



Featherston Community Board

Minutes 1 February 2011

- Present:** Garry Thomas (Chair), Helen (Darkie) Barrow, Lee Carter, Phil Robertson, and Crs Solitaire Robertson and Keith Sexton.
- In attendance:** Dr Jack Dowds (Chief Executive Officer), Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Public Participation** Heather Kary (Featherston Information Centre) until 7:10pm.
- 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 7.20pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/01) to receive apologies from Mayor Adrienne Staples.

(Moved P. Robertson / Seconded Sexton)

Carried

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Heather Kary representing the Featherston Community Centre invited the Community Board to attend an informal presentation on the progress of the roof replacement project on the 23 February 2011. Mrs Kary said the Community Centre was aiming to raise \$33k which was a third of the total cost of the project in order to meet grant application eligibility requirements for the Lotteries Commission.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES/EXPENDITURE

3.1 Featherston Community Board Minutes – 30 November 2010

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/02) that the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting held on 30 November 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to Mrs Carters title on page 3, item 8 being corrected from 'Ms' to 'Mrs'.

(Moved S. Robertson/ Seconded P. Robertson)

Carried

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3.2 Matters arising

FCB NOTED:

1. Action 438: Organise for the Featherston campervan dumpsite signs to be erected; M Allingham

3.3 Action items from previous meeting

Action item 25, 357 and 365 are to be carried forward, all other action items had been completed.

3.4 Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 December 2010

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/03) that the Income and Expenditure Statement to 31 December 2010 be received.

(Moved Sexton/ Seconded Barrow)

Carried

4. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – Council Officers

4.1 Officers' Report to Community Boards

Dr Dowds provided a verbal key point summary from the La De Da Festival debrief. Mrs Carter who had attended the concert provided feedback to Officers on the event.

The Community Board noted a number of trees overhanging footpaths owned by private landowners as well as Council. The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services undertook to attend to this matter.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/04) to receive the Officers' Report to Community Boards.

(Moved Thomas/ Seconded Carter)

Carried

5. FEATHERSTON MAIN STREETS BEAUTIFICATION GROUP:

5.1 Programme of Work for Featherston Community Board endorsement

The Community Board considered the Programme of Work as submitted by the Featherston Main Streets Beautification Group.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/05):

1. To receive the information

(Moved S. Robertson/ Seconded Sexton)

Carried

2. To delete recommendation 2 and agree that the Featherston Main Streets Beautification Group work with Council Officers to implement the work programme.

(Moved S. Robertson/ Seconded Barrow)

Carried

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**6. COMMUNITY BOARD/COUNCILLORS REPORTS -
Representation/Committees**

Helen Barrow

Mrs Barrow noted some grass and berm maintenance requirements

Phil Robertson

Mr Robertson passed on feedback from the community relating to lack of support for the Featherston Christmas Parade as seen by the small number of float entries. Cr Robertson noted that if local businesses, schools and churches don't support the parade the event was in danger of not continuing.

Lee Carter

Mrs Carter provided positive feedback from the Christmas Carol event at ANZAC Hall.

Cr Robertson

On behalf of Mayor Staples Cr Robertson sought guidance from the Community Board for corresponding to a letter from the Heritage Museum regarding a donation made to the Council from Chor-Farmer. The Community Board referred to an agreement made at an onsite meeting at the War Memorial site and attended by the Heritage Museum, that a shelter suitable for picnics was to be erected. The Community Board does not support donated funds being spent solely on a plaque but are not opposed to a plaque being erected or attached to the shelter.

Cr Robertson asked for Community Board support for the SWDC Relay for Life team to raise money for the Cancer Society in the Wairarapa.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/06) to agree in principal to financially support the SWDC Relay for Life team by sponsoring 10 members at \$10 each.

(Moved Barrow/ Seconded Sexton)

Carried

Cr Sexton

Cr Sexton noted several properties in the Featherston area were a fire risk due to overgrown grass and that some of these properties were Council owned.

Cr Sexton reported that several farmers were to meet to discuss covenants placed on farmland surrounding the Featherston War Memorial Site by the NZ Historic Places Trust as these covenants were affecting land usability and sale of properties.

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Garry Thomas

Mr Thomas reported that the light for the playground had been received and a decision on placement would be made on the 4 February 2011.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/07):

- 1. To accept the verbal Community Board reports
(Moved Barrow/ Seconded P. Robertson) Carried
- 2. Action 439: Organise for the grass on Council land by the Featherston Bowling Club and Hoki Smoke to be cut and for regular mowing of grass and berms to be attended to behind the Library and Heritage building; M Allingham
- 3. Action 440: Arrange for the pothole in the footpath outside 100 Fox Street to be repaired; M Allingham

7 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no inwards or outwards correspondence.

8 FINANCIAL ASSISSTANCE

8.1 Featherston Walkways and Reserves Trust

Cr Robertson and Mr Robertson declared conflicts of interest and refrained from discussion.

The Community Board reviewed the application for financial assistance. The Trust had enquired about the possibility of the Community Board paying large ticket items following a donation, however Mrs Barrow was not in favour of this and the Community Board did not support this request.

FCB RESOLVED (FCB 2011/05) to approve a grant of \$340 to the Featherston Walkways and Reserves Trust on the basis that it meets the grants criteria and adds to the value of Featherston.

(Moved Carter/ Seconded Barrow) Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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