



Featherston Community Board

Minutes – 31 January 2017

- Present:** Brenda West (Chair), Claire Bleakley, Cr Dayle Harwood, Cr Colin Olds, Robyn Ramsden and Mark Shepherd.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Viv Napier, 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 9:40pm.
- External Speakers:** Jane Mills (Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO)), Jean McDowall (Featherston Camp Sculpture Trust), Mary Byrne (Fluoride Free NZ), Warren Preiss, Liz Mellish (Card Reserve Artificial Surface Trust) and Jude Kernohan.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Harwood declared a conflict of interest with outcomes from the public forum presentation from Card Reserve Artificial Surface Trust.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Jane Mills, WREMO

Jane Mills outlined the responsibilities of both WREMO and councils for civil defence. The Featherston Community Emergency Hub Guide had been developed as an unofficial community response plan to an emergency event, with a simulation planned for May 2017. Workshops, business continuity planning, visits to schools, and preparedness training would keep civil defence awareness current in the Wairarapa.

3.2 Jean McDowall, Featherston Camp Sculpture Trust

Jean McDowall reported that one third of the required funds had been raised by the Trust. An application was being finalised for submission to the Lottery Grants Board and an application was currently being considered by Trust House Masterton.

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3.3 Mary Byrne, Fluoride Free NZ

Mary Byrne stated that central government was seeking feedback on an amendment to the Health Act that shifted decision making for fluoridation of local water supplies to district health boards, with responsibility for paying for the directive left to local councils. The benefits of fluoridation were contentious and the biggest indicator for dental decay was social economics. Ms Byrne requested that Council make a submission on the proposed amendment.

3.4 Warren Preiss

Warren Preiss, presenting as a concerned parent, stated that every study undertaken to prove the benefit of fluoridation could be discredited, therefore there was no evidence that fluoridation in water reduced dental decay. Studies had been done with results showing a general population IQ drop of 7% where fluoride had been added.

3.5 Liz Mellish, Card Reserve Artificial Surface Trust

Liz Mellish reported that the Trust was preparing to resurface the Card Reserve turf and requested the Community Board pursue decisions, particularly timing of improvements, from the 2016/17 Annual Plan on the Trusts behalf so an overall improved amenity be completed at the same time.

3.6 Jude Kernohan

Jude Kernohan spoke about public safety concerns for users of the pedestrian crossing over State Highway 2 directly outside Super Value Featherston. An accident occurred last week and near misses were a regular occurrence. Ms Kernohan noted that speed, road camber, poor signage, lack of lighting, car congestion, and black overpaint could be contributing to the problem and requested assistance from the Community Board to address the issue before a fatality occurred.

4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATION

4.1 Featherston Camp Sculpture Trust

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 36: Liaise with Greater Wellington Regional Council and determine status of a prior request to move the bus shelter from in front of the proposed Featherston Camp Sculpture site on State Highway 2, Featherston ; M Allingham
2. Action 37: Acknowledge that the landscaping recently undertaken on the Featherston Camp Sculpture site behind the bus stop on State Highway 2 will need to be removed as landscaping is part of the sculpture project; M Allingham

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4.2 Fluoride Free NZ

Mr Crimp confirmed that Council would make a submission on the proposed Health Bill amendment.

4.3 Warren Priess

As per 4.2.

4.4 Card Reserve Artificial Surface Trust

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 38: As per the 15/16 Annual Planning decisions, liaise with the Card Reserve Artificial Surface Trust regarding when the carpark between the turf and stadium will be sealed, what on-going tree maintenance will be undertaken, and when external access to the Featherston stadium toilet will be completed; M Allingham

4.5 Jude Kernohan

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 39: With information supplied by Jude Kernohan to Mayor Napier, request NZTA make the pedestrian crossing outside SuperValue in Featherston safer or that it is moved to an alternate location; M Allingham
2. Action 40: With information supplied by Jude Kernohan to Mayor Napier, request NZTA alter the camber of State Highway 2 in the vicinity of the SuperValue pedestrian crossing to increase visibility and safety of pedestrians; M Allingham

5. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

5.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 22 November 2016

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/01) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 22 November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Action Items Report

Members discussed the footpath budget noting that there was no ability to create new footpaths. Mayor Napier advised the Board to make a submission to Council's annual planning process if the Board felt that changes were needed.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/02):

1. To receive the information.
(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden)
2. Action 41: Organise a Featherston Community Board workshop to discuss footpath prioritisation, creation of a strategic plan and

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budget, and formation of an early submission to the annual planning process; B West

6.2 Income and Expenditure Report

Mr Crimp discussed the salaries commitment, the town beautification budget, annualisation of the Featherston Information Centre accrual and funding of Christmas parades with members. Members discussed preparation of a strategic plan and community board budget.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/03):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Ramsden/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

2. Action 42: Correct the Featherston Community Board Income and Expenditure carry forward balance from the 16/17 year; J Mitchell

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/04) to budget \$300 for Featherston Information Centre expenses until 30 June 2017.

