

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 9th August, 2006 at the Service Centre, TDC

Present: Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Judy Maxwell, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Bill Keltie, Mike Fouhy, Ann Marie Bengston, Brian Barnes (Engineer Consultant and Safety Consultant, TDC) and Troy Gerbich (Project Manager and Economic advisor, TDC).

2. Apologies: None

Personal Matters: Committee member Bryan James's wife Maggie has had a slight stroke; committee will send a get well card.

4. Extraordinary Business: Brian Barnes attended our committee meeting. Brian wears the hat of Safety Consultant for Tararua District Council. He talked to the committee about 'how to get things done', by submitting proposals to change road crossings and speed levels. Brian suggested a united approach by the committee, with support letters from schools, Waireka Home and other affected groups.

Brian suggested we send our proposal through bullet pointing the issues; he would then review the issues and give clarity to committee's argument so that it can be presented to Transit NZ. Also, united support like this will add weight to a Transit proposal, proposed by Tararua District Council.

Brian's thoughts were that zebra crossings were dangerous – onus is on driver to stop, and not pedestrian to think, where as crossing points make the pedestrian think and narrow the road for the driver, slowing down driver speed levels. Studies have confirmed these facts.

All concerns put through to Brian should have a 'safety concern' element i.e. we need a crossing point here because – school – park – Waireka.

Cynthia thanked Brian for coming to the meeting, committee found it valuable.

Troy Gerbich, TDC Project Manager and Economic Advisor attended our meeting to inform the committee about the: TDC – Pukaha, Mount Bruce: Regional Partnership Programme, an economic development relationship between Mt Bruce and TDC.

Troy outlined the feasibility study to be done on building a learning centre at Mt. Bruce. Promoting and teaching conservation and ecological restoration, at a national and international level.

Troy swapped hats and gave a brief out line of the Business Service Directory he is accumulating.

Cynthia thanked Troy for coming to our meeting, both projects were very interesting and were received with positive feedback.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of July 2006. Mike/Adrienne

6 Matters arising: None

7. The TDC report: Was not available to committee.

8 Matters arising: Cynthia Cass briefed committee; of note were the Targa Rally on the 27th October and Wairarapa Rally on 26th August. Robyn/Adrienne

9. Correspondence –

Inwards correspondence

- Morepork Mountain Trust: Positive feed back about Matariki Celebrations.
- TDC – Walking access panel – acknowledgement of submission
- Waireka Home: In support of road concerns.
- Anderson Memorials: Plaque for memorial cairn
- Information Centre: Thank you letter for TV.

Outwards correspondence:

- Tararua College: Funding application reply.

Mike/Robin

10. Financial Report

A discussion was held on POTI responsibility to our umbrella groups: re auditing of their account, the rules are hazy. Suggest the groups attend AGM and present their accounts to the committee and present a chairman's report.

A written financial statement was presented, a copy of which is attached to these minutes
Financial report read, discussed and accepted. Accounts moved for payment Don Selby \$641.25 for Road Closure Training.

Graham/Mike

11. **Discretionary Fund:** No applications

12. **Co-ordinators and Secretary issues** - none.

13. **Safer Community Council.** Bryan James, absent

14. **Progress with Projects:**

Walkway/Cairn: Cynthia has ordered plaque.

Christmas Lights: Main Street Committee have organised a Festival of Lights/Café Crawl on 25th August at 6.30pm. Tickets will be \$38.

16. Portfolio Reports

Roading -Graham Collinson: Graham & Adrienne met with Brian Barnes. Brian gave them some good ideas.

Waireka Home – Graham Collinson: Waireka was passed with an A+ accreditation by the DHB recently. New Villas are to be built, and a new BBQ area is being promoted.

Retail Businesses – Judy Maxwell: Judy's outline to promote retailers has been named the Service Excellence Rewards.

17. Extraordinary and General Business

Turitea Consultation Project: Bill Keltie spoke of a new windmill allocation and reserve that leads off the top of the Pahiatua Track, stating it would be good if the POTI put forward a positive submission.

A motion was forwarded that POTI put in a submission in support of the reserve. Graham/Mike Steven Wilton from Pahiatua is in the final 18 of NZ idol, Shirley encouraged people to vote!

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Next meeting is our AGM on 13th September at 5.30pm followed by a normal meeting.