

Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision Inc. held in the RSA Hall on 7th March 2012 commencing at 7.10pm.

1. **Present**

S McLeod, C Wilton, P Johns, N White, Annie Sowry, Athol Sowry, I Bailey, P Bonser, R Winter, A Devonshire, Julie White, P White, N Galloway, R Evans, G Hale.

Also present: J Reid

Guests: Police officer Kerry, new police officer Chris Wakeling and W Jones

2. **Apologies**

A Broom

2.1 *That the apology be accepted.*

S McLeod/P Johns

Carried

3. **Other General Business**

Nil

4. *That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st February 2012 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

C Wilton/ N White

Carried

5. *That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 1st February 2012 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

S McLeod/C Wilton

Carried

5.1 **Matters Arising**

Allan has not done the Christmas parade letters and cheques, and Carole will remind him.

5.2 Cairns Bins: There was some discussion on what is going to replace them and where they will be located.

5.2.1 *That WDV consult the community by way of a letterbox drop on possible locations for the recycling depot.*

I Bailey/P Johns

Carried

The survey form is to include the options of the railway station, behind the swimming pool and community garden, and will provide a space for residents to suggest other locations.

6. **Correspondence**

Inwards

Kumeroa Sheep Dog Trial Club

Application for assistance with signs

NZTA

Approval for sheep dog trial signs

TDC

Minutes

Greypower

Invitation to attend meeting

Woodville Pioneer Museum

Application for a grant

Outwards

M Beveridge

Acceptance of quote

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

C Wilton / S McLeod

Carried

6.2 **Woodville Pioneer Museum Application**

A request for funding to assist with the project of installing ten granite plaques to be installed in the new footpath. Plaques will be placed at historic sites in the main street. They have requested \$1605, and the total cost of the project is \$5350. There was some discussion that this project needs to proceed as time is an issue with the footpath upgrade starting.

- 6.2.1 *That WDV grant \$2675 as a donation and the balance of \$2675 by way of loan for repayment within twelve months, with all matters concerning this funding to be agreed to and finalised.*

G Hale/ C Wilton

Carried

The museum is to provide WDV with a map showing where the plaques are to be installed and what will be written on them. Allan is to draw up a contract in respect of the above.

7. Financial Report

- 7.1 *That the financial report be accepted and the Executive approve the accounts for payment.*

C Wilton/P Johns

Carried

8. Recreation Report

Nil

9. TDC Report

- The impounded supply is 4.091m. There has been a slip and the water does not taste great. It was discussed that TDC staff should be reporting this information to WDV.
- The new system is to be installed by the end of March and it will be tested for a couple of months.
- The Ormond Street upgrade proposal is to go into the Draft LTP (\$120,000) along with the campground upgrade of \$100,000. The Draft LTP will be out for community consultation and the community is encouraged to make submissions in support of these projects.
- TDC is liaising with NZTA to have the priority of the road works shifted from the bottom of Saddle Road to the Oxford Road/ Woodlands Road corner to encourage vehicles to turn right.
- Still waiting for the chicanes to be reinstalled.
- A question was asked re the amount of traffic with regard to TDC discussions with American oil representatives and questions re hydraulic fracturing in oil explorations.
- G Hale reported that he was grateful that the memorial clock was going well and the light is fixed.
- G Hale asked P Johns to find out what has happened to the \$180,000 that was set aside to fix the stormwater problems where water is running down to St James Church.
- Band Rotunda: As WDV is funding the painting of the rotunda it was asked that the rotunda be repaired where some corners are missing (P White has these).

10. Events and Promotions

Footloose February: Some days were good, but with some cold days. There was a good line-up of artists. A suggestion was made to hold Sunday afternoons in the future to avoid clashing with other major events and increase the numbers to the park.

'Vinyl in the Park' will be held on 10th March as a finale to Footloose February.

11. Woodville Upgrade Report

Peter thanked Carole, Nick and Graeme for their hard work over the last four years in progressing the town's upgrade plan and also many thanks to Allan Broom and Peter Johns who joined WURG at a later time.

WURG REPORT TO WDV - 7TH MARCH 2012 - P Bonser

The WURG team is very pleased to see that an upgrade to Vogel Street between Grey Street and Ross Street has now begun. The Mayor has been advised that WURG/WDV will assist in any way it can with the smooth implementation of the work. We all want to ensure minimum disruption to the street and get the project over quickly. We encourage continuing dialogue between the project manager, individual businesses and ourselves as representatives of the wider community. There is no doubt that a positive transformation of the main street of Woodville is about to take place.

However this report must show for the record that the upgrade currently underway, whilst retaining the bare bones of the WURG prepared proposal, has been extensively culled by both the removal of the proposed Ormond Street corridor between Vogel and Pollen Streets and through significant reductions in the distance the work is to be carried out along Ross, Ormond and McLean Streets; in other words now the main street rather than the town centre.

The removal of much of the pavement design detail proposed by PNCC at the final community consultation has occurred. Much of this culling appears to have been initiated for arbitrary rather than financial reasons as it was done prior to any costings. Deletion of the 'safety' crossing on McLean Street is of great concern and the specific locations for trees, seats, rubbish bins and overhead streetlights are yet to be resolved.

In short, WURG does not feel that the upgrade now in progress fairly represents the design worked on by WURG over the past four years and as agreed by the Woodville community at the final consultation session. Our last minute attempts to recover the situation when what was happening became clear were unpleasant, heated and ultimately failed. Pragmatically, we will continue to work on getting Ormond Street included in the next LTP and where possible get the other issues resolved as they arise.

Many of the above changes were made over the past few months without consultation or notification. Neither the group nor anyone else in Woodville was aware of many of these changes. This raises the question of the community consultation process employed by TDC. Genuine and not just token or sham consultation is a mandatory requirement and it is WURG's view that this has been lacking in recent months. We recommend that there is an independent assessment of the consultation process used in this project to date. If Woodville is to be able to properly have its voice heard on future issues this needs to be resolved.

- 11.1 ***That the Rotary bus shelter be relocated to the grassed area in Fergusson Street outside the bowling club so that it can be used by high school students.***

P Bonser / P Johns

Carried

12. General Business

12.1 Town Entrance Signs

Nick gave an update. NZTA have provisionally approved the signs. Sites for the location of the signs need to be established.

12.2 Anzac Day

A request was made for a better sound system for the Anzac Day service.

12.3 Rail Celebrations 24th March

W Jones gave an update. It has only just been established that the event can be held. Publicity, posters and advertising will be out in the next few days. Trains will be visiting from Palmerston North and Wellington, and there is also train and vintage vehicle displays. It was agreed that WDV would sponsor two quarter-page advertisements in the Bush Telegraph.

12.4 New Police Officer in Woodville

The new Woodville police officer, Chris Wakeling introduced himself, and he was welcomed to Woodville.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.