
Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES UNCONFIRMED

Minutes of a meeting of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board held in the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton on Monday 10 March 2025 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr John Girling
Deputy Chairperson	Mr Trevor Chambers
Members	Mrs Nola Fox
	Mr Brett Russell
	Mr David Roache
	Deputy Mayor David Allan

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Monique Davidson	Chief Executive
	James Wallace	Land Transport Manager
	Nirmal Rama	Land Transport Projects Engineer
Meeting Secretary	Grayson Rowse	Principal Advisor – Democracy
	Alice Petersen	Democracy Support Officer

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/1

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mr Roache:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 11 November 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Presentations

6.1 Seabury Ave / Nash Parade Safety Improvement Options

Purpose | Te PŪTAKE

The purpose of this presentation was to present for discussion the options for safety improvements on the corner of Seabury Avenue and Nash Parade Foxton Beach in relation to the pump track.

Officers outlined options to improve the safety of the intersection of Seabury Ave and Nash Parade in Foxton Beach. This intersection has raised concerns due poor visibility and it's higher use by children, cyclists, and walkers. Improvements for this intersection are included in the Land Transport work programme but due to a change in Land Transport funding from NZTA, there is limited funds for safety improvements.

Officers are working on low cost but effective mitigation options, and presented to the Board several options that are currently being explored. The most immediate is a speed bump on the eastern side of Seabury drive near the intersection as this can be delivered within budget this financial year and has a tentative install date before the end of March.

Pricing for more extensive work is underway to determine what can be delivered in the 2025/26 financial year. The Board requested officers report back to a future Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Meeting the detailed pricing of more extensive

safety measures at Seabury Ave / Nash Parade.

Officers also spoke to speed management options for Lady's Mile. Officers advised that work is commencing on speed humps along lady's mile. Officers are currently speaking with emergency services to ensure design won't hinder their ability to respond to emergencies.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/2

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Russell:

That the Presentation - Seabury Ave / Nash Parade Safety Improvement Options be received and noted.

CARRIED

7 Elected Members Reports

7.1 Chairperson's Report - February 2024

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

To receive the Chairperson's report highlighting matters of interest to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/3

MOVED by Mrs Fox, seconded Mr Russell:

- A. That Report 25/87 Chairperson's Report - February 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers noted and apologised for the error in the date of the Chairperson's report advised it was written in February 2025 not November 2024.

The Chair updated the Board on the Flood Resilience Group's work. The group is positive and keen to continue meeting with a redefined scope.

7.2 Community Board Member Report - Brett Russell

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report was present to update the Community Board on the activities of Community Board Member Brett Russell.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/4

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Russell:

- A. That Report 25/85 Community Board Member Report - Brett Russell be received and noted.

CARRIED

Board Member Brett Russell spoke to his report and highlighted the work of the Estuary Trust included a farewell function on Saturday 15 March to say goodbye to the migratory birds but it's also noted sadly that loose dogs have been seen in the

Estuary. Officers already began work on renewed signage that will be erected with the next two weeks.

Mr Russell spoke to concerns around the delivery of economic development with Horowhenua. Officers clarified that The Horowhenua Company Ltd are contracted to delivery Economic Development within the Horowhenua District and that last year as a lead into the upcoming legally required s17a review, Horowhenua District Council and The Horowhenua Company Ltd jointly commissioned the Sage Bush report that explored the current economic development strategy, the benefits and values of economic development. This report identified Foxton as having many opportunities for economic development with the construction of Ō2NL Highway and officers expressed how Foxton Futures would have a key part to play in this.

The Manawatu Estuary Trusts progress on finalising development of the Manawatu Estuary Management Plan for 2025-2035. The plan is due to be launched 1PM – 3PM Friday, 21 March 2025 at the Manawatu Marine Boating Club.

7.3 Community Board Member Report - Nola Fox

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

To present to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board matters relating to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board area.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/5

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Chambers:

- A. That Report 25/88 Community Board Member Report - Nola Fox be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 Reports

8.1 Update on Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Priorities

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

1. This report updates progress of the Board's priorities.

This matter does not relate to a current Council priority.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/6

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mrs Fox:

- A. That Report 25/101 Update on Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Priorities be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers spoke to the report noting the progress of the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Policy review highlighting the previous workshop and next steps.

Officer also acknowledged the Foxton and Foxton Beach Community Plan was unanimously endorsed by Council and noted it has been shared with Foxton Futures. The expressions of interest (EOI) for Foxton Futures Group has now closed with 18 EOI's received.

The Board held an open workshop last month where officers presented a stormwater update. The Board expressed the desire for a more detailed update on flooding protection not just the environmental impact progress. Officers advised that one of Council's Top 12 Priorities is "Community Preparedness; to continue tackling stormwater hotspots across district", that this work has been prioritised in and around Foxton and an update on this to the Board will be captured in an upcoming report.

8.2 Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Update

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented an update to the board on financial movements in the Foxton Beach Endowment Fund.

This matter relates to Ensuring Financial Discipline and Management

Provide transparent financial reporting and regular updates to the community on the Council's financial performance and initiatives.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/7

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mr Russell:

- A. That Report 25/86 Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Update be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers presented the report, noting minor formatting changes and account name has been updated. Officers highlighted the financial performance. Officers are continuously working to improve the report.

The Board requested an update on Pinewood Motor Camp lease at its next meeting.

8.3 Horowhenua District Council Organisation Performance Report February 2025

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented to the Board the Organisation Performance Report for October 2024 highlighting areas of interest to the Foxton Community.

This matter relates to Pursuing Organisation Excellence

Continuing the journey of organisational transformation by enabling a culture of service, excellence and continuous improvement.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/8

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 25/64 Horowhenua District Council Organisation Performance Report February 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

The Board raised concerns over the Foxton Pool closure for lane marker repairs over the school holiday period. Officers acknowledged that closure over the April school holidays isn't ideal but it's necessary to have the least impact on the swim school and local schools usage during term which are major revenue earners for the Foxton Pools. Officers are looking into community events that can be stood up over the school holidays.

Officers answered questions from the Board on the Financial Summary Report.

8.4 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board - Actions Monitoring Report - March 2025

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report presented to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of the Board.

This matter relates to Pursuing Organisation Excellence

Continuing the journey of organisational transformation by enabling a culture of service, excellence and continuous improvement.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2025/9

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mrs Fox:

- A. That Report 25/79 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board - Actions Monitoring Report - March 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.15pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF TE AWAHOU FOXTON
COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: