



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 13 May 2014

- Present:** Lee Carter (chair), Katie Beattie, Cr Dean Davies, Cr Solitaire Robertson and Garry Thomas.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Adrienne Staples, Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure & Services) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 7:00pm and 8:34pm.
- Public Participation:** Sharon Jackson van der Weyer, Jacqueline Brookman, Mike Van Woerkom (Wairarapa Mathematics), Perry Cameron, Marc Van De Loo, Robyn Ramsden, Hamish Donald.
- Also in Attendance:** Deborah Davidson, South Wairarapa Safer Community Council.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Community Board agreed to consider documents tabled by Mrs Carter under agenda items 8.1 and 9.1; those being the Chair's Report and Community Board findings of the Town Centre submissions.

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/31) to receive apologies from Peter Jackson and Paul Crimp.

(Moved Thomas /Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Thomas declared a conflict of interest with agenda item '10 Featherston Menz Shed Location' as Mr Thomas was a member of that organisation.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO COMMUNITY BOARD:

3.1 Sharon Jackson van der Weyer and Jacqueline Brookman

Attendance apologies were given for Mr McDonald. Ms Jackson van der Weyer and Ms Brookman requested further public consultation on development for the Town centre and believed the land should produce an on-going revenue stream via a joint partnership/commercial venture. Disrepair of buildings was a cause of frustration.

3.2 Mike Van Woerkom, Wairarapa Mathematics

Mr Van Woerkom requested Community Board financial support for the 2014 Maths Wairarapa competition. Mr Van Woerkom advised that all schools were invited to attend and if attendance gaps had been identified

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suggested the Community Board encourage these schools to get involved.

3.3 Perry Cameron

Mr Cameron noted that only 6% of the questionnaires distributed were returned and queried whether this was a representative result. Mr Cameron requested that a business case be made available so the public could be satisfied that the best use for the Town Centre land had been determined and suggested that the next steps were a further public meeting and then engaging in urban design consultation.

3.4 Marc Van De Loo

Mr Van De Loo tabled a discussion document on commercial zones as defined by the Wairarapa District Plan and requested a response be made to questions posed in this document. Mr Van De Loo asked that the proposal be justified against the District Plan and stated that the space should be reserved for commercial use.

3.5 Robyn Ramsden

Mrs Ramsden was not in support of placing the Menz Shed at the proposed Town Centre location and suggested that 10 Daniell Street be purchased for use by the Menz Shed organisation. Mrs Ramsden proposed a multi-function events centre be built in the Town Centre after consultation with the community and then consensus of requirements.

3.6 Hamish Donald

Mr Donald supported the Menz Shed concept but did not support placing the Menz Shed in a commercial zone. Mr Donald proposed retail shops were developed in the Town Centre location and believed the Town Centre questionnaire was worded inadequately.

4. PRESENTATION TO COMMUNITY BOARD

4.1 Deborah Davidson – Youth Development Coordinator

Ms Davidson addressed the Community Board on her role as youth services coordinator for the area. The role has been established to bring like-minded people together, facilitate, and advise on funds available to support community ideas for youth. Ms Davidson spoke of the initiatives and experiences of the Carterton youth group and said she was seeking funding to implement similar youth experiences and programmes in the South Wairarapa community.

5. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATION

The Community Board elected to defer discussion of the subject matter of all public participants as the items were on the agenda for discussion latter in the meeting.

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6. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

6.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 1 April 2014

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/32) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 1 April 2014 be confirmed as a true
(*Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Thomas*)

Carried

6.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6.3 Action items from previous meeting

The Community Board reviewed the action items and Mrs Carter confirmed she would be making a draft annual plan submission to Council on behalf of the Community Board.

6.4 Income and Expenditure Statement

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/33) that the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 March 2014 be received.
(*Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Robertson*)

Carried

7. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

7.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

The Community Board considered the report and in response to a query about waste water project predicted cost increases and fiscal responsibility, the Group Manager Infrastructure and Services advised that Council were looking to shared Wairarapa contract efficiencies as one means of saving money.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2014/34):

1. To receive the Officers' Report.

(*Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas*)

Carried

2. Action 278: Provide an update on the Featherston playground equipment upgrade; M Allingham

7.2 Featherston Information Centre Expenses

The Community Board undertook to take a strategic look at funding the Featherston Information Centre and incorporate the Centre within their strategic plan.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2014/35):

1. To receive the information.

(*Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas*)

Carried

2. To reimburse Jocelyn Konig the amount of \$207 for printer consumables associated with running the Featherston Information Centre.

