

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of Special public meeting held to discuss TDC Long Term Community Council Plan (LTCCP). Wednesday 4th April, 2007 at the Service Centre, TDC

Present: Mayor Maureen Reynolds, Deputy Mayor David Lea, Councillor Claire Matthews, Chairwoman POTI Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Ann Marie Bengston. Karlene Thomson (Pahiatua School). Councillor Warren Davidson. Andrew Day (Federated Farmers President) Peter Wimsett (Financial Services Manager), John Walker (Business Manager), Mike Brown (Environmental Services), Mies Omen, Roger Twentyman CEO, Terry Watson, Mr & Mrs Gordon Irving, Councillor Chris Southgate, Councillor Bill Keltie.

Mayor Reynolds opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

TDC Business Manager John Walker addressed the meeting, he stated that most things being discussed about the LTCCP had already been approved, but some changes occur during the year that need tweaking.

- Stated this is the second year of the LTCCP.
- He said changes to the general rate are increasing by 7.81%.
- Landfills are coming to the end of consented use (2010).
- Refuse will be sent away after 2010.
- Eketahuna is being transformed into transfer station now.
- Pongaroa Community Hall needs alterations, including a new toilet for people with disabilities.
- Woodville Fountaine Square needs upgrading.
- Dannevirke amenities will be upgraded.
- Land Transport New Zealand is changing some terminology, TDC obliged to inform community.
- Rates system; Urban increase 10.4%, rural increase 6.5%, Industrial 5.8%
- Roading costs are lower 1.8% a reflection of income to TDC for repairs caused by 2004 storm damage.
- Under 'Special Loans' and increase of 244% for Dannevirke town centre upgrade was noted.
- TDC ratepayers will be asked if they would like to pay 'one off' approx \$270 this payment would shorten life of 'loan' eventually costing ratepayers less.

Terry Watson: Voiced concern over PN rubbish being dumped here.

David Lea: Because of legislation dump WILL close 2010 and at present rate will not be full so TDC are selling the space to Cairns Waste for profit, \$900,000.

Andrew Day: What will happen to Pahiatua dump 2010?

David Lea: Refuse will probably be transported to 'Bonny Glen' Marton.

Roger Twentyman: Recycling is to be promoted in earnest in future.

Mrs Irving: Will income from dump be used for refuse of future?

Peter Wimsett: \$300,000 to upgrade Eketahuna to a transfer station.

\$300,000 to maintain Pahiatua

\$180,000 Committed to recycling and for transformation of Pahiatua to a transfer station (2010).

Andrew Day: Why have rural rates increased?

Peter Wimsett: Interest on funds has decreased.

Mr Irving What's happening with water supply?

Roger Twentyman: Knows it needs urgent attention, looking at drilling, ground water better, have been searching. Have allocated a spot on St Highway (Angelinis) will begin drilling soon.

Mr Irving: What about original dam on Main Road (Matthews Spring)?

David Lea: We are using it (Balfour 2).

Roger Twentyman: Konini is more effective but, there are too many dairy farms on system.

Cynthia Cass: What time frames are envisaged for water access?

Roger Twentyman: Drilling starts any day if successful a matter of joining pipes – ASAP.

Peter Wimsett: Also, filter will be updated.

Mrs Irving: Will you clean dam at top of Wakeman Street?

David Lea: Yes

Bill: Pahiatua Track upgrade has been deferred, have any other roads been deferred?

Peter Wimsett: Yes they are outlined in the LTCCP

Cynthia Cass: We are year two (into LTCCP) are we planning ahead?

John Walker: We will aim for status quo year three, but unsure, if things will need upgrading will take another look.

Roger Twentyman: Next year will become year one and 3 years will be tacked on end, hence still having a ten year plan.

Ann Marie Bengston: Access to (public) buildings like banks.

C Cass: A letter of community interest re the access could be the way to go.

