

Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held in the Woodville Sports Stadium Supper Room on Tuesday 2 August 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

B Hutton, S McLeod, K McIntyre, Cr P Johns, P McCool, A Devonshire, G Murray, D Pretty, M Reuben, V James, R McMillan, J Worboys, M Worboys, M Souden, M M Oulaghan (Secretary), R Winter (Chair)

APOLOGIES

M Taylor

PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 5 July 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

B Hutton / S McLeod

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

- The Fountaine Square barbecue will be in place the week prior to 20 August to coincide with the Woodville Lions 50th celebration.
- The Council are placing a statement in the Bush Telegraph advising it is considering a bylaw regarding stray/feral cats in next year's bylaws review. A sum of \$1,100 has been given to the Dannevirke SPCA over a two-year period from Woodville Districts' Vision. A further \$1,000 was allocated for de-sexing Woodville cats. Eleven cats have been de-sexed. The balance is to be given to the SPCA.
- Woodville Districts' Vision was nominated for the Trustpower Tararua District Community Awards, with the secretary completing the supporting document.
- The Woodville Camping Ground electrical work installation has been delayed. To date no confirmation has been received from the Council as to when this work will be done.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Council - Response to a submission from the Chair regarding the 2016/17 Draft Annual Plan

Outwards

Council - Expressing interest in the community building

Nomination - Trustpower Tararua District Community Awards

That the correspondence be accepted.

M M Oulaghan / M Souden

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Community Pantry

An apology from the chair for the lack of support for new people and new ideas, reiterating that Woodville Districts' Vision need to ensure it does the utmost to protect its community and the people. Take care in moving forward to ensure Woodville continues to be a great place for everyone to live in.

Jim Worboys addressed the group. The Woodville foodbank has been operating for approximately thirty years. The Salvation Army originally started it, and then the united churches took over responsibility. There is funding from the churches and by private donations. This supplements the cost of perishables that complement the non-perishable donations. Woodville's foodbank is less formal than other neighbouring areas, and is able to be more flexible with hours etc. There are no 'no' responses. However, people are encouraged to seek budgeting and similar advice after they have received one or two parcels. Food parcels are quite large. In July there were two per week, and for the first two days in August there was one each day. Groups contacting the Woodville foodbank include Rangitane, Plunket, and neighbours will refer discreetly.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Tabled)

Annual funding of \$42,250 has been received. The discretionary fund is \$5,300. The Annual General Meeting is aiming to be held on 6 September 2016.

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

P McCool / B Hutton

Carried

Council Report Cr P Johns

The Council meeting was delayed this month, and it was not held until 3 August due to the annual Local Government New Zealand Conference in Dunedin. There is little to report other than the following.

Woodville Camping Ground

Scanpower are still to connect the outlets. There may be up to \$30k left over from this work, and consideration is to be given as to what else is required, possibly tables and additional sealing. It is suggested to look at the balcony area outside the kitchen and the step, and an additional handrail to reduce the risk of falls.

Water Tanks

The Council is happy to order in bulk water tanks for the general population. This maximises economy of scale to purchase at a cheaper rate. Savings will be passed on. Payments could be via rates.

Spring in McLean Street

There is an issue with what appears to be a major spring in upper McLean Street creating semi-flooding conditions on neighbouring properties. Cr Johns is liaising with Alliance staff to resolve the issue.

Amalgamation by Stealth

Cr Johns went to the Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sectors meeting. Several ministers spoke about the Local Government Commission amalgamation with regional councils. Central government want amalgamation, e.g. water, roading etc. will be handled centrally. This would mean the Tararua District Council would be left with little to control. This totally removes the community's democratic right to have a say on how its rates money is spent. Ninety-two percent of the Council's assets could be removed from its control.

Significant Trees

A small group is to identify significant trees in the district to be listed in the District Plan, e.g. the Skinner kauri tree. A letter is to be sent to the Council regarding this matter.

Events and Promotion

- The Christmas decorations next workshop will be held on 28 August. Please come with scissors etc.
- The Woodville Christmas Parade will be held on 10 December.

Lindauer Studio Report submitted

A meeting is to be held on 8 August to discuss the Artist in Residence, past and future.

Walkway

That the Council be asked to formally engage with KiwiRail to obtain a written consent giving sanction to use the rail corridor for a walkway.

B Hutton / R Winter

Carried

- Need to do the walkway in stages, with individual stages completed then joined together. The plan is to get out to the old cemetery.

- There was a suggestion that there may be a need to look at doing a proposal from Palmerston North to Woodville working in collaboration with Palmerston North City Council and the Horizons Regional Council etc. This will be the best and most immediate initiative for economic growth in the district.
- G Murray and K McIntyre regularly attend the Gorge Biodiversity Group forum. Getting a count of the users on a segment of the walkway will allow access to this information to justify the expenditure/cost.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications received.

GENERAL

Memorial and Cemetery Rose Gardens

Work on the memorial rose garden was completed at the end of July. The roses were pruned, gardens tidied with compost and fertiliser added. The cemetery rose gardens have also been attended to. Six roses have been purchased to fill the gaps of previously removed plants.

That the chair be reimbursed the cost of the six roses purchased at \$10 each.

R Winter / P Johns

Carried

Signs

This is still being progressed.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision is held on 6 September 2016 in the Old Folks Hall starting at 7.00pm. Positions of the Chair and Treasurer will be up for election.

Meet the Candidates

This will follow the Annual General Meeting, with nominees for the Council (including Mayor), District Health Board and the Horizons Regional Council. Supper is to be provided.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.14pm.