SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL Kia Reretahi Tātau

Featherston Community Board Minutes

7 August 2024

Present: Tui Rutherford (Chair), John Dennison (Deputy Chair), Annelise Schroeder,

Warren Maxwell, Councillor Rebecca Gray

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter

In Attendance: Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning & Environment), Rob Thomas

(Manager, Stakeholder Relationships) and Robyn Ramsden (Advisor,

Community Governance, Stakeholder Relationships)

Public Participation: Barbara Priest, Warren Maxwell, Amanda Bradley

Conduct ofThe meeting was conducted in public in the Featherston Community **Business:**Centre, 14 Wakefield Street, Featherston, between 7.01pm and 8:56pm.

Mr Maxwell opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/31) to add an extraordinary item to the Financial Assistance Report. The grant application from Justine Kingdon project Courage Dear Hear: a celebration of our well-being journeys.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Maxwell)

Carried

2. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/32) to accept the apologies from Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter.

(Moved Rutherford/Seconded Cr. Gray)

Carried

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Maxwell declared a conflict of interest due to a grant application in Item 9.6. Mr Rutherford declared a conflict of interest due to a familial relation applying for a grant application in Item 9.6. Mrs Ramsden declared a conflict of interest due to been on the organisational committee for an in Item 9.6.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Members would like to acknowledge to the Council staff that help support this Board and to welcome Rob Thomas to his role and the Council.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barbara Priest - Wai Wheels

Ms Priest spoke to her grant application for financial assistance to run Wai Wheels. Now in its 4th year. The event started in 2021 with 45-50 cars on show. Last year there were 200. The event is free entry. There are markets, a retro fashion show, and kiddy carts. Money is raised through vehicles attending. There are project cars,

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the vintage fire truck and cars. Fundraising is to go to the Kindergarten and the Foodbank.

Members thanked Ms Priest for their full application, appreciated including of EVs.

Warren Maxwell - Kuranui College Kapahaka Uniforms

Mr Maxwell spoke to his grant application for Kapahaka uniforms. They have reached out to the South Wairarapa Community Boards, Rotary, and Carterton District Council. After covid groups crashed in numbers, last year there was only 15 students, this year over 50. There has been so much love for Kapahaka from our primary schools. Max, a Kuranui College student spoke to the Board. It has been and awesome experience, team building, and everyone loves it. They were asked to perform at the handing back of the lake, which as an amazing experience. Stage 2 of their plan is to purchase more piupiu. Due to the complicated making process of three weeks, they cost \$500 each.

Amanda Bradley & Emily Greenburg - Lady Featherston's Lemon Ball

Ms Greenburg & Ms Bradley spoke to their grant application to support a group project to run "Lady Featherston's Lemon Ball". The event hopes to nurture innovation and creativity. They have a MOA with the Featherston Community Centre Trust. The ball brings people into town from as far as Auckland. The committee took inspiration from the abundance of lemons, colours, fragrance, playful nature and irony of being a lemon. Attendees are encouraged to wear formal or fancy, there is a live band. Fundraising separate. They are asking for \$1,500 and are seeking further funding from other sources. There will be 400 tickets available.

<u>Justine Kingdon – Courage Dear Heart Festival</u>

Ms Kingdon spoke to her grant application to support the Courage Dear Heart Festival. A celebration of our wellbeing journeys. This project is a partnership of a group of individuals to celebrate our community. The event dovetails with Mental Health week. There is a Mad Hatters Tea Party, a Courage Dear Heart Walk, music, bands, and wellbeing stories. The focus on wellbeing rather than mental health. Encourage sharing and fostering community environment. Affordable and inclusive.

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Grant applications will be discussed at Agenda Item 9.6.

7. FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES – 8 MAY 2024

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/33) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 8 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following corrections: action 550 Ed Harcourt is meeting with Department of Conservation not Ms Schroeder

(Moved Maxwell /Seconded Cr. Gray)

Carried

8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

8.1 FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/34) to receive the Chairpersons Report.

(Moved Cr. Gray /Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

Continuing Phoenix Funding.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/35) to fund \$295 per month to the Featherston Phoenix to provide a full-page advertisement for the reminder of the triennium to be funded from the operational budget (50%) and community development fund (50%). (Moved Maxwell /Seconded Cr. Gray)

Carried

9. REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

9.1 Proposed naming of a new private road, at 62-64 Johnston Street, in Featherston

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/36) to receive the 'Proposed naming of a new private road, at 62-64 Johnston Street, in Featherston' Report.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

Members discussed the street naming policy, or the lack of one. This is an ongoing issue for all Community Boards.

