

Minutes of a meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision held in the Woodville Sports Stadium Supper Room on Tuesday 7 February 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

S McLeod, G Murray, P McCool, A Devonshire, K McIntyre, B Hutton, D Pretty, Cr P Johns, Mayor T Collis, M M Oulaghan (Secretary), R Winter (Chair)

APOLOGIES

That the apologies be received from V James and M Reuben for non-attendance at the meeting.

R Winter/ A Devonshire

Carried

PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the Woodville Districts' Vision meeting held on 6 December 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

R Winter/M M Oulaghan

Carried

MATTERS ARISING

These are covered in general business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- Communication from P Wimsett regarding the Lindauer Walkway. Continue to progress a meeting between KiwiRail, New Zealand Transport Agency, the Lindauer Walkway Committee and the Alliance.

Outwards

- Nil

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (tabled)

Reports for December 2016 and January 2017. There is \$54k held in various accounts.

The amount of \$3,354 has been earmarked for the WoodFest, and this is on term deposit which is due to expire. As it is below \$5k the interest rate is not very good.

That the fund be topped up to \$5k and reinvested for a period of twelve months, and that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

P McCool/P Johns

Carried

Tararua District Council Report

Cr P Johns

Camping Ground

An amount of \$28k remained following the upgrade. The committee (Cr Johns, A Devonshire and G Murray) agreed this money be used to enhance the existing ablution block. A quote has been received for \$9 to \$10k to reroof the existing building, add another toilet, and build a kitchen area which would allow campers to prepare food out of the rain. A consent is required which has been applied for. Remaining money may go towards sealing the drive/pads.

Water

The process for accessing drinking water is progressing well. The original plan was for completion in twelve months, which was then extended, but work to date is several months ahead of schedule. The tank at the racecourse will be situated in the next few weeks. Given the season the tanks at the ex-Infracon building may not be needed.

The water tank for the memorial rose garden is in situ, but yet to be plumbed.

A query was raised about the level of communication to the community regarding the water process. It was advised that communication had been via updates in the Woodvillean, the Council page in the Bush Telegraph and all residents had been sent a letter.

Swimming Pool

The new filtration equipment was not installed until late December. Due to the water processes (regarding Woodville drinking water) and potential shortage the water in the pool was reused. This meant treating the water until it reached an acceptable standard, which took some time. The school offered the use of their pool, however indicative of our summer usage thus far has been minimal. As of today (7 February) the pool committee have advised that once the changing sheds have been cleaned and the water is at the correct level the pool will open, and this is anticipated this week. WDV is to approach the Council regarding the potential for heating the pool so that the older population may also use it.

General

There was discussion regarding benches/seats. G Murray is to move the bench and seat to relevant locations, i.e. one to the camping ground and the other to the cemetery (Pinfold Road). C Veale (Council Community Assets and Property Manager) is to be involved.

Events and Promotions

Picnic in the Park

This event was held on 4 February 2017 and came in under budget. There was a good attendance by children and teenagers.

***That next year's event be booked now so that the entertainment can be arranged.
R Winter/B Hutton Carried***

A letter is to be sent to Woodville Lions Club thanking them for their support.

There was discussion about the date of next year's event, and tentatively it is set for 24 February 2018. This will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Christmas Parade

The next parade will be held on 9 December 2017. Potentially the Woodville Museum will continue to organise the parade. With the Coast to Coast having their 25th anniversary next year WDV is to look at more ways of supporting this event. The Woodville Christmas parade is the biggest in the district. It came in under budget. Look at making it bigger and more attractive. We don't have enough manpower to keep the streets around the park clear, and this needs to be addressed.

The handmade decorations in Woodville were again very successful.

It is disappointing that our Police (being an integral part of the community) were not able to take part in the parade. There was no involvement in any town within the district. The Mayor is to escalate this to see if this support can again occur.

Letter of thanks to go to:

- J Kopa (along with a small gift - Nibbly Pig voucher) for her efforts in decorating the town
- P Hartridge for the children's train

Contact Kimberley Stevens at the Council regarding working with all four Christmas parades to share floats etc.

Gottfried Lindauer Arts Trail (Walkway) (report tabled)

Two independent contractors were to look at liming and putting culverts in. However there are some challenges regarding water and bridge piling that meant the contractors wouldn't progress this matter. Progress on the walkway is dependent on a meeting between New Zealand Transport Agency, KiwiRail and other interested parties. The challenge continues to be getting traction with organisations as they (New Zealand Transport Agency, KiwiRail) only want to deal with the Council.

Mayor Tracey Collis advised that the Council engineer does not have time in his current workload to devote solely to this project.

A letter is to go to Waireka Trust updating them on progress. The trust has provisionally given the walkway \$30k.

The walkway painting has been completed but is not yet erected. This could be put on the front wall of the I-Site/Library. R Winter is to discuss this matter with Nichole Gowing.

Lindauer Report

The arts exhibition will potentially be held in the week after Easter. An advertisement/poster will be published to encourage local young people to submit their work to be featured at the exhibition. Each year local artists will be featured at either Woodville or Dannevirke.

Artist in residence revisited contact with Pilsen. Looking at the same timing as when Filip was here for the next candidate. There has been some funding secured to commence the programme, and alternative funding options are being explored.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ferry Reserve

With the flooding of the Ferry Reserve many of the freedom campers parked too close to the water edge. A letter is to go to the Woodville Domain Board (Ron Mabey) or Horizons Regional Council/biodiversity regarding signage warning people that flood waters can rise high. Also to raise the issue that one toilet is not sufficient. Both these are health and safety issues. This letter is to be cc'd to the Council.

From 14 January to 7 February 1,450 vehicles have stayed overnight. Some stay a number of nights. Continue to monitor numbers using the Ferry Reserve.

Fontaine Square

Dogs defecating in the park are becoming problematic.

That options be explored for shifting the dog toilet across the road and away from the park and providing better signage.

P Johns/B Hutton

Carried

R Winter is to look at signage.

Events Centre

Plans have now been completed and costings are being developed. Cr Johns will bring the plans to the next meeting.

Road Safety

Speed and behaviour of vehicles on the western side of town was raised as an issue. People are overtaking within the town speed limits. A letter is to be sent to the New Zealand Transport Agency, and R Winter is to compile this.

Similar issues are occurring with traffic passed the cemetery on Pinfold Road.

As there is no further business the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7 March 2017.