

## PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Pahiatua On Track Inc. held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 5.30 pm in the TDC Service Centre, Pahiatua.

**1. Present:** Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Bill Keltie, Graham Collinson, Mike Fouhy, Ann-Marie Bengston, John Verheul, Elaine Daysh, Jason Griggs, Colleen Cotter, Linda Hurst, Jean Eddie, Brian Smith.

**2. Apologies:** Adrienne Wake

**3.** Minutes of the previous AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were read, discussed and confirmed. Cynthia/Graham

**4. Matters Arising:** None

**5. Chairman's Report:** Read by the Chair Cynthia Cass. Cynthia/Shirley

### **6. Reports from Umbrella Groups**

Swimming Pool: Presently with TDC.

Carnival Park: Not available at this time.

Information Centre: Cynthia Cass stated their AGM is later this month.

Main Street: Now integrated with Pahiatua On Track Inc.

Chair Cynthia Cass said it is important that our umbrella groups get their annual accounts and reports in on time; a lot of notice has been given. Shirley is to re-contact Carnival Park for their Annual Report.

Graham/Robin

### **7. Financial Report**

Discussion was held around the presentation of accounts. We need to present accounts paid in our books for the accountant. Also the system to ensure recipients of discretionary grants funding is used correctly needs following up. The committee felt sure that as all funds were spent locally, often for events some of us attended, past funds were appropriately spent. But we will endeavour to get our acknowledgement form returned to us.

Mike/Graham

**Charities Commission:** The Charities Commission turned down POTi's application for charitable status, and thus, this makes it difficult for it to secure funds for projects. After several discussions, the committee have reworded parts of its constitution so that it may fit the Charities Commission's criteria. Tararua District Council has already accepted these amendments.

Motion was moved by the Chair that 'if there are no objections, would the meeting move the amendment under No 4 Object of Pahiatua On Track Incorporated'.

### **Amendments to Constitution will read -**

**4.3** To beautify and create an environment of wellbeing which encourages the community to enter into prosperous enterprise in Pahiatua which will in turn support growth and provide opportunity for its citizens.

**4.4** To identify potential resources which can be utilised for the benefit of the community.

**4.5** To provide information which assists industry and commerce but not to participate in any such commerce which is not of a charitable nature.

**4.11** To assist other charitable groups in the community with their aims and objectives.

**4.12** To promote health and wellbeing by assisting with the establishment of facilities involved with sport, art, culture, heritage, health, safety, the elderly, youth of underprivileged, regardless of race or gender.

**4.13** To ensure that all of its activities are of a charitable nature and that no one serving the society benefits personally from its activities.

Cass/Collinson  
Unanimously carried.

The amendments will be lodged with the Ministry of Economic Development and then the amended documents are to be sent to the Charities Commission, with a letter from TDC approving the said amendments.

Cynthia proposed that Mike Fouhy be POTi's accountant and Shinnick Fouhy continue to be its auditors. Cynthia/Graham

## **8. Election of Officers**

Chair Cass stood down as per the constitution.  
No nominations for officers were received.

Graham Collinson nominated Cynthia Cass back to the committee and to the Chair, seconded by Robin Whiteman. Unanimously carried.

Committee members were confirmed as:

Deputy Chair	Robin Whiteman
Secretary/Admin	Shirley Hull
Treasurer	Elaine Daysh
Committee	Adrienne Wake
Committee	Graham Collinson
Committee	Jason Griggs
TDC Rep	Bill Keltie

General Business: Brian Smith wanted to discuss the beautification of Pahiatua - highlighting the dirty white line around the central gardens.

Cynthia Cass outlined to Mr Smith that the committee widely agreed that this needed doing, and that NZTA has to approve the cleaning. Especially as Pahiatua are not in line for refurbishment soon - it is wise for us as a community committee to be proactive.

Linda Hurst brought with her a road safety plan that has been planned around the cleaning of the kerbing. Linda's phone number is 376 6602 should we need more assistance with this.

Graham said TDC had recently sprayed kerbs for moss and mould.

Robin will contact Pete Davies regarding PD workers to see if they can do the cleaning work, if so the plan can be submitted to NZTA. This would be a very positive outcome and the committee appreciated the community input.

Brian Smith also had concerns that 'Carols by Candlelight' was not in the main street. Brian was happy to hear the explanation about safety and how it had grown to a charity event from 2 .00 pm – 8.00 pm in the form of "Christmas in the Park".

*Brian Smith felt that signs on the ends of town should have a more positive statement on them when not being utilised - like 'Proud to be from Pahiatua'. The committee explained that this does happen - POTi pay the person for changing the signs.*

Brian Smith felt that the Bush Telegraph was not performing as it should - not enough local content in it. The committee's response was that APN newspapers were the ones to be

contacted about this.

Jean Eddie informed us that there would be a 65<sup>th</sup> Polish Reunion on 30<sup>th</sup> October, and wanted to know who was responsible for cleaning the memorial. Also the notice board had been vandalised.

Apparently Rotary cleaned it last time; Robin was going to look into this. John Verheul is to sort the notice board out, and Bill Keltie will talk to Colin Veale about the grass edges and to Higgins about emptying the rubbish bins.

Subscriptions were collected from the committee and the meeting concluded at 6.45 pm.