

## WOODVILLE DISTRICTS' VISION INC.

Minutes of the General Meeting of Woodville Districts' Vision Inc. held at the Woodville Community Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 commencing at 7.00 pm.

1. Present

A Broom (Chair), C Wilton, I & V Johanson, A Powell, N White, J Reid, S & P Bonser, N Galloway, R & G Murray, P White, A Devonshire, I Bailey, G Hale & T Pratt (arrived late).

2. Apologies

E Natrass, B McCulloch, K McIntyre, C Matthews.

**2.1 That the apologies be accepted.**

**A Broom/C Wilton**

**Carried**

3. Other General Business

- Skatepark
- Rugby World Cup

4. **That the minutes of the previous meeting held in June 2009 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the correction of the spelling of Lowen in item 6.**

**I Bailey / V Johanson**

**Carried**

5. Matters Arising

- Has Evan written to J Reid as requested to ask for a retraction in the Bulletin?
- Turbine Lights – Any progress on these?
- Community Board Option –Is there any progress on this?

6. Correspondence  
Inwards

Motion regarding funding of the Woodville Town Centre upgrade

TDC	Agenda and minutes
M Reynolds	Letter from Greg Carter
J Reid	Skatepark
H Hirschberg	Resignation from Executive Committee

**6.1 That the inwards correspondence be received.**

**A Broom/C Wilton**

**Carried**

**6.1.1 That a letter be sent to Heather Hirschberg regretfully accepting her resignation.**

**I Johanson/ A Broom**

**Carried**

7. Financial Report

7.1 ***That the financial statement be confirmed and the accounts passed for payment.***

***V Johanson / A Powell***

***Carried***

7.1.1 Dispute with Infracon is still not resolved.

7.1.2 V Johanson has resigned as Treasurer.

8. Recreation Committee Report

*A Powell / V Johanson*

- Mid winter swim was successful. Thanks to sponsors of prizes: Yummy Mummys, Pahiatua New World, Whariti Meats, Warehouse Dannevirke and Coffee Break.

About 20 people turned up for the swim: Prizes: Best Dressed Male – Nick White, Best Dressed Female - Carole Wilton, Best Dressed Child – Chris Scoggins. Will be held again next year and more of the community are to be invited.

- Meeting held with Dave Morgan.

9. Woodville Upgrade Report

*P Bonser/P Morris*

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June the advertised public forum to view and comment on upgrade planning was held in the Old Folks Hall. The PNCC planners accompanied by the WURG team presented draft sketches and were available to discuss proposals and take comments. With a few exceptions the proposals were well received and constructive ideas put forward for possible inclusion. This forum concluded the 'community input' phase of the WURG project. As every hour spent by the PNCC on this work is charged to TDC, the time for significant change is over. However, the WURG team is confident that it has conducted its commitment to undertaking the widest possible consultation prior to this more detailed work.

Sadly, this report also marks a low point in our work to date. The Council met on 24<sup>th</sup> June to adopt the LTCCP. The meeting failed to approve the Woodville Business Centre upgrade, putting the project 'on hold' pending resolution of funding issues.

WDV is well aware of these issues and the Council has every right to test the commitment of the Woodville Community to an upgrade. A study of the minutes of the LTCCP verbal and written submissions records show that there are some members of WDV who made submissions against any future Woodville upgrade.

Council's proposal to utilise some of the funding set aside from the sale of reserve land was questioned at last month's WDV meeting and is the subject of a motion at tonight's meeting. The question of what this fund can be used for is not one for the WURG team to determine. However until such time as this issue can be resolved the Woodville upgrade remains on hold and Woodville will continue to regress while other communities around us go forward. If Council decides they can use some of this money as part funding and this is then challenged through the legal system, the upgrade will almost certainly be delayed or cancelled.

What is needed is for all members of the community to look at the bigger picture and decide what will be better long term for our town. Those that strive against turning Woodville into somewhere our children will be proud to call home would do well to reflect on that. Those of you who want an upgrade but may have sat back, need to let the Council know, through its councillors, in no uncertain terms.

On the positive side, Council did confirm the 2009/10 funding for WURG's work with the PNCC planners. The WURG team will continue its work producing a plan for an upgrade that meets as many community aspirations as possible even though it is possible it may not come to fruition. Our finished work will remain on TDC files for future consideration. At the moment we hope to conclude that phase by September 2009. As advised, the notice board for the upgrade is now located in the window of the old Style Inc business. It will be updated from time to time as plans and the situation evolve.

10. Discussion on Land Sale Proceeds

A notice of motion was received from I Bailey and seconded by G Hale & N White. N White withdrew his support for the motion.

- 10.1 ***That W.D.V opposes the motion passed by Tararua District Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 that “ the funds held in the Council’s Reserves derived from the sale of land located in the previous Woodville County Council boundaries be fully used and applied in the 2010/11 financial year to fund the Woodville Business Centre urban development upgrade” and supports legal action to ensure that such funds are fully used and applied to endowment land in terms of the gifting of such land and undertakings made to the High Court on 21<sup>st</sup> October .***

There was some discussion on this and the motion was put to a vote and was defeated. The following motion was then put

- 10.2 ***That W.D.V recommend to Tararua District Council that up to \$300,000 be set aside from the land sale funds to meet the cost of the proposed upgrade in Fountaine Square and that the balance be held by TDC in an interest bearing account until such time as projects for other improvements to endowment land in Woodville can be presented.***

***P Bonser / C Wilton***

***Carried***

11 General Business

11.1 Woodville Website

The launch of the Woodville website is to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 7.00 pm at the New Central Hotel with wine and cheese. Invitations have gone out to the Mayor, Councillors, TDC staff and schools. Posters and flyers are currently being delivered.

11.2 Gary McCormick and Tim Shadbolt Comedy Show

Carole reported that Woodville Lions are sponsoring the comedy show to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July at the Woodville Racecourse. It is hoped that it will be well attended by the community.

11.3 Skatepark

Some discussion was held regarding the skatepark equipment. It was agreed that signs be installed there that advise that no bicycles are to be used and that correct protective wear is worn.

The other equipment that is damaged will be repaired by the Recreation Committee within the week.

**11.3.1 That WDV pay the balance of the amount owing to Ian Bailey.**

***I Johanson/P Bonser***

***Carried***

**11.3.2 That a sincere letter of thanks be sent to J Reid for the storage of the equipment.**

***I Bailey/I Johanson***

***Carried***

11.4 Resignation of Treasurer

***That a vote of thanks be given to Vikki Johanson for all her work as WDV's Treasurer.***

***P Bonser/A Broom***

***Carried***

Kim Phelps of the Business Agency needs to be approached by Evan to take over doing WDV's accounts.

11.5. Neglected Buildings

Stephanie commented that a coach group had expressed dismay about Woodville and how shabby it is looking with neglected shops. What can be done? Stephanie is to report to Council.

11.6 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> August to be followed by an ordinary meeting.

Publicity and election of officers is to be organised.

Vice Chair, Secretary, Executive Committee, Recreation Committee, Publicity Officer.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.