

## WOODVILLE DISTRICTS' VISION INC.

Minutes of the General Meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision Inc. held at the Woodville Community Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 commencing at 7.00 pm.

1. Present

C Wilton, E Natrass, H & B Hirschberg, T Pratt, N Galloway, TDC C.E. - Blair King, I & V Johanson, C & G Johansen, N White, P White, C Laing, G Hale, J Reid, B Goldsworthy, P Morris, Joy & Jim Cumming, A Devonshire, A Powell, C Matthews, R & B Kappely.

2. Apologies

P & S Bonser, I Bailey, G & R Murray, T White.

2.1 ***That the apologies be accepted.***

***E Natrass/C Wilton***

***Carried***

2.2 ***That Ian Bailey's name be added to those present at the previous meeting.***

***B Hirschberg/G Johansen***

***Carried***

3. Other General Business

Nil

4. ***That the minutes of the previous meeting held in December 2008 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.***

***B Hirschberg/ G Johansen***

***Carried***

5. Matters Arising

- Vacancy on the Executive Committee has been advertised, there are two expressions of interest so far.
- Cemetery access: The opening is wide enough for mobility scooters.

6. Correspondence

Inwards

TrustPower  
Scanpower  
TDC  
TDC  
Wdv Horticultural Society  
R MacMillan

Community Awards x 3  
Confirmation of date for annual power shutdown  
2009 meetings calendar  
Agendas & Annual Report  
More mugs needed for Community Centre  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race

Outwards

Museum & Pipe Band  
TDC  
TDC  
Horizons

Thank you letters and donations Xmas Parade  
Street cleaning  
Woodville Water Supply  
Woodville Water Supply

6.1 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race: This is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. They are requesting WDV to enter a team and/or help support advertising.

**6.1.1 That WDV financially support the production of posters and an advertisement in the Bush Telegraph to the value of \$100.**

**V Johanson / N White**

**Carried**

**6.2 That WDV provide 100 coffee mugs for the Community Centre.**

**G Johanson/ P Morris**

**Carried**

**6.3 That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards approved.**

**E Natrass/V Johanson**

**Carried**

**7. Financial Report**

**7.1 That the Financial Statement be confirmed and the accounts passed for payment.**

**V Johanson / H Hirschberg**

**Carried**

**8. Executive Committee Report for Meeting Held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm**

Present: E. Natrass, A. Broom, H. Hirschberg, V. Johanson.

Apologies: A. Powell, C. Wilton.

1). Skate Park Ramps – Discussion took place on the note received by the Recreation Committee from Ian Bailey, requesting funding for the restoration and replacement of said ramps on the land behind the swimming pool. The request should have been made to WDV in the first place as it is for funding in excess of the Recreation Committee's delegated spending authority. That aside, the cost was also much greater than suggested during the December WDV meeting. There was no indication of what materials were required – just a blanket figure of \$1,700 plus another figure of \$1,000 for putting the ramps in place, this figure to be paid to a person or persons unknown. When the ramps were removed from the now Horizons site to their present location, this cost nothing. \$1,000 now seems extreme when we are aware of people willing to do this at minimal cost.

**The Executive Committee declined the request.**

2). Music March – Allan informed us that three out of four weekend's artists were confirmed and the fourth would be finalised within the next few days. Advertising and promotion preparations are all underway.

3). Recreation Committee – Ongoing problems with Infracon, especially relating to bill forwarding, chlorine supply and pool maintenance. Chlorine supply – or rather the lack of it – is forcing pool closure.

4). LITTG – Discussion centred around a lack of evidence for claims of support from various official bodies, concern with the LITTG fronts man's obvious volatility, an apparent total lack of any realistic budget and the large volume of extra work that would be generated for the Society, particularly with GST.

**The Executive Committee recommends that LITTG form an independent charitable trust.** They would then be able to apply to WDV (amongst other organisations) for grants.

