



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 28 October 2014

- Present:** Peter Jackson (Chair), Katie Beattie, Cr Dean Davies, Cr Solitaire Robertson and Garry Thomas.
- In Attendance:** Paul Crimp (Chief Executive) 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 8:30pm.
- Public Participation:** Mike van Woerkom, Sue Fox and Anne Devitt (Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association (FRRRA)) and Sonya Logan (Featherston Community Centre).

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/80) to receive apologies from Lee Carter and Mayor Adrienne Staples.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms Beattie declared a conflict of interest with the applications for financial assistance from the Featherston Community Centre as her partner was on the Board, the Muay Thai Club as she attended classes and the Featherston Community Youth Programme as she was assisting the group.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Colin Robinson

Mr Robinson tendered his apologies.

3.2 Mike van Woerkom

Mr van Woerkom posed questions to the Community Board regarding yearly budgets, discretionary spending and the criteria for allocating grants. Mr van Woerkom encouraged the Board to review the criteria with a view to granting financial assistance to individuals in special circumstances.

3.3 Anne Devitt and Sue Fox, Featherston Ratepayers and Residents Association

Ms Fox with support from Ms Devitt expressed disappointment that a landscape architect had been engaged rather than an urban designer and this appeared to predetermine a town square concept as opposed to

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commercial development. The FRRA did not believe the Featherston Town Square feedback information could be relied on as a basis for developing the area. The FRRA were concerned at the lack of consultation by the Featherston Town Centre Working Group and tabled correspondence noting it had been omitted from agenda papers. Ms Devitt stated to the best of her knowledge the FRRA had not been speaking to a lawyer about town square matters.

3.4 Sonya Logan, Featherston Community Centre

Ms Logan requested the Board approve the funding application from the Featherston Community Centre for new tables as the existing tables were heavy and didn't meet the needs of the Centre's users.

4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Mike van Woerkom

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 621: Write to Mike van Woerkom and advise that the FCB would review the financial assistance criteria again and would aim to better communicate information regarding grant funding to the public; P Crimp

4.2 Featherston Rate Payers and Residents Association

The Community Board agreed to receive the tabled correspondence and a verbal update would be provided under agenda item 7.4 'Featherston Town Square'.

4.3 Featherston Community Centre

The application for financial assistance from the Featherston Community Centre would be reviewed under agenda item 9 'Financial Assistance'.

5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 16 September 2014

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/81) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 16 September 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Beattie)

Carried

5.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5.3 Action items from previous meeting

The Community Board reviewed the action items and updates were provided.

5.4 Income and Expenditure Statement

Cr Robertson explained that the plaque was printed in brass as opposed to plastic (as originally planned) and was part sponsored by The Sign Factory to attract a reduced rate.

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FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/82) that the Income and Expenditure Statement to 30 September 2014 be received.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/83) to approve the invoice from The Sign Factory for \$125 plus GST for a plaque for Messines Shelter, noting that resolution FCB2013/35 approved \$50 for this purpose.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

6.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

Mr Crimp reported that Council had requested that Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) schedule the Featherston waste water consent hearing to follow the Martinborough and Greytown hearings. Council had lodged the three applications based on a catchment approach where gains on one consent offset gains in other areas. GWRC had advised that they couldn't support the Featherston waste water consent application until there was a demonstrable reduction in the impact to Donald's Creek.

Ms Beattie requested Mr Crimp provide evidence to prove to the Featherston people why this is the best option for the waste water solution. Ms Beattie advised that the related strategy document was never completed for this multi million dollar project.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2014/84) to receive the information.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

6.2 Schedule of Ordinary Meetings

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2014/85):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

2. To adopt the 2015 schedule of ordinary meetings for Council, community boards and committees.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

3. To set a regular meeting time of 7:00pm.

(Moved Jackson/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

7. COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLORS REPORTS

7.1 Chairperson's Report

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/86) to receive the Chairperson's Report.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

7.2 Victoria University Landscape Architecture Project

Ms Beattie reported that the Victoria University students had finished their architectural designs. An opening night celebration was scheduled

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for the 4 November 2014 and a public exhibition would be open from 4 November to 16 November 2014 in Anzac Hall.

7.3 The Crossing 2015

Cr Robertson updated members on The Crossing 2015 planning progress which was well under way.

7.4 Featherston Town Square

Cr Robertson reported that the Featherston Town Square Working Group had held two meetings and had engaged Earthwork Landscape Architects. A design discussion plan was being prepared which would utilise information from the Featherston Town Square feedback forms, the Clifford Square Management Plan as well as a desire from the community to retain a commercial area. Following review of the plan by the Working Group, key stakeholders would be consulted prior to public consultation.

7.5 Civil Defence

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/87) that a meeting be arranged between Kim Whiteman (WREMO), FCB members and Cr Colin Olds (Featherston CDEM community response team leader) to discuss the proposed civil defence changes and determine the best civil defence solution for Featherston.

(Moved Jackson/Seconded Beattie)

Carried

7.6 Rubbish Collection

Mr Jackson said there was public concern that rubbish was not collected from Main Street until late in the day on Thursdays and asked if there was scope to clear Main Street first thing in the morning. Mr Crimp acknowledged the problem saying it was scheduled this way as it was an optimum route and changes to route would incur costs. A review of solid waste services was being included as part of the LTP process.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/88) to receive the verbal reports from community board members.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Inwards

The Community Board believed there was a procedural problem with correspondence sent to the FRRA. The correspondence sent on behalf of the Board had not been reviewed by members prior to being sent.

From Mike Kelly, Citizens Advice Bureau, to Featherston Community Board dated 11 September 2014

From Featherston Community Centre, to Featherston Community Board dated 16 September 2014

From Maths Wairarapa to Featherston Community Board received 3 October 2014

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From Perry Cameron, Featherston Rate Payers and Residents Association to Featherston Community Board dated 26 September 2014 (tabled)

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/89) to receive the inwards, including tabled, correspondence.

(Moved Thomas/Seconded Jackson)

Carried

8.2 Outwards

Letter of support for Cross Creek Railway Society, from Lee Carter, chair Featherston Community Board, dated 15 September 2014

Letter of support for Featherston Christmas Market, from Lee Carter, chair Featherston Community Board, dated 17 September 2014

To Colin Robinson, Cross Creek Railway Society, from Committee Secretary on behalf of the Featherston Community Board dated 25 September 2014

To Maria Fairburn from Committee Secretary on behalf of the Featherston Community Board dated 25 September 2014

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/90) to receive the outwards correspondence.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

9. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

9.1 Life Education Trust

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/91) to grant Life Education Trust \$500 to assist with the costs of providing the mobile classroom in the Featherston area.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

Ms Beattie left the meeting at 8:20pm.

9.1 Muay Thai Club

The Community Board noted that no financial statements had been presented with the application, membership numbers and attendance at classes wasn't covered and the application wasn't signed.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/92) to defer consideration of the application for financial assistance from Muay Thai until the 9 December 2014 and to invite Muay Thai to present their application in person at that meeting.

(Moved Jackson/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

9.1 Featherston Community Centre

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/93) to grant the Featherston Community Centre \$500 for the purchase of 1 of the 6 needed trestle tables.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Thomas)

Carried

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9.2 Featherston Community Youth Programme
*FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2014/94) to grant Featherston Community Youth Programme \$500 to help fund a Ki O Rahi set for regular games.
(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Robertson)*

Carried

Ms Beattie returned to the meeting at 8:28pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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