(Moved Bleakley/Seconded West)

Carried

6.3 Officers' Report to Community Boards

Mr Crimp discussed governance measures, the National Research Bureau (NRB) survey, dog control targets, barking dogs and the complaints procedure and the need to educate residents on how to log issues with Council. Mr Crimp advised that officers were addressing unmetered water used in parks, reserves and public swimming pools so the reported figure was a better reflection of actual use.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2017/05):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved West/Seconded Bleakley)

Carried

2. Action 43: Provide Featherston Community Board members with a copy of the NRB survey; P Crimp

6.4 Requests for Financial Assistance

Members required clarification on information provided by Wairarapa Community Kitties before the application could be assessed.

Members granted Featherston 1st Friday's Group funds, but applications would only be considered on a yearly basis.

Financial assistance applicants presenting requests in person was discussed.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/06):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden)

Carried

2. To decline the application from Wairarapa Community Kitties, but to invite them to resubmit their application for the May 2017 meeting and present their application during public participation.

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- (Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Harwood)* Carried
3. To grant the Featherston 1st Friday's Group \$300 to assist with the costs associated with running the 3 February 2017 event.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded West) Carried

- 6.5 Proposed Conditions for the use of Featherston Town Square
Council officers had determined that conditions and bookings for public amenities was applicable to multiple locations so general conditions had been developed, with specific conditions itemised in an attached table. Members discussed hawkers and pop-up vendors attaching to approved events.
The terms and conditions would also be circulated to Martinborough and Greytown Community Boards for feedback.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2017/07):

1. To receive the information.
(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden) Carried
2. To endorse the draft Terms and Conditions for Events in Parks and Reserves.
(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden) Carried
3. Action 44: Update paragraph 6 'Specific conditions for events' of the Terms and Conditions to include a specific definition or examples of what constitutes 'amusement devices'; M Allingham

- 6.6 Community Boards Conference 2017

FCB RESOLVED (FCB2017/08):

1. To receive the information.
(Moved West/Seconded Ramsden) Carried
2. To send Claire Bleakley to the Community Boards Conference 2017 at Councils expense.
3. To send Brenda West to the Community Boards Conference 2017 at with an associated Community Board commitment of up to \$2,000 for costs.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Ramsden) Carried

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

8. CHAIRPERSON

8.1 Facebook Page

Members noted that other Featherston specific pages existed; however the Community Board could not control the comments and views on those pages. The page was intended to be informational as opposed to an engagement forum. Cr Olds was concerned at the quantity of social media available and the continual bombardment of notifications.

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FCB RESOLVED (FCB2017/09):

- 1. To receive the information.
(Moved West/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
- 2. To set up a “Featherston Community Board” Facebook Page.
(Moved West/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
Cr Olds voted against this motion.
- 3. To accept the Facebook Policy for the FCB Page as per Appendix 2 of the report.
(Moved West/Seconded Bleakley) Carried
Cr Olds abstained.
- 4. That all members of the Featherston Community Board except Cr Olds have administration rights on the Facebook Page.
(Moved Cr Harwood/Seconded Shepherd) Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Inwards

From Roz Harding to Suzanne Clark, Committee Secretary, dated 23 November 2016

From Laraine Kerr, Card Reserve Artificial Surface Trust, to Brenda West, Featherston Community Board, dated 24 November 2016

From Kevin Tso, Victim Support to Brenda West, Featherston Community Board, dated 25 November 2016

From Merle Adams to Brenda West, Featherston Community Board, dated 29 November 2016

From Marc van de Loo to Brenda West, Featherston Community Board, dated 17 December 2016

9.2 Outwards

From Brenda West, Featherston Community Board, to Patsy Hughes, dated 25 November 2016

From Helen McNaught, Amenities Manager to Roz Harding dated 14 December 2016

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2017/10) to receive the inwards and outwards correspondence.

(Moved West/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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