

Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held in the Woodville Sports Stadium Supper Room on Tuesday 1 August 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Kevin McIntyre, Paula McCool, Malcolm Stuart, Turia Brackenbury, Debbie Speer, Carole Wilton, Raeline Fry, Alex Devonshire, Val James, Chris Archer, Cr Peter Johns, Gerard Murray, Tanya ?, Joanne Kaweka, Rosie Karena, Sue McLeod (Acting Chair) and Maggie Oulaghan (Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Robin Winter, David Pretty, Katherine Hunt and Mark Taylor

PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 4 July 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

S McLeod/A Devonshire

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

- Has Pahiatua On Track been liaised with regarding the skate park? This will be reported on at the next meeting.
- Community Vehicle - There has only been one response so far from notice put in the Woodvillean community newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- New Zealand Transport Agency - Response from Dan Tate regarding the letter of 12 April. The receipt of this letter followed a phone conversation between D Tate and M M Oulaghan. D Tate is not seemingly engaged to resolve issues other than to say New Zealand Transport Agency can't/won't do anything. This is disappointing interaction.

Discussion

- Bollards on the corner of McLean and Vogel Streets are getting damaged by trucks turning; it is also damaging the tiles. The intersection is tight. New Zealand Transport Agency has advised the bollards are Council's responsibility.
- Sue McLeod attended the Road Safety Group meeting this morning (1 August). New Zealand Transport Agency advised the response from D Tate is formal and final.
- Proposed bypass from Woodlands Road will bring traffic back through town, and this will make it more difficult to continue straight along Oxford Road.
- Signage will continue to bring traffic through town, but need to ensure New Zealand Transport Agency follow through with their offer of good signage. What is happening about the electronic signage? A request has been put to New Zealand Transport Agency at the Road Safety Group meeting to advise of their intention.
- Cr Johns has discussed with the Mayor the 70km speed limit signs to be erected along Oxford and Pinfold Roads. Expressions of frustration from attendees at the length of time for action, but advised that while the process is slow there is progress.
- Council - Letter received from Blair King in response to utilities to ex-i-SITE building (which will remain on for the time being) and road safety issues.

- The latter being Papatawa School give way signs, with Tararua Alliance looking into this issue and 70km speed limit outside Woodville Cemetery which can only be changed following a formal consultation process.

Outwards

Nil

That the correspondence be accepted.

M M Oulaghan/V James

Carried

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts are currently being prepared. July financials are tabled. Annual funding received from Council (with thanks). There is \$81k in the accounts.

The budget for the 2017/18 financial year is tabled. Clarification is required regarding the signage and budget amount, with discussion about the welcome signs at the three entrances to town. The delay is the resource consent, and the cost has been budgeted. Cr Johns is to raise the delay at the next Council meeting.

That the accounts listed are passed for payment, the financials be accepted and the budget is approved.

P McCool/C Archer

Carried

Council Report

Cr P Johns

Notification of a train that is able to bring some 500 people to Woodville. Discussion on who should take the lead on organising this type of event, with there being consensus it should be the businesses.

In the Council's District Plan it is proposed there will be provisions regarding derelict properties and vehicles. Those that have cars or junk in view should be logged with Council via a CRM. This then needs to be dealt with by Council within a certain timeframe. This can include closed up shops which detract from the town.

With the Manawatu Gorge closure Council is funding mentors for businesses. This also applies to those that are looking at starting up a business.

Angela Rule (Tararua Business Network) was present at the i-SITE to assist businesses if required. However there was not much uptake so meeting with Angela for advice is now by appointment. Angela is still happy to come to Woodville if and when required.

Dam reconstruction is on hold over the winter.

Query, is there a register of the town assets? Town assets such as the Woodville Sports Stadium etc. are Council owned. Woodville Districts' Vision works as an umbrella group for other groups, e.g. Lindauer Studio etc.

It is requested the Woodville Districts' Vision rules be reviewed and if necessary updated.

