

Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held in the Woodville Sports Stadium Supper Room on Tuesday 7 June 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

A Devonshire, S McLeod, K McIntyre, Cr P Johns, P McCool, G Murray, D Pretty, M Reuben, V James, R McMillan, J Hawes, J Clarke, J Kendrick, D Speer, B Natrass, Laura and Jo from Dannevirke SPCA, M M Oulaghan (Secretary), R Winter (Chair)

APOLOGIES

B Hutton, M Taylor

PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 3 May 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

R Winter/ P Johns

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

- A Christmas decorations workshop is held on Saturday 25 June, and everyone is invited and welcome.
- The formal farewell for John van Tuyl is not occurring as John declined. A card of thanks and best wishes will be sent from Woodville Districts' Vision.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards: Nil

Outwards: Nil

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Tabled)

P McCool called for a special meeting to change the constitution. A small change is required to comply with legal requirements, i.e. change the wording from 'audited' to 'reviewed'.

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

P McCool / M M Oulaghan

Carried

TDC Report - Cr P Johns

Fountain Square: With the big slide having to be removed due to health and safety obligations an alternative has been suggested. A photo of the new equipment was shown to the meeting with Cr Johns seeking agreement. Consensus is that this will be an exciting addition to the playground. Support to progress this proposal was given.

Camping Ground: P Johns, A Devonshire and G Murray have met with the Alliance regarding the requirements and the best plans for the site. The original plans were not acceptable due to access issues for big vehicles, e.g. not being able to turn around. The new plan involves five hard sites, driveway down the middle and the whole site drained. This work is occurring now.

Pensioner Flats: There is considerable discussion in Council as to what to do with the pensioner flats, not just in Woodville but across the district. The initial plan was to sell to an appropriate vendor, however it is believed that 'housing trusts' or similar who could be eligible to receive social housing payments (Central Government funding) are not interested in doing this.

Weber/Ormond/Ross Streets Flooding: Residents have approached authorities about fixing this, but nothing/very limited work has been done to resolve the concerns. Work is occurring to stop run off from the streets into properties but additional run off is also impacting, e.g. run off from building roofing etc. Cr Johns advised he would be scheduling a meeting with Council staff to progress a resolution.

Cats: Cr Johns requested that a cat bylaw be presented to Council, however what was presented was a discussion document. The draft bylaw will now be presented to the June Council meeting. It is proving to be more complex than initially proposed, however it is a start.

Laura and Jo from the Dannevirke SPCA were introduced to the meeting:

- The SPCA has a good working relationship with the Council and Community Boards and they look forward to continuing this.
- Masterton have a three cat bylaw, but are not enforcing it so the bylaw is not really achieving anything.
- Laura submitted an application for funding for cat de-sexing. This funding will assist the public to get their cats de-sexed for \$40 each for the next two weeks. This is a significant saving and is only enabled due to good support from the vets.
- It is acknowledged that the cat issue is stressful for many people.
- Many elderly people do not have support to assist with dealing with unwanted cats.
- The kitten season is when it is warm.
- This is a long-term plan, the more cats that are de-sexed now the less kittens in the future.
- The SPCA does not get involved in trapping feral cats. The Horizons Regional Council will lend traps.
- A high number of cats increase the prevalence of disease.
- Dannevirke SPCA covers the Tararua district. The cat programme, while successful, has been challenging. They are working closely with local vets.
- Cr Johns suggested that the Dannevirke SPCA should be called the 'Tararua' SPCA.

There was discussion on the \$1,000 set aside at the April meeting for supporting the cat issue as appropriate. As this money has not been spent a motion was put forward.

That the \$1,000 be used for Woodville residents who have cats but are financially not able to afford the \$40 cost for de-sexing.

P McCool / A Devonshire

Carried

That Woodville Districts' Vision applies to Pub Charity for funds of \$5,000 to assist the de-sexing and/or cat programme.

P Johns / J Hawes

Carried

D Speer is to be the Woodville Districts' Vision cat coordinator. The criteria for funding are a Woodville resident with a community services card, although there may be exceptions. This will be at the discretion of the coordinator.

Events and Promotion

- Lindauer
 - K McIntyre tabled the Artist in Residence report.
 - The Artist in Residence programme has now been wound up.
 - The aim is to do the art exhibition annually but the Artist in Residence will be every second year.
- Walk Way
 - There are challenges with the compliance costs. A meeting is scheduled with the Council early next month.
- WoodFest
 - A financial summary of the WoodFest is tabled.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There were no applications received prior to the meeting.

- The Dannevirke SPCA application was received during the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Woodville NZ Caring Together

D Speer advised that a webpage has been set up so people can ask for help without being judged etc. This is not a foodbank, but maybe a community pantry to support people/families with canned and non-perishable goods until the community garden commences. There is currently a foodbank run by the churches. D Speer is to liaise with R McMillan and others about what are being offered in the community and if additional support were required how this would look. If the community pantry is established the venue could be the supper room, it is very central, safe and people will not know why they are popping in and out. Cr Johns is to speak to Council staff (C Veale) regarding using the supper room for this purpose.

Community Garden

There are two water tanks available, one of which will be used for the rose gardens and the other for the community garden. A meeting to discuss the logistics and operational matters is still to occur.

School Community

The Chair wants to bring Woodville Districts' Vision and the School Board closer together to seek a practical closer relationship.

That R Winter writes to the School Board requesting the establishment of a closer relationship with Woodville Districts' Vision.

R Winter / A Devonshire

Carried

Signage

'Wood Ya' was copied from Kawerau. Please think about something unique that Woodville can be marketed for. Maybe think about some signage such as a welcome sign.

Woodville Water Works

The trip to view the water works was very successful, with many people sorry they couldn't attend due to short notice of the trip. However, disappointment was expressed at the maintenance of the dam, e.g. cows and damaged fencing. There is keen interest in having a repeat trip.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.