

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held in the Stadium Supper Room on Tuesday 1 March 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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**PRESENT**

M Souden, A Devonport, S McLeod, K McIntyre, Cr P Johns, Cr T Collis, M Taylor, P McCool, B Hutton, A Snowsill, I Daley, M M Oulaghan (Secretary), R Winter (Chair)

**APOLOGIES**

G Murray

R Winter was congratulated on her marriage.

**PREVIOUS MEETING**

Correction to the previous minutes:

- Attendee should read B Hutton

*That subject to including the above amendment, the minutes of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 2 February 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*R Winter /P McCool*

*Carried*

**MATTERS ARISING**

- There has still been no communication received from the pool group.
- R Winter has agreed a date with the school (22 May) for the Project Tararua community conversation in Woodville.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Inwards:

- NZTA – Dan Tate regarding the pedestrian crossing: NZTA reconfirmed the need to remove the single car parking space outside the Salvation Army Family Store to ensure the current crossing is as safe as possible. Despite several suggestions to move the crossing, NZTA continue to believe the current position is the best one.

Should the crossing be removed or take out the car parks? This is a health and safety issue. It is suggested that Cr Johns take this back to the Council to resolve. WDV would still like to make a change, e.g. move it closer to Ross Street. This will need costings.

Outwards:

- Thank you cards re the rose gardens to:
  - Bev Armistead
  - Dee Hibberd
  - Carron Perry
- Letter to the Council re the use of funding for the walkway

*That the correspondence be accepted.*

*M M Oulaghan /P Johns*

*Carried*

**REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report

Tabled

- Money is coming in for Woodfest - \$1700 for sponsorship and stalls.
- Discussion on the Signmakers invoice:
  - P McCool proposed that the invoice be paid less the 10% discount offered. The Council will provide \$500 in repair costs but will not take any ownership.
  - A letter was sent to the Council expressing disappointment in the overall process.

- Also a letter to Signmakers saying that no repairs are to be done without official approval notification.
- The sign is not working properly despite the recent repairs, e.g. there is no longer any temperature or date capacity.
- Letter advising that WDV need its financials audited as stated in the rules. P McCool is to take this to MCI for advice and will notify at the next meeting.

***That the Treasurer's report be accepted.***  
***P McCool /B Hutton***

***Carried***

TDC Report - Cr P Johns

- At the Council workshop last week there was a proposal put forward by Council staff re the Ferry Reserve that Council contribute \$20k for a platform/barbecue and commit to a 20-year maintenance programme. Members of the Woodville Domain Board were present as well as the Horizons Regional Council. The Council is becoming increasingly more aware of the importance of the Woodville end of the gorge. Over the last three to four years, the Council has indicated tacit interest but has been reluctant to put money into it. This is a positive proposal with potential to bring dollars into the district.
- Water is now being drawn from the impounded supply. While taste and odour is apparent, the quality of the water is OK and meets all Health Department requirements.
- Cats draft New Zealand national cat management strategy is currently looking to give councils the portfolio for regional and territorial local authority involvement. The purpose is to manage proactively the cat issue. The Council has input into this matter, and it will consider possible options through the next bylaws review. The cat issue continues to be a hot topic, and despite the action taken to try to control the numbers, they are as high as ever.
- The traffic lay-by is badly littered. People are overnighing in tents etc. Could the Council assist? WDV shall send a letter supporting this area be kept clean.
- Fountaine Square is getting a little dark and some trees need to be trimmed. This should be included in the master plan. Cr Johns is to discuss this matter with Kathy Dever-Tod. Curb and channelling has commenced in the Square.

Events and Promotion

- Lindauer Studio
- Report tabled by K McIntyre.
- Many of the events scheduled for Filip have already occurred throughout the Tararua district and the lower North Island. Filip is now producing work to take back to his university and to exhibit here in Woodville.

***That WDV write to the Council regarding the information that Kevin has tabled, e.g. a group of people originally from the Czech Republic came to visit Filip and were told by staff at the I-Site they knew nothing about Filip or the artist in residence.***

***R Winter /M Souden***

***Carried***

- Walkway
- Report tabled by B Hutton.
- There are delays in the process with KiwiRail as they are only dealing with the Council. Kiwi Rail is still to walk the trail, and then applications for funding can be made.
- A meeting is to be arranged with the Council to discuss public awareness of the project.

Kevin McIntyre left the meeting at 8.00pm.

- WoodFest

M Souden reported:

- There are market stalls, woodchoppers, country music and a great young entertainer coming this year as well as a young person from Tararua College. All arrangements are on track. It will be a great day that is bigger and better than last year.

Mark Taylor left the meeting at 8.14pm.

### **FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

An application was received for the artist in residence to fund the art exhibition at the racecourse on 19/20 March. Funding of \$1,500 is requested.

***That the funding for the artist in residence art exhibition held at the racecourse be approved.***

***R Winter /S McLeod***

***Carried***

B Hutton and P McCool abstained from the discussion on this matter and voting on the motion.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Following A Snowsill's introduction at the beginning of the meeting, April spoke of her concerns, which are also shared by other parents, that there is not enough for youth in the town. April reported discussions with other parents, including:
  - Children are bored; tired of going to the pool, opening hours are not long enough, and not many children go to the pool. There is no signage for the pool.
  - Skate ramps are in bad repair.
  - Fountaine Square is not good for small children. There is concern about abductions with the public toilets and people stopping.
  - Playground equipment is now dated, and there is no new fun stuff.
  - Acknowledged there is the Salvation Army youth group, but not everyone wants the religious input.
  - Suggestion of an area at the rugby grounds close to the pool; this could be shaded and gated.

Cr Johns advised of the master plan for Fountaine Square. There will be a barbecue, new benches and a gated area for the smaller children. This is in the Annual Plan. Cr Collis advised that there was consultation with children from the school, and they were keen for a climbing tower, or a tree hut that could be worked in with the existing trees.

- I Daly spoke re the RSA:
  - Ninety men from this district did not come back from the war. RSA want to plant ninety trees as a memorial. The trees will be planted by schoolchildren, with records kept of both the person who is planting them and the one who is remembered through providing a time capsule.
  - Trees could be along the walkway. Ian is invited to return at the next meeting to further discuss this matter. RSA will pay for the trees. Council support for the proposal may be required. B Hutton is to show Ian the map of the walkway. Further, he is to think about a space and place for the commemoration.
- Upgrade to the Library/I-Site  
This is still on the table, and it is hoped to see the plans in the next two to three weeks. Still waiting for the costings to be received.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The next meeting is held on 5 April 2016 in the Stadium Supper Room.