Events and Promotions

Woodville Business United (WBU)

This is a new group of Woodville businesses with a Facebook profile. WBU is organising a shopping promotion to run over September, 'Win in Woodville' - weekly prizes. They would like support to be able to offer a major prize, e.g. a weekend away to encourage more people to come to Woodville.

Lengthy discussion ensued. Not only town businesses are affected, so are farmers, commuters etc. However it is agreed that thriving businesses encourage people to come to Woodville to shop, eat and spend time in town. Need to market Woodville as a destination, and cannot count on passing traffic.

Woodville Districts' Vision could support WBU in external applications for funding, e.g. Pub Charity, trusts etc.

That Woodville Districts' Vision supports the Woodville Business United promotion up to an amount of \$1,500.00 dependent on a written application being received.

C Wilton/T Brackenbury

Due process needs to be followed and therefore this motion was not carried. The motion remains to lie on the table. A Woodville Districts' Vision funding application form will be emailed to Tanya to be submitted.

Walkway

Surveying is ongoing as the route has been changed.

Lindauer Studio

- Carole Wilton raised concern about the Lindauer Studio being closed as visitors are coming specifically to see the studio and are frustrated they can't. It is suggested that paintings be put behind glass/perspex and tabled photos.
- A request for volunteers was advertised in the Woodvillean community newsletter, with there being a minimal response.
- Need to encourage volunteers and a list be developed. This is an important attraction for Woodville and must be available.
- Rosie Karena and Turia Brackenbury volunteered to help with the studio.

That the Lindauer Committee seek prices for glass/perspex covers and report back to Woodville Districts' Vision with the details.

P Johns/C Wilton

Carried

APPLICATIONS

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rose Gardens

Thanks to those that assisted with replanting and pruning at the memorial rose gardens and cemetery garden; Peter Johns, David Timmins, Sue McLeod, Maggie Oulaghan, Woodville Lions Club, Hayden Fouldes, Jenny and David McNeur. Thanks to also go in the Woodvillean community newsletter.

Tararua District Road Safety Group

Sue McLeod reported on the recent Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting:

- Upcoming traffic stop in Woodville; Debbie Webster (Horizons Regional Road Safety Coordinator) is holding a 'good call, bad call' campaign at roundabouts regarding indicating. Advertisements will be placed in the newspaper.
- New Zealand Transport Agency road safety review of Manawatu Gorge issues; better signage is coming.
- Stop signs at BNZ corner are coming.
- More guard rails and bends cut back on the Saddle Road when the weather improves.
- Large gates are going up today as cyclists/walkers have been going into the Manawatu Gorge for a look.
- Possible ban on cyclists using the Saddle Road. It is popular as a training route, but is now too dangerous.
- Changes to speed signs legislation coming into effect in December and speeds will then be 80km 60km.
- Temporary speed signs are the responsibility of New Zealand Transport Agency, and permanent speed signs are the Council's responsibility.
- Horizons Regional Council is also tracking hazards in the Manawatu Gorge.
- Dan Tate is now head of the system design and regional connectivity department, but is also responsible for any other state highway roading issues in the Tararua district.
- Be careful using the single lane on Saddle Road as there could be other vehicles using the closed lane.

Swimming Pool

It was suggested that Meridian has donated \$50k towards a pool roof. However this is not correct. This could be a good community project, e.g. roofing and heating. It was advised that maintenance and resourcing a covered and heated pool is very expensive; for every swim at WaiSplash it costs some \$17. Malcolm Stuart and Turia Brackenbury will explore costings.

Old Gorge Cemetery

Memorial wall at the old cemetery - Friends of the old cemetery (working under the umbrella of the museum) will approach Council through Woodville Districts' Vision for support for this wall.

Reminders

Annual General Meeting is held on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.00pm.

Meet the candidates is held on Monday 28 August 2017 in the Old Folks Hall at 7.00pm.

As there is no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 5 September 2017, with the Annual General Meeting followed by the general meeting.