



29 September 2022

- Present:** Mark Shepherd (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Mike Gray, Cr Colin Olds and Cr Garrick Emms
- In Attendance:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Amanda Bradley (General Manager, Policy & Governance) and Kaity Carmichael (Committee Advisor)
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was conducted in public in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston, between 7.00pm and 9.02pm.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/40) to add Ms Bleakley's Member Report to the agenda as item 12.1.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Gray)

Carried

2. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/41) to receive apologies from Jayson Tahinurua.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Shepherd declared a conflict of interest with the grant application from South Wairarapa Community Covid Essential Kits.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Cr Olds offered condolences on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and acknowledged her 70 years of public service.

Ms Bleakley acknowledged the work of Taralee Freeman and her accomplishments in the World of WearableArt competition.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Biggs – Featherston Playground

Ms Biggs spoke in support of the re-naming of the Featherston Public Playground to the Joy Cowley Playground. Ms Biggs requested the boards support in renaming the playground.

Julia Reed – Art on Main Street

Ms Reed spoke on behalf of the Featherston Beautification Group and requested support from the board to install artwork and seating in the community. Ms Reed discussed potential locations for installation and design options.

Sean McDonald – Buildings on Main Street

Mr McDonald spoke about the buildings on Main Street which require repair and updating. Mr McDonald stated that these buildings are a hazard to public safety and impact the overall wellbeing of the town.

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6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members noted that consultation with the community would be important in the renaming of the playground.

Mayor Beijen noted that there may be funding for the installation of a book themed seat and undertook providing clarification.

Mr Shepherd provided an update on the status of the Welcome to Featherston signs and members debated the responsibility for the installation costs.

Ms Bradley provided clarification on the upcoming rating review and community engagement process to address buildings in need of repair.

FCB NOTED:

Action 521: Request a report on the options available for Council to address buildings on Main Street which require repair.

FCB NOTED:

Action 522: For the new community board to consider the re-naming of the Featherston Public Playground to Joy Cowley Children's Playground.

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

8.1 Financial Assistance Report (Item Moved)

Members discussed the funds available through the beautification fund and queried the Featherston Beautification Group projects.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/42) to grant up \$4,200 to Featherston Beautification Group, from the beautification fund, subject to the confirmation of quotes being provided.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

7. FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES – 9 AUGUST 2022

FCB RESOLVED (2022/43) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 9 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Gray/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

8. DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

8.1 Financial Assistance Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/44) to:

1. Receive the Financial Assistance Report.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded Shepherd)

Carried

2. Grant \$488 to Wisdom & Wellbeing to support a Christmas event in the community.

(Moved Olds/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

Members discussed the impact of making a decision outside of the current grants policy and queried the necessity of the covid-19 home care kits currently.

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Members noted the application will be deferred to the new board for consideration based on community need.

9. INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

9.1 Officers' Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/45) to receive the Officer's Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

Members discussed items outlined in the report, including the dog pound location and suitability.

Ms Bleakley raised concerns about the number of potholes on Western Lake Road and the manner which they are being addressed. Mayor Beijen provided clarification on the reporting of roading concerns on the Council website.

9.2 Action Items Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/46) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

Members discussed open action items and noted further updates.

Members discussed the proposal for the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant and debated the quality of public communication and transparency.

Members discussed the lack of Featherston and elected member representation in the governance structure outlined in the proposal.

Ms Bleakley queried the status of a LIGOMA and Ms Bradley provided clarification.

FCB NOTED:

Action 528: Request the incoming board to schedule a briefing with Council officers on the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant.

9.3 Income and Expenditure Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/47) to receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the period ending 31 July 2022.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

9.4 Financial Assistance Accountability Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/48) to receive the Financial Assistance Accountability Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

9.5 Featherston Masterplan Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2022/49) to receive the Featherston Master Plan Report.

(Moved Shepherd/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

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Members debated the community consultation involved with the development of the master plan and queried the relocation of the Train Station. Ms Bradley provided clarification on the process.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

11. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

There was no Chairperson Report.

12. ELECTED MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)

12.1 Claire Bleakley Member Report

Ms Bleakley spoke to items outlined in her report and thanked the board for their work this triennium.

13. REPORTS FROM YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES (INFORMATION)

There were no youth representative reports.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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