviewed the actions items and Mr Shepherd updated members on progress made with the 'Welcome to Featherston' sign as outlined in the Chairperson Report.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/04) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried

8.3 Income and Expenditure Report

Members discussed the printing of flag designs for FlagTrax. There were some issues with printing to required specifications that were being worked through.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/05) to:

1. Receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2020 – 31 January 2021.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

2. Approve an additional \$92.39, in addition to the \$600 already approved, for the Featherston Christmas Parade Traffic Safety Plan.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Shepherd) Carried

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8.4 Financial Assistance Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/06):

1. To receive the Financial Assistance Report.
(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried
2. To approve funding Wairarapa Gateway Business Group \$480 for the cost of webhosting for the Featherston community website.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried
3. To approve funding Featherston Information Centre \$400 for running expenses of the Centre on the condition that the Centre discusses with the Board its future funding plans beyond the six-month period covered by this grant.
(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
4. To decline funding Greytown Junior Football Club \$500 to contribute to the costs of football goals due to the limited involvement of the Featherston community.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried

8.5 Financial Assistance Accountability Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/07) to receive the Financial Assistance Accountability Report.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Bleakley) Carried

8.6 Community Boards Conference 2021 Report

Mr Shepherd advised that Council conference funding was at capacity and attendance would need to be funded from the Community Board budget. The Board elected to send one delegate and as members present had either been before or recently attended training members undertook to confirm if Sophronia Smith would like to attend. Alternatively one of the youth representatives would be offered the opportunity.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/08):

1. To receive the Community Boards Conference 2021 Report.
(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried
2. To agree to fund one community board member to attend the 2021 Community Boards Conference with an associated commitment of up to \$2,155, to be funded from the operating budget.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd) Carried

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

10. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

10.1 Chairperson Report

Mr Shepherd updated members on discussions had surrounding the feasibility and cost of WiFi and security cameras along Fitzherbert Street. Members discussed costs, number of cameras, privacy considerations,

access and monitoring. Further discussions were needed with involved parties if it were to go ahead.

Members discussed the safety of the proposed wind break blinds, the potential to reuse the blinds in an alternative location should the land not remain vacant in the future, and costs of alternative designs.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/09):

1. To receive the Chairperson Report.
(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
2. To agree to contribute up to \$2,225, funded from the Beautification Fund, towards the cost of manufacturing roll down blinds for the Featherston Town Square.
(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried

Claire Bleakley abstained

11. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

11.1 Member Report

Mrs Bleakley requested early planning of the traffic management plan for the next Christmas parade and members discussed seeking a generic plan for future years.

Mrs Bleakley updated members of a meeting she attended to discuss effective local democracy and a workshop would be held.

Members discussed performance of Wellington Water Ltd and impacts associated with the quarry activity occurring as permitted under the Greater Wellington Regional Council resource consent.

Mayor Beijen left the meeting at 8.35pm.

Councillor Emms left the meeting at 8.39pm.

Members discussed putting their concerns surrounding the Quarry consent in writing and wanted to work with officers to address these. Mr O'Leary advised of the process for reviewing consents through judicial review.

Mrs Bleakley requested the Board accept the offer to meet with Bruce Hore to discuss the potential use of a recently approved herbicide.

Members agreed and Mrs Bleakley undertook to make arrangements.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2021/10) to receive the Member Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Tahinurua) Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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