Staff suggest working with the community to select names, including the gifting of names from mana whenua for areas. Names need to meet postal convention and emergency services requirements. Staff also emphasised that timing is an issue. Input for Māori names. Imparting knowledge, spelling, context, historical contact,

Members discussed that it took time and effort to get the garden in the first place. Requests that the applicant consult with RSA and Japanese embassy. Only piece of information missing.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/37) to approve the name 'Sakura Garden Lane' or 'Sakura Lane' (recommended as appropriate for the length of the road, but at the discretion of the applicant) on the condition that the applicant shows the Featherston Community Board they have consulted with the Featherston RSA and Japanese Embassy and gained their approval.

(Moved Dennison/Seconded Maxwell)

Carried

Against: Cr. Grav.

9.2 Representation Review Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/38) to receive the Representation Review Update Report.

(Moved Maxwell/Seconded Grey)

Carried

Updates from last SWC meeting:

- SWDC will now consult on keeping Community Boards...
- 2 Councillors per ward rather than 3
- 2 at large councillors to be elected across the district.
- Consultation out now: can capture where feedback is from.

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- Not consulting on Māori Wards. Maintain Māori wards, revoking to poll at next election. \$20K.
- Council puts forward recommendation of election commission.
- Commission makes decision in place for 2028.

There will be a poll for the Māori Ward at the 2025 election.

Proposed motion

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2024/39) to direct the Chair to make a submission on behalf of the Featherston Community Board after consultation with the board. The Chair will speak to the Boards submission.

(Moved Maxwell/Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

9.3 Local Government New Zealand Community Board Conference 2024

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/40) to receive Community Boards Conference 2024 Report.

(Moved Maxwell/Seconded Cr. Gray)

Carried

9.4 <u>Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plan Consent Update Report</u>

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/41) to receive Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plan Consent Update Report.

(Moved Schroeder /Seconded Cr. Gray)

Carried

Mr Thomas spoke to the report. Greater Wellington Regional Council will be consulting in October.

Members thanked staff for the report. Water is an extremely important topic. We can't grow a town without addressing wastewater.

9.5 Income & Expenditure Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/42) to receive the Income and Expenditure Report.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Maxwell)

Carried

Update from Staff on new lines in the Operational Budget. It now separates out the board honorariums from staff salaries.

Members discussed the commitment for the Berm planting project. Stalled but picked up into Cr. Bosley's no mow berm work and the operational asset management work.

Action 390 – John to have a conversation with staff about the status of the Berms project. Note there is a specific site set aside.

9.6 Financial Assistance Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/43) to: Receive the Financial Assistance Report.
 (Moved Maxwell/Seconded Cr. Gray)
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2. FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/44) to approve the application from Wai Wheel for funds of \$600.00 to come from the Community Development Fund for the purpose of running the annual Wai Wheels event.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Maxwell)

Carried

3. FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/45) to approve the application from Kuranui College Kapahaka Group for funds of \$1,000.00 to come from the Community Development fund for the purpose of purchasing Kapahaka Uniforms for students.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

Abstained: Maxwell

4. FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/46) to approve the application from Nuku Ora for funds of \$1,000.00 to come from the Community Development fund for the purpose of running 'Have a Go' day in Featherston.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

5. FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/47) to approve the application from Lady Featherston's Lemon Ball for funds of \$1,500.00 to come from the Community Development fund for the purpose of hosting a creative community ball at the Anzac Hall.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

Abstained: Rutherford

6. FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/48) to approve the application from Justine Kingdon for the amount of \$2,000.00 to come from the Community Development Fund for the purpose of assisting project Courage Dear Heart: a celebration of our well-being journeys.

(Moved Cr. Gray/Seconded Schroeder)

Carried

9.7 Action Items Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2024/49) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Maxwell/Seconded Cr. Gray)

Carried

- 83 Action now rests with The Featherston Beautification Group, Actioned.
- 550 Ed Harcourt is meeting with Department of Conservation. Actioned.
- 192 Now operational. Actioned.
- 196 New road names are an issue across the district. Ideas include encouraging themes. Tui going to source info from other councils. Discuss at next informal meeting.
- 27 Actioned.
- 28 Actioned.
- 207 'Reserves' is a term used in the Combined District plan, we are more precise as we have 'active open spaces', 'passive open spaces' etc. Work was started in Barr-Brown without speaking with the Community. The work done now risks losing the magic of that space. In the operational space under the park management space.

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Discussion on what kind of group would be the best kind of group to engage with

this.

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