(*Moved Thomas/Seconded Carter*)

Carried

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8. COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLORS REPORTS

8.1 Chairperson's Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/36) to receive the tabled Chairperson's Report.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

8.2 Community Board Communications

The Community Board agreed that progress had been made on public communications but to continue to review the topic on a quarterly basis.

8.3 Rimutaka March Re-enactment

Mayor Staples spoke about a proposal for the re-enactment of the march from the Featherston Garden of Remembrance over the Rimutaka Ranges which was planned for September 2015. The organiser sought local involvement and Community Board support and would like to progress the concept with members.

The Community Board agreed that the concept was something they wished to investigate further and requested contact details from Mayor Staples so a meeting could be organised.

9. FEATHERSTON TOWN CENTRE ANALYSIS

9.1 Analysis of Featherston Town Centre Survey

Mrs Carter tabled Community Board findings of the Town Centre submissions which had been prepared by Cr Robertson, Ms Beattie and Mrs Carter (other members of the Board had submitted apologies for not being available to assist).

Mrs Carter and Ms Beattie queried Council's conclusion, and the quality of communication with the public. Ms Beattie stated that the survey was not promoted as a vote or a referendum, it was called a feedback form. Ms Beattie quoted advice received from a SWDC Council officer's email to a Featherston citizen Chris Miller about the process as follows. "This feedback is an initial process to gauge the views of the people of Featherston. Once the feedback is received the Council together with the FCB will consider all the feedback and then decide the next steps." Under the Local Government Act Section 39 we have a responsibility to ensure that our governance processes are open and transparent.

Mrs Carter encouraged Her Worship and councillors to print out the 396 page feedback document and use this as reference to understand the feedback responses as you had to read the answers to understand the choice of yes and no for question one.

Cr Robertson believed the survey results showed that the people of Featherston wanted the Town Centre and a coordinated approach to include retail space on the land could be accommodated.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/37) to receive the tabled Community Board findings of the Town Centre submissions.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

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FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/38) to recommend to Council that a final version of the FCB findings be made publically available.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Beattie)

Carried

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/39) to recommend to Council that the next step for Council is to consult with the Featherston community before any decision is made regarding the Town Centre and Menz Shed location.

(Moved Beattie/Seconded Carter)

Carried

Cr Robertson voted against this motion.

Mr Thomas voted against this motion.

Cr Robertson did not agree with the motion as worded and believed the survey results gave a good indication of what the people of Featherston wanted which. The ideas from the various submissions, including retail development, could be incorporated into a design plan for the Town Centre to go out for further consultation.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/40) to recommend to Council that a partnership be formed with the Featherston Community Board and that the Community Board is consulted on all aspects of the Featherston Town Square.

(Moved Carter/Seconded Beattie)

Carried

Cr Robertson voted against this motion.

Mrs Carter thanked members of the public for speaking at the meeting, making a submission and attending the annual plan meeting.

10. FEATHERSTON MENZ SHED LOCATION

10.1 Recommendation to Council Following Analysis of Community Feedback

Mrs Carter put a motion to defer any recommendation or decision relating to Resolution FCB 2013/73 that the FCB agreed on 10 December 2013, until the Featherston Community Board had received a full brief from Council on the analysis and met to discuss the analysis in full and in detail.

The motion was lost.

Members noted:

- That the resolutions on the Town Centre already made meant that the specific conditions of resolution FCB2013/73 had not yet been met and therefore a motion was not required.

Mrs Carter expressed concern about the lack of information available in order to be confident that the Trust House building would be fit for purpose and queried if the Menz Shed organisation had a budget and/or a plan for converting the building into a suitable venue in a timely manner. Mayor Staples clarified that the building would be owned by Council and that the Menz Shed organisation were waiting on a decision about the site and building before progressing plans.

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 279: Organise a meeting with the Menz Shed to establish their position in relation to the feedback to the Town Square concept; Lee Carter

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Inwards

From Department of Conservation to Featherston Community Board dated 1 May 2014.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/41) to receive the inwards correspondence.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

11.2 Outwards

To Featherston Lions, from Lee Carter, chair Featherston Community Board, dated 30 April 2014.

To Featherston Lionesses, from Lee Carter, chair Featherston Community Board, dated 30 April 2014

To Rotary Club of South Wairarapa, from Lee Carter, chair Featherston Community Board, dated 30 April 2014

To Monique Black, from Katie Beattie, Featherston Community Board, dated 19 April 2014.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/42) to receive the outwards correspondence.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

12. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 12.1 Wairarapa Maths Association, requesting financial assistance towards the annual round of Maths Wairarapa competitions held in August 2014.

The Community Board agreed to defer consideration of the application until June, subject to receiving an application on the correct form.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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