- 5). Road Safety Group Agenda – Heather requested items for the Road Safety Group’s next meeting.
- 6). Rugby Clubrooms – These are being vandalised and no maintenance is being carried out, leading to an abandoned look that is encouraging further vandalism.  
**The Chairman is to contact the Rugby Club.**
- 7). LTCCP/Annual Plan – Need to seek an increase in the pool budget to reflect increased operating and maintenance costs and also to seek the piping of the drain and skate park be put in as new projects.

Meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

- 8.1 Skate Ramps: Carol will investigate alternative costs of repairing and removing the skate park. Nick will also look at it to see if it can be repaired.
- 8.2 Music March: Four concerts to be held each Saturday throughout March, advertising and signage are underway.
- 8.3 LITTG: The Executive Committee have not met with LITTG as asked by the meeting.
- 8.3.1 That the Executive Committee meet with the LITTG Committee on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.00 pm in the i-SITE to discuss the issues and come back with a proposal.**

**C Johansen / P Morris**

**Carried**

- 8.4 Rugby Clubrooms: Evan has not made contact yet.

9. Recreation Committee Report

*A Powell/A Broom*

- Fence is finished.
- Vacuuming has improved.
- Pool’s closure because of pump and chemicals has now been resolved.
- Staff working well – one more to be trained.
- Ran out of gas and lost over \$1200 in admission charges because of some problems getting supplies – looking at other suppliers.
- Suggestion that it would be a good idea for TDC to have a Pool Manager who can visit all of the pools in the district and give advice and guidance.
- The committee members give an incredible amount of time voluntarily.
- A big thank you to Eric Bonny who gave his time to obtaining a new pump.

- 9.1 That WDV show their appreciation by acclamation and through an article in the Bush Telegraph.**

**G Johansen/V Johanson**

**Carried**

10. Woodville Upgrade Report

*P Bonser*

The WURG planning team has continued to meet over the reporting period. Good progress is being made with the consolidation of the details of community input. Council is addressing the appointment of a professional urban planning team to work with WURG on refining the upgrade proposals. The intention remains to have a finalised community created plan presented to both TDC and WDV by July 2009.

Once accepted or modified by Council the required formal public consultation process will take place.

The team has been very pleased with the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community. Of course 100% approval of all aspects of any forward-looking plan is an unrealistic expectation - there will always be a few detractors - but the team will move to address as many areas of concern as possible without compromising the wishes of the majority.

It is stating the obvious that we cannot take concerns or objections into account if we are not told what they are. To this end, the submission process will continue and anyone in the community wishing to express opinions, objections or concerns is encouraged to do so. So that they can be effectively dealt with, the team would appreciate these to be in writing and made as soon as possible. Likewise, further positive suggestions continue to be sought - please send them in. The suggestions box is still located in the i-SITE.

A public meeting will be held in March or as soon as a sufficiently detailed plan can be presented. The aim of this meeting will be restricted to expanding on this plan rather than to accepting further submissions etc. Information on the plan will be distributed prior to this public meeting.

Once again, on behalf of the team I would like to thank WDV and the wider Woodville Community for its ongoing positive support, assistance and encouragement.

11. TDC Report C Matthews/ V Johanson

Matters of interest from the December and January Council meetings:

- Cr Swenson has resigned, and a by-election is now underway in the Northern Ward to fill the vacancy.
- An objection was heard to the proposal to grant a licence to occupy in respect of the Victoria Domain Board. A decision on the matter will be made at the next Council meeting.
- Tararua Sportsperson of the Year awards event is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- A mistake in the Tararua calendars was found, with August being a day out.
- Cr Lea has been appointed as the Tararua commissioner on the Waitahora Wind Farm hearing panel. The other commissioners are Vern Chettleburgh (Horizons Regional Council) and Chris Mitchell (independent).
- The Council has appointed a panel to hear the submissions to the District Plan. The panel members are Crs Lea, Southgate and Matthews. Hearings will commence on May 4<sup>th</sup> and are expected to take up to 3 weeks.
- The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has advised that seal extensions are very unlikely to receive funding before 2012. As a result, the Council has put its seal extension programme on hold.
- The sale of eight properties, that are abandoned land, has been approved.

TDC C.E. - Blair King answered questions and spoke about the water supply and street cleaning issues.

