



## Featherston Community Board

### Minutes – 24 April 2018

- Present:** Robyn Ramsden (Chair), Mark Shepherd, Brenda West, Claire Bleakley and Cr Colin Olds.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Viv Napier, Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and 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 9:50pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Roz Harding and Alan King (Cross Creek Railway Society), Jennifer Grey, Martine Bijker, Jade Holley, Karen Shaw and Sue Fox (Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association).

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/32) to add Featherston vacant public land to the agenda as item 4.1, due to extreme public interest discussion can't wait.*

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakly)*

Carried

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest.

#### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **3.1 Roz Harding and Alan King, Cross Creek Railway Society**

Mrs Harding with support from Mr King requested the Community Board support the proposal to build a permanent mini golf course on road reserve land adjacent to the railway engine shed on Fox Street. A portable golf course had previously been supported in principal.

##### **3.2 Jennifer Grey**

Ms Grey asked for answers to her vocalised questions relating to the withdrawal of the Featherston development. In response to a question, Mrs Grey asked for the answers to come from Council and be publicly available.

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### 3.3 Martine Bijker

Ms Bijker requested Council make an internal culture change to support organisational staff and was disappointed at the loss of opportunity for the Featherston town following the development withdrawal. Ms Bijker noted that Mayor Napier had requested a governance review, however was cynical about Council investigating themselves.

### 3.4 Jade Holley

Ms Holley requested a public meeting where questions could be asked and answers given to the public from the CEO regarding the Featherston development withdrawal. Ms Holley believed there was a blurred line between governance and operations but that issues did exist as a councillor had recently resigned. Well scoped options for the land, including the option to demolish the town square to make way for commercial development, was requested.

### 3.5 Karen Shaw

Ms Shaw expressed concern at a perceived lack of accountability for mismanagement of public land, noting that the land swap was not transparent and the consultation flawed. Ms Shaw queried why easements were not known and if due diligence had been undertaken. Ms Shaw was disappointed in lack of development progress and a town square in the wrong location, and requested the Community Board call for an independent review of the land swap and town square development. Ms Shaw requested Council acknowledge failings and provide answers on what went wrong.

### 3.6 FRRA

Ms Fox stated that Council consultation on the town centre proposal was undertaken as a preliminary gauge of interest. Limited submissions were received by Council, and many submitters indicated a preference for commercial development rather than more public space. Ms Fox stated a lawyer should have been engaged to review liabilities before undertaking a land swap and suggested the boardwalk could be used for disabled parking. The location of the Menz Shed building was queried for its appropriateness and Ms Fox asked that this matter be reviewed by the Local Government Ombudsman.

## 4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### 4.1 Featherston Vacant Public Land

Members acknowledged and supported the sentiment of feedback provided during the public participation session.

Mayor Napier noted that correspondence received on this issue would be discussed at the CE Review Committee workshop on 26 April 18, noting that many of the questions and concerns were expected outcomes of the internal investigation being undertaken. Mayor Napier was open to an external investigation pending the outcome of the internal investigation.

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Members noted that before a public meeting was organised as much information as possible needed to be gathered.

As an outcome of the public meeting, members wanted an understanding of what happened (transparency and communication) and what part procedures and regulations played in the outcome, with learnings fed back to Council on how things could be done better. Members noted potential discussion points of culture, communication of information, accountability, governance and transparency.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/33)* to organise and hold a public meeting for the Featherston community with the presence of the CEO and Mayor and other elected members or Council staff that can provide needed information.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West)* Carried

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/34)* to engage a facilitator external to the Wairarapa to facilitate a public meeting.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd)* Carried

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/35)* to present the communities questions formally to Council and have answers available (from Council) for the next Community Board meeting.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley)* Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:17 pm.

- 4.2 Roz Harding and Alan King, Cross Creek Railway Society  
Consideration of the item was deferred to agenda item 6.5.

## **5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES**

- 5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 13 March 2018

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/36)* that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 13 March 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd)* Carried

## **6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

- 6.1 Officers Report to Community Boards

Members discussed the pending GWRC notification of the Featherston wastewater consent, noting that the Chief Executive had requested GWRC to notify, the upcoming TV3 broadcast, and footpath renewals.

