

Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6 October 2015 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

B Hutton, G Murray, S McLeod, P Johns, P McCool, K McIntyre, Cr T Collis, R Winter, M Oulaghan, D Pretty, A Devonshire, M Reuben, Ray Cannon (Tararua Alliance), Wayne Wallace (Horizons), John Barrow (Horizons)

APOLOGIES

M Souden, J Coombe

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

R Winter/B Hutton

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Trip Advisor – This is not yet completed.

Jude Coombe represented WDV at the Woodville football year-end event.

INVITED GUESTS

Wayne Wallace and Cr John Barrow from Horizons spoke to the meeting on proposed transport plans. Horizons have confirmed their support and Palmerston North City Council have also expressed an interest in the plans.

Community Vehicle Trust

- Two to three years ago Wayne spoke to WDV with regard to a community vehicle trust that was operating in Canterbury and had been successfully implemented in Dannevirke. The transport can be for any reason, the cost to the passenger is that of the trip, and it is non-profit. Learning from the process in Dannevirke the community must take ownership of the trust.
- The community trust is set up for people who do not have access to vehicles or who have lost mobility.
- Community Car – The community raises money for providing the car. Horizons can give an annual grant to assist with the cost.
- Boundaries are up to the trust. Dannevirke do have a trust.
- Bob Dresser may help with setting it up.

Commuter Transport through to Palmerston North

- The service will target commuters.
- A survey is proposed to ascertain interest to include Pahiatua, Dannevirke and Woodville. It will go into local newspapers, the Council's website and a letterbox drop.
- Rose Coachlines provide a school bus service from Dannevirke through to Palmerston North each school day; it is predominantly a school service, however, they do take adults.
- Currently there is no subsidised bus travel on public transport.

Pedestrian Crossings

Sue McLeod introduced Ray Cannon, Planning Manager for the Tararua Alliance to speak to the meeting on the pedestrian crossings placement.

- Stormwater and water line at the kea crossing has been replaced and relocated 20 metres towards town.
- The school is no longer using the kea crossing.
- This has been raised with the New Zealand Transport Agency who responded with a letter advising they will not be doing any more work on the kea crossing.

- The crossing outside Café 88 requires a car park to be removed on the Dannevirke side to ensure safety.
- Mark Taylor proposed that the crossing be moved to the corner of Vogel and Ross Streets (outside what is currently Alias Grace).
- If the community wants the crossing moved and the kea crossing removed then the Council need to be advised.
- Do we need the crossings? Yes – for the elderly and those with mobility issues.
- There are other alternatives, e.g. digital signage; however, this is expensive.
- The next Road Safety Group meeting is held in November. Sue McLeod will continue to ensure progress is made on this matter.
- Sue McLeod thanked Ray Cannon and Mark Taylor for their work on this process to date.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards: V James re branding
Outwards: MaxTarr re invoice

That the correspondence be accepted.
M Oulaghan / P Johns

Carried

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

- A reminder to those yet to become financial members, subscriptions are now due.
- Paid 50% of the picnic tables cost for Fountaine Square, and will pay the balance upon receipt of the tables.
- SPCA - \$500 paid from the discretionary grant fund.
- Treasurer's report tabled

That the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts as listed be paid.
P McCool / K McIntyre

Carried

Cr T Collis – Council Report

Cr Collis spoke to her tabled report attached as appendix 1. Topics referred to included:

- New stage 3 Saddle Road route upgrade funding of \$3.7m.
- The Council by-election closes on 28 October.
- Manholes are to be installed on the sewer network.
- Replanting of bare patches in the town centre gardens as part of the renovation programme across the district has begun.
- The future development of Fountaine Square consultation process has begun.
- Budget Waste is now selling rubbish bags in Woodville.
- Whales have developed in the number 2 pond.
- CCTV
- Removal of contamination from Council owned sites in Woodville (ex Infracon).
- Rural Broadband initiative
- Raewyn Murray was farewelled from the library.
- Woodville Civil Defence Response Group has held two meetings and the next is on 22 October.

Events and Promotion

- Christmas Parade
 - The cost of lights and flags is prohibitive. Flags are not fit for purpose.
 - Recommendation from the Executive meeting that the existing lights and flags are not utilised this year and that alternative options be explored, e.g.
 1. Artificial lit trees to be displayed in shop windows. Owned by WDV but power supplied by the business.
 2. Large Christmas tree in the New Central car park - This could be a potential risk of fire.

- After discussion, it was also suggested that a letter go to the Council seeking their assistance in putting up and taking down the flags for the Christmas season. The choice of flags would be Council's – might do Christmas with a generic Council flag at other times.
- There is potential for the Council to support all towns in the district.
- It also needs to be raised in the Annual Plan.

That funding of \$6.2k be approved (as per the Christmas parade expenses tabled).

