



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 12 March 2013

- Present:** Garry Thomas (Chair), Helen Barrow, Philip Robertson (until 7:00pm), Lee Carter, Cr Solitaire Robertson and Cr Keith Sexton.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Adrienne Staples, Paul Crimp (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Helen McNaught (Property and Facilities Officer), Kara McKelvey (Administration Assistant) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Family Works Centre, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:00pm and 7:30pm.
- Public Participation:** Carole Needham and Phil Dittmer, representing the Fell Locomotive Museum (until 6:15pm).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Community Board agreed to add an application for financial assistance from Meta Riddiford Kindergarten.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Garry Thomas declared a conflict of interest with the public presentation by the Fell Locomotive Museum.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carole Needham and Phil Dittmer, representing Fell Locomotive Museum, tabled presentation notes and spoke on the costs of running the museum and the reduction in paid staffing hours as a result of rising costs. Mrs Needham felt that there was little tangible evidence that Featherston as a whole supported the Museum and there was antidotal evidence of displeasure with the hours the Museum was open. Mrs Needham asked for help from the Community Board to assist with changing any negative public perception of the Museum.

4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Community Board discussed Fell Locomotive Museum promotion options.

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FCB NOTED:

1. Action 125: Request that Destination Wairarapa make contact with the Fell Locomotive Museum and offer assistance and advice in the areas of marketing, financial planning and development of a grant application strategy; G Thomas
2. Action 126: See if a bulk purchasing arrangement could be made for the Fell Locomotive Museum public liability and contents insurance if purchased and managed through Council; P Crimp

5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 29 January 2013

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/08) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 29 January 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Barrow/Seconded Carter)

Carried

5.2 Matters arising

Due to other commitments only Garry Thomas would be attending the LGNZ Community Board Conference.

5.3 Action items from previous meeting

The Community Board reviewed the action items and updates were provided Mr Crimp advised that cameras would be installed at the Featherston Toilets in order to deter vandalism.

5.4 Income and Expenditure Statement

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/09):

1. That the Income and Expenditure Statement to 28 February 2013 be received.

(Moved P. Robertson/Seconded Cr Sexton)

Carried

2. Action 126: Remove from commitments the Information Centre domain name funds and conference funds; P Crimp

6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

6.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

The Community Board reviewed the report and Mr Crimp further explained the change resulting from the enactment of the Better Local Government Amendment Bill 2012 and its impact on financial Community Board decisions.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/10) to receive the Officer's Report.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded P. Robertson)

Carried

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6.2 Street Banners and Flags Policy Report
FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/11) to receive the information.
(Moved Barrow/Seconded Cr Sexton) Carried

6.3 District Swimming Pools Update
The Community Board considered the report and noted that the increasing operating expense reflected the actual cost of operating the pools.
FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/12) to receive the information.
(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Robertson) Carried

6.4 New Equipment for Featherston Playground Report
The Community Board reviewed the report noting that any fencing changes would need to be aligned with the Clifford Square Reserve Management Plan. The concept of outdoor gym equipment for adults was discussed.
FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/13):

1. To receive the Officer's Report.
2. That Council officers should undertake repairs to the tractor in Featherston Playground to eliminate dangerous edges.
3. That Council officers obtain a quote for a rocking donkey.
4. That Council officers maintain the existing fence in the Featherston Playground by replacing sections requiring repair and then painting the entire fence.
5. That Council officers undertake the necessary maintenance on the flying fox at the Featherston Playground to ensure rider safety.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Sexton) Carried

6.5 Recommendations on Priority Items for 2013/2014 Annual Plan
Mr Crimp asked the Community Board to advise of any priority work for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan by 15 March 2013.

Mr Phil Robertson left the meeting at 7:00pm.

7. FEATHERSTON INFORMATION CENTRE

Mrs Barrow advised that the condition of the carpet in the Featherston Information Centre was poor and that the carpet required either cleaning or replacing.

Lack of volunteers at the Information Centre was an issue. Mayor Staples noted that all volunteer organisations needed to continually think about succession planning.

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FCB NOTED:

1. Action 127: Investigate whether the carpet at Featherston Information Centre could be satisfactorily cleaned or whether it needed replacing. Obtain a quote for carpet replacement if the carpet can not be brought back to an acceptable standard; M Allingham

8. COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Lee Carter

Mrs Carter requested that a sign on State Highway 53 be corrected.

Helen Barrow

Mrs Barrow had nothing to report.

Cr Solitaire Robertson

Cr Robertson suggested that community organisations are approached in the near future to see whether they could assist with the Featherston Christmas Parade organisation this year due to election commitments of Community Board members.

Cr Keith Sexton

Cr Sexton advised that a deliberate fire had been lit behind the Featherston Scout Hall but it had been brought under control quickly.

Garry Thomas

Mr Thomas had nothing to report.

Mayor Staples

Mayor Staples provided an update on progress by the regions councils for progressing their preferred local governance options. The Wairarapa Council's Working Group had commissioned a report to test the viability of Wairarapa operating as a unitary authority which was now due. Mayor Staples advised that any new model of governance would require a new rating and funding policy and changes were likely.

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 128: Request that Fulton Hogan fix the sign on State Highway 53 (located on the Martinborough side of the Ruamahanga River) as it incorrectly advises that Western Lake Road is closed; M Allingham

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9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

9.1 Citizens Advice Bureau - Wairarapa

The Community Board considered the application noting that a condition of the grant would be a project report of numbers utilising the service in six months time.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/14) to approve a grant of \$150 to the Citizens Advice Bureau for setup costs in Featherston provided that the Community Centre or a more appropriate venue than the Featherston Library was utilised.

(Moved Cr S. Robertson/Seconded Carter)

Carried

9.2 Meta Riddiford Kindergarten (tabled)

The Community Board considered the application noting that the Kindergarten already had an outdoor area and it wasn't clear what additional equipment proceeds would be put towards. The Board did not feel it was appropriate to use ratepayer funds to fund this event.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2013/14) to decline a grant to Meta Riddiford Kindergarten.

(Moved Cr S. Robertson/Seconded Carter)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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