Trevor Bennett is looking into the cleaning of the kerbs in Pahiatua; apparently this is a Transit issue because of safety.

Also, lighting on the end of the Mangahao Road Bridge is being looked into by Trevor Bennett.

Mayor Reynolds thanked public for their attendance and closed this portion of the meeting.

Cynthia Cass invited those who wished to stay for a 'normal' POTI meeting.

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2. **Apologies:** Mike Fouhy, Lynn Huddleston

3. **Personal Matters:** none

4. **Extraordinary Business:**

5. **Confirmation of Minutes** of March 2007. Robin/Graham

6 **Matters arising:** Amendment to 11. Information Centre approved grant \$1800, not \$1500 as stated. Portfolio Reports 16. Letter to TDC re: Speeding: not sent due to support letters have not arrived.

7. **The TDC report:** Tabled and Read. Robin/Graham.

8 **Matters arising:** None. Robin/Graham.

9. **Correspondence –**

Inwards correspondence

- Eketahuna Main Street – Thanking POTI for light frames
- TDC & Mayor Reynolds – Safer Community Council Update
- Bush Telegraph – (aging) account \$66.49 (has been passed for payment)
- Wooden Spoon – Account for supper \$60
- Ann Marie Bengston – Copy of her letter to TDC re lighting
- TDC – Showing POTI grant for the year \$36,500
- John Hayes – Invitation to mtg at Town Hall 4th May, 10.45am.

Outwards correspondence:

- TTV: - Signage details require, including costs (no assurance of financial support)
- TDC – Invitation to councillors for nibbles & cuppa pre mtg.
- TDC: Acknowledge Visitors Guide and payment approval
- Rotary – Pahiatua Plane assistance with repair
- Lions - Pahiatua Plane assistance with repair
- Fire Brigade - Pahiatua Plane assistance with repair
- Bush Telegraph – Advert for LTCCP yr 2 meeting
- TDC – Street Cleaning Contract.

- Information Centre – Grant approval
- Pahiatua Police – invitation to attend POTI meeting

Graham/Robin

10. **Financial Report**

The financial report was read and discussed. POTI balance as of 4th April 2007 is \$40038.87. Wooden Spoon account \$60 moved for payment and financial report accepted.

Adrienne/Robin

11. **Discretionary Fund:**

Pahiatua Positive Aging Forum: PAF are holding a Health Expo at the Town Hall on Saturday 12th May. They have asked POTI to assist with funds for advertising. This was deemed to be a positive community venture and a grant of \$202.50 was approved. Shirley/Adrienne

12. **Co-ordinators and Secretary Issues – None**

13. **Safer Community Council.** Letter received from Mayor Reynolds states that Tararua Safer Community Council will now meet 6 monthly. And, that funds have been applied for three projects through the Crime Prevention Unit; Domestic Violence with Dannevirke Family Services, Youth Diversion Project and Drivers Licence Project.

14. **Progress with Projects:** Adrienne – Plane in park: No response from letters yet.

16. **Portfolio Reports**

Age Forum -Graham Collinson: Planning progressing nicely for the Tararua Health and Wellbeing forum to be held in Pahiatua Town Hall Saturday 12th May.

Brethren contact: Robin Whiteman has two meetings organised with members of the Brethren and will report back. Chairwoman Cass outlined for Council members the idea of contact was because the Brethren were such a big part of the town's identity, and we wondered if there was some way they would like more input in the town.

17. **Extraordinary and General Business**

Karlene Thomson attended our meeting on behalf of Pahiatua School principle Lynn Huddleston. They had heard rumours of a new swimming pool. Cynthia Cass outlined that Dannevirke was struggling to support their new pool, and POTI did not think the TDC ratepayers could sustain another swimming pool. And, that POTI were not supportive of the initiative. Chairwoman Cass did however suggest that the swimming pool committee could do with more support and if Pahiatua School could promote people on to the committee that would be great. Chairwoman Cass thanked Karlene for her attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting is on 2nd May