- No expected date yet for Woodville. TDC are preparing a water strategy.
- Street Cleaning: Some confusion as to the interpretation of the cleaning contract.
- It was asked if the clothing bin currently situated on Grey Street outside Caltex could be moved to the recycling bins as it is an eyesore.
- Blair mentioned that customer services would be putting into place follow up calls to customer complaints.

12. Tararua District Road Safety Group Report H Hirschberg / C Johansen

Meeting held on 25 November 2008 – Items Concerning Woodville

Stock Effluent Facility- Concern expressed by TDC re proposed effluent facility at Woodville could place undue stress on the town's oxidation ponds that are operating at near capacity. A report has been commissioned from consultants to consider all possible disposal options for the site. Locating the facility in Woodville to capture the traffic from both state highways is the preferred option.

Coffee Shop- A new operator has started operating at the Woodville rest area part time. The issue of permanent power is being discussed with Scanpower. Provision of toilet facilities is also being discussed with NZTA. Suggestion that some widening on the left hand side of the road could be considered. Advised that all rest areas and their environs are currently under review, particularly those where long-haul truck drivers park over night, as they do at Woodville

Safety Management Systems –Safety audits are ongoing and having a positive effect. Problems have been identified where owners are using waratah standards for encroachment fences. Warnings will be issued where negotiation with owners is unsuccessful. Traffic management plans for work sites are constantly under review. Forward work plans are being drawn up, addressing trip hazards on footpaths and access for mobility scooters. Council has a programme of installing 5 pram crossings a year. Grass road encroachment fences and other concerns will be followed up.

General Business – Matters raised by Woodville. – Speed of heavy traffic using Vogel Street at night plus use of engine braking. Remedial measures to reduce traffic speed were requested. Speed camera has been operating periodically on Vogel Street near the swimming pool. Concern expressed at proximity of pedestrian crossing at McLean /Vogel Streets intersection. This issue can be addressed as part of the up coming Woodville Upgrade along with siting of crossings in Vogel Street. I also asked again if a pedestrian walkway could be incorporated with the upgrade at Franklin Road. The NZTA continues to discourage pedestrians in high-speed traffic zones so this was not supported. Pahiatua Track /Manawatu Gorge closures- Pahiatua Track upgrade to be over several years. Closure of Gorge is a reality so need good alternative routes. During the latest closure a national radio station was broadcasting alternate routes as Pahiatua Track and the Rimutaka Hill Road but no mention was made of the Saddle Road. This information did not come from Council. Trevor noted that a State Highway 3 closure near Woodville resulted in the Gorge being closed and traffic being sent over the Pahiatua Track only to find the road closure was between Ballance Bridge and Woodville, not the Gorge. Correct information needs to be provided to drivers.

13. Xmas Parade Report

The parade went well and Nick is keen to co-ordinate again next year. Planning will be started in March. Nick will talk more on this at the March meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Nick, Carole and Noel.

14. General Business

14.1 Jaguar Car Club Rally

The rally will be visiting a number of attractions in Woodville at Easter.

14.2 Skate Park

Nick is meeting with the youth on Friday night.

14.3 Dump Station in Normanby Street

A report that a truck is being parked there for long periods, blocking access to the dump station. Council is to be requested to provide a sign "Parking no more than 30 minutes".

14.4 Vacancy on Executive Committee

Two expressions of interest: G Hale & T Pratt. There may be more to come.

**14.4.1 That the vacant position be appointed at the next general meeting.**

**G Johansen/ P Morris**

**Carried**

14.5 Woodville Newsletter

This has not been followed up. Carole has given Evan the name of someone who has a journalism background and has shown interest. Evan is to follow this up.

G Johansen mentioned that he strongly suggested that a newsletter would be supported, as it would also advise residents of things that were happening within the community that they may not be aware of.

14.6 Lawn Mowing and Care of Southern Entrance by Railway

Paul is unable to continue with this due to other commitments.

**14.6.1 That a vote of thanks be given to Paul for his work and that WDV obtain a quote from a commercial lawn mower to take over this work.**

**C Wilton / I Johanson**

**Carried**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.