



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 31 January 2012

- Present:** Garry Thomas (Chair), Helen Barrow, Lee Carter, Phil Robertson, Cr Solitaire Robertson, and Cr Keith Sexton.
- In attendance:** Dr Jack Dowds and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Group Room of Family Works Centre, Featherston. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/01) to receive apologies from Mayor Staples.
(*Moved Barrow/ Seconded Carter*)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Robertson, Cr Sexton and Mr Robertson declared a conflict of interest with the application for financial assistance from the Featherston Walkways Trust. Mr Thomas declared a conflict of interest with the Featherston Main Street Beautification Group.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

3.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 22 November 2011
FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/02) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 22 November 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(*Moved Cr Robertson/ Seconded Barrow*)

Carried

3.2 Matters arising

The Community Board thanked Cr Robertson for undertaking the coordination of the Featherston Christmas parade and noted the success of the event.

3.3 Action items from previous meeting

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

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FCB NOTED:

1. Action 3: Clear excess gravel from storm water drains on Brandon Street (around Daniell Street area); M Allingham
2. Action 4: Determine if Chor Farmer funds are still in the Featherston Community Board accounts: P Crimp

3.4 Income and Expenditure Statement

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/03) that the Income and Expenditure Statement to 30 November 2011 be received.

(Moved Cr Sexton/ Seconded Carter)

Carried

4. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS:

4.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

The Community Board reviewed the report and discussed the La De Da festival, noise control, dog and animal control and gaming machines in Featherston.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/04):

1. To receive the information.
(Moved Thomas/ Seconded Cr Sexton)
2. Action 5: Dog control to monitor Card Reserve to ensure that dog owners are not using this sports field to exercise their dogs; G Bunny

Carried

5. ANZAC HALL

Mr Thomas proposed that a room for the Community Board be made available at Anzac Hall.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/05):

1. That if an agenda item will result in a decision by Community Board members then a supporting report or email should accompany the agenda item.
(Moved Cr Robertson/ Seconded Cr Sexton)
2. Action 6: Review whether a meeting room in Anzac Hall could be made permanently available for the Featherston Community Board; M Allingham

Carried

6. MESSINES WAY MEMORIAL

Mr Thomas reported that he had sourced pictures of the Featherston War Memorial Camp cookhouse and had a concept design for a BBQ area drawn up based on the original building. Mr Thomas was getting the design priced.

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7. FEATHERSTON STREET FLAGS

The Community Board discussed the quotes and expressed concern regarding the durability and life of the flags given exposure to the Featherston elements versus the capital outlay. Options such as a shorter display period, an alternative mechanism for attaching the flags to the poles and neon lights were discussed.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/06):

1. That the purchase of flags for permanent display along Featherston Main Street be put on hold for review in July 2012.

(Moved Barrow/ Seconded Thomas)

Carried

8. COMMUNITY BOARD/COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Phil Robertson

Mr Robertson felt that Featherston's appearance was disheartening due to non working street lights, graffiti, empty sections, derelict buildings and bad behaviour by youth. The Community Board expressed a desire to make a change and the CEO undertook to continue working with Powerco to correct the street light problem.

Lee Carter

Mrs Carter reported that on behalf of the Community Board she was sending a sympathy note to the families impacted by the balloon disaster. Mrs Carter was to take part in the earthquake readiness practice at the Featherston Community Centre which was being run by the Red Cross.

Cr Robertson

Cr Robertson had met with the Aratoi Foundation and updated the Community Board on the sculpture project. Aratoi were seeking expressions of interest from five artists.

Cr Sexton

Cr Sexton reported that a fence at the Featherston Cemetery required repairs however this was being progressed through the Reserves and Amenities Focus Group.

Tenders had been received for removing the macrocarpa trees on Underhill Road. These trees would be removed when the contract had been awarded.

Helen Barrow

Mrs Barrow queried the opening hours of the Featherston public toilets, and noted that the motor caravan camping ground area needed to be opened to the public for use as soon as possible.

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Garry Thomas

Mr Thomas reported that he was in the process of inviting members from the various Featherston community groups together with the aim of achieving better coordination of community projects.

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 7: That graffiti on the Featherston Playground equipment be urgently removed; M Allingham
2. Action 8: On behalf of the Community Board write to Minister Paula Bennett and MP John Hayes requesting meetings to discuss assistance for Featherston youth in need; Lee Carter
3. Action 9: Advise the Community Board the Featherston public toilet opening hours during winter and summer and when a repair to the toilets will be progressed; M Allingham
4. Action 10: Advise the Community Board when the Information Centre will be painted using the Dulux paint grant; M Allingham
5. Action 11: Trim, clean, tidy and spray the Featherston motor caravan area so it can be opened. Liaise with Brian Allen of the Motor Caravan association regarding assistance with signage; M Allingham

9. FEATHERSTON WALKWAYS AND RESERVES TRUST MOU

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/07) to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Featherston Walkways and Reserves Trust, the Featherston Community Board and Council subject to the referenced 'Works and Services Manager' being replaced by the 'Infrastructure and Services Manager'.

(Moved Thomas/ Seconded Barrow)

Carried

10. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

10.1 Wairarapa Victim Support

The Community Board reviewed the application for financial assistance from Wairarapa Victim Support. The Community Board wanted to obtain additional information such as how support is being provided to the community, the benefit of the support given, the number of victims supported, and the number of volunteers that reside in and/or support the Featherston area and asked that Victim Support be invited to attend the next meeting.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/08) to invite Wairarapa Victim Support to attend the next meeting of the Featherston Community Board and speak to their application for financial assistance.

(Moved Barrow/ Seconded P. Robertson)

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10.2 Featherston Walkways and Reserves Trust

The Community Board reviewed the application for financial assistance noting that the request was to replace a table that was well used and had been in place for some time.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/09) that the broken picnic table located in Dorset Square, Featherston be referred to council officers to determine if repair or replacement can be funded via Council budgets.

(Moved Cr Robertson/ Seconded P. Robertson)

Carried

10.3 Featherston Main Streets Beautification Group

The Community Board reviewed the application for financial assistance from the Featherston Beautification Group.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2012/10) to invite the Featherston main Streets Beautification Group to attend the next meeting of the Featherston Community Board and speak to their application for financial assistance.

(Moved Barrow/ Seconded P. Robertson)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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