B Hutton / K McIntyre

Carried

- Woodfest
Application tabled for funding of \$2k to meet the costs of the woodchoppers, which is one of the main attractions.
That the funding application be approved.
R Winter / B Hutton ***Carried***
- Lindauer Studio
 - The selection of candidates is progressing.
 - It is reiterated that this would bring people into town, that there would be a high level of media attention/advertising (positive) for Woodville with economic benefit to the town.
 - Lindauer is Woodville's – He lived here, painted here and is buried here. Woodville is the town of excellence in all matters 'Lindauer'.
 - Need to continue to raise awareness nationally.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Plans for the toilet – Drawings are good but they still need pricing.
- Play Centre application was received seeking funding for painting the building. Total cost is approximately \$12k, and seeking funding of \$2.2k. Recommendation of the Executive that this be declined with the suggestion of approaching alternative sources, e.g. Woodville Lions and/or Pub Charity.
- Alcohol Ban in the Woodville Town Area – It was discussed applying a 24/7 ban within the 50km area. This would require a consultation process before going to the Council and becoming a bylaw.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Cr T Collis Report

- Following meetings involving the Mayors of Manawatu, Palmerston North and Tararua Councils, the New Zealand Transport Agency and the Minister of Transport it has been advised a new Stage 3 Saddle Road route upgrade funding of \$3.7m was approved.
- By-election - Voting opens on 6 October and closes on 28 October at noon. Provisional results will be available on the day and the official declaration on 2 November.
- The Alliance has a number of manholes to install on the sewer network in Woodville. These manholes are to break up the distance between current manholes into shorter sections. This will enable Interflo to reline the mains and help address some of the current infiltration problems.
- The Alliance is currently tracking at less than two days to investigate, report, programme and communicate back to the initiator of the CRM. The CRM system worked on Grey Street footpath. The CRM that I lodged on behalf of a resident and when I checked tonight all the areas have been marked.
- The parks and reserves garden renovation programme has begun, albeit that they have battled an unseasonably cold and stormy October. The first job is a large garden replant in the Upper Domain, replanting bare patches in the Woodville town centre gardens and a district wide turf weed spraying programme.
- A public consultation process regarding the future development of Fountaine Square in Woodville has commenced with a workshop with pupils of Woodville School to gauge their views on what the Square should look like. The intention is to consult with key stakeholders and the public, and from there to develop a master plan for the Square. In the absence of such a plan, it is very easy for the Square to develop piecemeal, and to not meet the needs of the public overall.
- Budget Waste is now selling rubbish bags in Woodville. The bags are cheaper than Council stickers, and it is hoped that as people realise this there will be a gradual transition to the Council moving out of the kerbside collection. Contractors will continue to pick up both Council stickered bags and Budget Waste bags until the contract ends in 2017.
- The number 2 pond in Woodville that was relined has developed several whales from the gases underneath the pond not being able to disperse. This pond is being emptied at present for the Viking relining team to assess and rectify this issue. I have visited the site as well as all sites in the south of the district.
- Woodville Flats – All of the flats in the Centennial and Ruahine complexes have been filled.
- Woodville Campground - A meeting will be held with Kathy Dever-Tod, Peter Johns, Gerard Murray, Alex Devonshire and myself.
- Work is nearing completion on generic documents, including a memorandum of understanding on access for the NZ Police to Crime Prevention of CCTV systems. The NZ Police are now giving formal notice of the first stage of the CCTV system for Woodville. Six notices have been put in shop windows.
- Infracon (In Liquidation) – The Council owned sites vacated by Infracon have been identified, and some tidying up was carried out at the Woodville depot but further issues have been identified. To comply with environmental standards the Council has contracted an experienced and qualified company to test and oversee the removal of any contamination.
- Bluff Road - Clarity is required over land ownership around Bluff Road public access to the Manawatu River. A survey of the area around the Bluff Road - Manawatu access point has been arranged with approval from the adjacent land owner. Land Information NZ has been advised and the work is planned for completion by the beginning of October 2015
- Rural Broadband Initiative 2 - The initial MBIE list of Tararua towns to potentially receive RBI2 funding now includes Pahiatua and Woodville. This is preliminary and does not mean the town will be guaranteed funding, but it is very promising. A very big thank you to Peter Wimsett for the hard work he has done regarding this matter.

- Economic Development - TDC attended the Auckland Home Show and had a standout site. They displayed properties for sale from around the Tararua district, gave out 1500 promotional items, and held 160 full conversations with interested people and 38 people left their email address and requested further information. Mayor Roly Ellis attended and worked exceptionally hard alongside the staff.
- If you are at the Palmerston North airport have a look at the promotional billboard 7.2m x 2.2 high for Tararua promoting Waihi Falls and the choice of activities in the district.
- I-Site Regional Meeting - Funders Conference - I will be attending this in Wellington with Lianne Simpkin. The focus of the conference is to ensure councils gain a better understanding of ownership and funding, history and current structure, why have I-Sites, current challenges and solutions, and benefits to the local community.
- The Economic Impact Analysis of the I-Site network report states that across the regions the average income returned to households for every \$1 provided in public funding is \$5.20, while the average GDP return generated by the I-Sites equates to \$8.70 per \$1 of public funds invested.
- Raewyn Murray was farewelled from the library.
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- Projects and Key Contracts
 - A new internal control system has been created where all projects in the district are listed and progress is documented. This will be updated regularly and will give councillors greater detail on all projects in the district.
 - Woodville's projects are:
 - Woodville impounded supply
 - Woodville library
 - Civil Defence Plan
- Christmas decorations were discussed at the Council meeting.