



Minutes – 28 June 2022

- Present:** Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Jayson Tahinurua, Mike Gray, Cr Garrick Emms and Cr Colin Olds
- In Attendance:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Russell O’Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Environment), Rick Mead (Manager, Environmental Services) and Kaitlyn Carmichael (Committee Advisor)
- Public Participation:** John Bushnell, Shane Atkinson, Jack Shepherd, Natasha Kewene-Hite, Peter Biggs and Mary Biggs
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was conducted in public in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston, between 7.00pm and 9.07pm.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Cr Olds and Ms Bleakley acknowledged two recent community events in Featherston, Booktown Festival and Matariki. Members noted the success of the events and acknowledged the work of Mary and Peter Biggs and Warren Maxwell in the organization of the events.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Bushnell & Shane Atkinson – Greytown Trails Trust

Mr Bushnell and Mr Atkinson updated the board on the progress of the Nuku-Pewapewa Pou project and provided an update on the proposed location of the pou in Clifford Square in Featherston. Mr Bushnell spoke about the engagement process and asked the board for their support of the project.

Jack Shepherd & Natasha Kewene-Hite – Fab Feathy Steering Group

Ms Kewene-Hite and Mr Shepherd spoke about a recent community led survey carried out by Fab Feathy. Ms Kewene-Hite highlighted the themes from the survey and noted how these responses will shape a vision for the group moving forward.

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Peter & Mary Biggs – Featherston Booktown Festival

Mr and Ms Biggs spoke about Featherston Booktown and shared the success of the 2022 festival. Mr Biggs noted how Featherston is the countries only Booktown and spoke about the positive impact it has on the local community. Ms Biggs thanked the Council for their contribution to the recent festival and young readers program.

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members noted they will now consider item 8.1, the Nuku-Pewpewa Pou Report.

8. DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF (ITEM MOVED)

8.1 Nuku-Pewapewa Pou Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/21) to:

1. Receive the Rangatira Nuku-Pewapewa Pou Report.
(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried
2. Agree that the Nuku-Pewapewa Pou Project aligns with the Clifford Square Management Plan.
3. Notes the Memorandum of Understanding between Greytown Trails Trust and South Wairarapa District Council.
4. Recommend to the assets and services committee to approve the Nuku-Pewapewa Pou Project subject to agreement of the project from relevant mana whenua and the Māori Standing Committee.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Gray) Carried

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members spoke about the important impact of Fab Feathy on the community and noted the importance of the themes outlined in the community survey. Members debated the potential of these to guide the future priorities of the community board. Members noted the success of the Booktown festival and the importance of including a traffic management plan for future festivals as they continue to grow.

FCB NOTED:

Action 290: Investigate if there would be a benefit to the Featherston Booktown Festival to have a traffic management plan for next years event.

7. FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES – 17 MAY 2022

FCB RESOLVED (2022/26) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 17 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Gray) Carried

9. INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

9.1 Officer's Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/27) to receive the Officer's Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Gray) Carried

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Mr Gray queried the timeline for consultation for the Featherston Master Plan and noted the overlap with important central government policy reforms and the local government election. Mr O'Leary provided clarification on the timeline of the plan.

Ms Bleakley queried the consideration of the infrastructure in the Master Plan and noted that this must take priority before any community growth.

Members queried the status of the dog pound and noted the recent attack on a person in the Featherston Community outlined in the report. Mr Mead provided clarification on the process.

9.2 **Action Items Report**

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/28) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

Members discussed open actions and noted further updates.

Members requested that action item 83 be reopened as the 'Welcome to Featherston' sign is not yet completed. Members debated the funding source for the installation of the sign.

Members discussed the necessity of the purchasing a storage container and noted that further discussion by the board is necessary. Mr Shepherd undertook providing the board with a management plan and proposed container location for the next meeting.

Members debated the cancellation of the Featherston Waste Water Treatment Plant Public meeting.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/29) to write a letter to the Chief Executive on behalf of the board requesting a new date be set for the Featherston Waste Water Treatment Plant Public Meeting.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

Cr Emms abstained

Cr Olds voted against

9.3 **Income and Expenditure Report**

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/30) to:

1. Receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period ending 31 March 2022.

(Moved Gray/Seconded Tahinurua)

Carried

2. Receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period ending 31 May 2022.

(Moved Tahinurua/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

10. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

11. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

11.1 **Chairperson Report**

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/31) to:

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1. Receive the Chairperson Report.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinura) Carried
2. Approve up to \$500 from the beautification fund to purchase 400 sand bags for community use during flooding events.
(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Tahinura) Carried

Mr Shepherd spoke to items outlined in his Chairperson Report.

Members discussed the impact of climate change and heavy rain on community properties and noted the importance of a long-term solution to flooding. Members noted that making sandbags available to the community would be beneficial for short term use.

Cr Olds noted that support for un-mowed berms would be reviewed by the Featherston Community Trust on a case by case basis.

12. ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

There were no elected member reports.

13. REPORTS FROM YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES (INFORMATION)

There were no youth representative reports.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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