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*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/37):*

1. To receive the Officers' Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Cr Olds*) Carried
2. Action 252: Write and advise Greater Wellington Regional Council that the Featherston Community Board and community were anxious for the Featherston wastewater consent to be publicly notified; R Ramsden
3. Action 253: Forward FCB members by email the confirmed budget amount of the proposed new South Wairarapa pound; R O'Leary
4. Action 254: Provide FCB members with resource consent numbers applied for by town, and indicate outcome of application (granted, withdrawn, denied); R O'Leary

6.2 Action Items Report

Members discussed the action items and updates were provided.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/38):*

1. To receive the Action Items Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried
2. Action 255: Advise FCB members by email the timeframe for painting the Featherston gazebo; M Allingham

6.3 Income and Expenditure Report

Members discussed laying a lime path in the Garden of Remembrance leading to the Japanese memorial and utilising committed funds donated by Chor Farmer.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/39):*

1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Report for the 1 July 2017 – 31 March 2018.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded West*) Carried
2. Action 256: Provide a quote for laying a gravel path in the Garden of Remembrance leading to the Japanese memorial (completion timeframe September 2018); M Allingham

6.4 Proposed Naming of Rights of Ways, Western Lake Road, Featherston

Members discussed the application noting that the application was for private roads and that much of the information provided in the report was irrelevant to naming decisions and difficult to understand. Some members preferred the 'Charles Goodnight Lane'.

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*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/40):*

1. Receive the Proposed Naming of Rights of Ways, Western Lake Road, Featherston Report.  
*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded West)* Carried
2. To approve the name ‘Goodnight Lane’.  
*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Cr Olds)* Carried  
Brenda West voted against this motion.  
Claire Bleakley voted against this motion.
3. To approve the name “Lesters Lane”.  
*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Shepherd)* Carried

- 6.5 Cross Creek Railway – Proposed Mini Putt Golf Development Report
- Members noted that the decision paper was light on detail and lacked an arborist’s assessment of potential damage to the oak tree roots from the course, whether the Society should be utilising public land for its own financial gains and what those funds would be used for. Also discussed was that support had been given for a temporary structure and that this was now a permanent structure, that there was no footpath on Fox Street, and there may be a congestion effect of cars on Fox Street blocking pedestrians, and that the Featherston Menz Shed were thought to have plans for seating around the oak tree.

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/41):*

1. Receive the Cross Creek Railway – Proposed Mini Put Golf Development Report.  
*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley)* Carried
2. Action 257: Discuss the mini golf proposal with the Cross Creek Railway Society; requesting more detail about how the course would be fenced, health and safety considerations for pedestrians and passing traffic, health of the oak tree (particularly protection of its roots), and verification of permission from the Featherston Menz Shed; R Ramsden

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**8. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

8.1 Chairperson’s Report

Mrs Ramsden expressed a desire for the Community Board to be represented at Council’s Community Safety and Resilience Working Party. Members discussed moving the train mosaic and support of an upcoming civil defence activation.

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*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/42):*

1. To receive the Chairperson's Report.  
(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried
2. That Claire Bleakley be nominated as the Featherston Community Board representative on Council's Community Safety and Resilience Working Party in order to receive updates on safety and resilience progress in our community and to highlight Featherston community safety issues with relevant attending agencies.  
(*Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Ramsden*) Carried
3. Action 258: Prepare a report on what aspects of the Featherston Town Square have not been completed (in relation to the plans), what the final budget was, what work is still to be done and when that work will be done; P Crimp
4. Action 259: Invite Pae tu Mokai o Tauria to open discussions on having a representative on the Featherston Community Board; R Ramsden
5. Action 260: Prepare a report on the cost of installing blue signs (like others in Featherston), to include a plan for the consent process and the full cost of consent and sign preparation; M Allingham
6. Action 261: Provide a report on the process and full cost of getting consent for the mural proposed on the side of the premises of "For the Love of Books" (Mrs Ramsden to provide pictures to Planning team), or confirm in writing that consent is not required; R O'Leary
7. Action 262: Scope and cost the relocation of the Featherston train mosaic to a new site outside the Fell Museum and report back to the Board on feasibility and a proposed site; R Ramsden

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/43) to provide light refreshments up to the value of \$50, for civil defence activation participants.*

(*Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley*) Carried

**9. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATION)**

9.1 Featherston Poppy Places

Members noted the report as submitted.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Inwards

From Nicola Arnesen, Greater Wellington Regional Council, to Featherston Community Board, dated 20 March 2018

10.2 Outwards

To Damien Taylor, from Featherston Community Board, dated 29 March 2018

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To Nim Grewal, Featherston Football Club, from Featherston Community Board, dated 23 March 2018  
To Jocelyn Konig, Featherston Information Centre, from Featherston Community Board, dated 20 March 2018  
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To Nicola Arnesen, Greater Wellington Regional Council, from Featherston Community Board, dated 20 March 2018  
Invitation to multiple parties, from Featherston Community Board, sent 11 and 13 April 2018  
To Tim Wood and Shelley Des Forges, from Featherston Community Board, Dated 20 March 2018  
To Featherston Booktown, from Featherston Community Board, dated 17 April 2018

*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2018/44) to receive the inwards and approve the outwards correspondence.*

*(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Shepherd)*

Carried

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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