
Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

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Minutes of a meeting of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board held in the Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton on Monday 13 April 2026 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Ross Brannigan
Deputy Chairperson	Irene Wakefield
Members	Jason Davy David Roache Judy Sanson Councillor David Allan

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Councillor Nola Fox Monique Davidson Brent Harvey Blair Spencer Lacey Winiata Ashley Huria	Chief Executive Group Manager – Community Experience and Services Group Manager – Housing and Business Development Parks and Property Manager Business Performance Manager
Meeting Secretary	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

Board Member Irene Wakefield declared a conflict of interest in relation to item C1 Foxton River Loop - Funding Application and Update and did not take part in debate or discussion of this item.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/18

MOVED by Ms Wakefield, seconded Mr Davy:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Te Awahou Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 23 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Presentations

6.1 Manawatu Estuary Management Team

The presentation provided an overview of the Manawatū Estuary Management Team (MEMT), outlining its purpose and role, who is involved, the work undertaken, and activities completed to date. It also covered the development of the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Management Plan, noting that this work followed the completion of the Manawatū Estuary Management Plan. Bi-monthly workshops have been held, and agreement has been reached on the structure of the new draft plan. The draft has been assembled with support from community resources and incorporates content from the 2009 plan, the Manawatū Estuary Management Plan, and feedback from the workshops. It was advised that final workshop material is currently being incorporated, with a target to present the draft plan to the June MEMT meeting and workshop.

7 Elected Members Reports

7.1 Chairperson's Report - April 2026

TE PŪTAKE | Purpose

This report presented for the Chairperson highlights matters of interest for the Board.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/19

MOVED by Mr Brannigan, seconded Mr Roache:

- A. That Report 26/191 Chairperson's Report - April 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Board Member Report - Irene Wakefield - April 2026

TE PŪTAKE | Purpose

This report was presented to highlight to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board matters relating to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board area.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/20

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Davy:

- A. That Report 26/192 Board Member Report - Irene Wakefield - April 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

Board Member Irene Wakefield spoke to her report, highlighting matters arising from the Easter Fair, including observations regarding car parking utilisation. An update was provided on Te Maruata (LGNZ Māori Elected Members sub-committee) and LGNZ Community Boards Executive Committee. Ms Wakefield also highlighted the positive progress of Foxton Futures.

7.3 Board Member Report - Jason Davy - April 2026

TE PŪTAKE | Purpose

This report was presented to highlight to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board matters relating to Te Awahou Foxton Community Board area.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/21

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Davy:

- A. That Report 26/189 Board Member Report - Jason Davy - April 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 Reports

8.1 Board Appointments to External Organisations

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report sought the Board's appointment of its members to various Foxton and Foxton Beach community organisations.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/22

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Cr Allan:

- A. That Report 26/72 Board Appointments to External Organisations be received and noted.

CARRIED

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/23

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mr Davy:

- B. That the Board make the following appointment:

Foxton Area Community Medical Trust	Ross Brannigan
MAVtech	David Roache
Foxton Tourist and Development Association	Jason Davy
Save our River Trust (SORT)	Judy Sanson
Manawatu Estuary Trust	Ross Brannigan
Wildlife Foxton Trust	Jason Davy
Foxton Futures Governance Board	Irene Wakefield
Foxton Beach Community Centre	David Roache

CARRIED

8.2 Endowment Land - Strategic Review

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report was presented to outline the proposed direction of travel for the development strategic review of the Foxton Beach Endowment Property Portfolio. Seeking support and endorsement of the proposed direction outlined in the attached presentation.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/24

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mr Roache:

- A. That Report 26/185 Endowment Land - Strategic Review be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers introduced the report, outlining the proposed strategic direction for the project . Officers highlighted that the requested for an start up budget of \$15,000 is to support the work to undertake an integrated cultural, commercial, social, and environmental review in order to develop a clear pathway forward, including key decision-making touchpoints for the Board.

Officers took questions from the Board covering the availability of existing master planning and development information, the scope of work to be funded by the initial budget, and the timing for providing an indicative estimate of total project costs.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/25

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Wakefield:

- B. That the Proposed Direction be endorsed and an initial budget of \$15,000 be established to form the property asset baseline for the properties included in the Foxton Beach Endowment Land Portfolio.

CARRIED

8.3 Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Update

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

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

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/26

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mr Davy:

- A. That Report 26/179 Foxton Beach Endowment Fund Update be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.4 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board - Actions Monitoring Report - April 2026

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

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

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/27

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Wakefield:

- A. That Report 26/175 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board - Actions Monitoring Report - April 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.5 Horowhenua District Council Organisation Performance Report March 2026

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

1. This report presents the Organisation Performance Report for March 2026 highlighting areas of interest to the Foxton Community.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/28

MOVED by Mr Brannigan, seconded Mrs Sanson:

- A. That Report 26/159 Horowhenua District Council Organisation Performance Report March 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

Officers took questions from the Board regarding the replacement of a wastewater generator. Officers confirmed that the replacement is required due to equipment failure and forms part of a wider resilience programme.

8.6 Update on Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Priorities

Purpose | TE PŪTAKE

This report was presented to update progress of the Board's priorities.

Officers introduced the report, noting improvements in growth reporting. Traffic matters were confirmed as sitting under the Unlocking Growth Opportunities workstream, with some overlap with Foxton Futures activities,

The Chair acknowledged Robin Hapi for his long-standing leadership of Foxton Futures, recognising the many years of commitment and the significant progress and achievements delivered under his guidance.

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/29

MOVED by Mr Davy, seconded Mr Roache:

- A. That Report 26/190 Update on Te Awahou Foxton Community Board Priorities be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution Number TAFCB/2026/30

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Mrs Sanson:

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 Foxton River Loop - Funding Application and Update

Reason:	The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
Interests:	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
Grounds:	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
Plain English Reason:	Commercial Sensitivity.

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

In accordance to standing order 18.2 the meeting noted that Members of Save Our River Trust remained in the in the meeting to discuss C1 Foxton River Loop - Funding Application and Update.

CARRIED

7.04pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

7.15 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF TE AWAHOU FOXTON
COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON: