

## PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2007 at Heartland Services, TDC Building, Pahiatua.

**Present:** Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Mike Fouhy, Sue Pye, Councillors Warren Davidson & Bill Keltie, Ann Marie Bengston.

2. **Apologies:** None.

3. **Personal Matters:** None

4. **Extraordinary Business:** Ann Marie Bengston would like to discuss automatic opening entrance ways into buildings. Christmas Parade date sorting, Prioritising funding subjects.

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

6. **Matters arising:** None

7. **The TDC report:** Tabled, read and discussed. Robin/Mike.

8. **Matters arising:**

7.1 Angela Leatherby spoke to the TDC on existing and upcoming events at Bush Multisport ; committee would like to extend an invitation to Angela to speak at our October meeting.

Healthy Homes was acknowledged as a great intervention that is working well.

8.2 Horizons Regional Council – One Plan – River protection, water scheme. A discussion was held by committee about the article in the Manawatu Standard, dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2007.

This article suggested that 'Horizons' are proposing future limits on individuals water access, based on 300ltrs daily use, via cuts to the Mangatainoka River intake by 52% and that consequently down the track water meters and hosing bans would be put in place. Committee felt they should send in a submission to Horizons, outlining their concerns.

1. Issue is usage rates for water supply will be set at too low a level, committee feel this is unrealistic, and that any attempt to install reservoirs to overcome shortfall would be financially impractical.

2. Water standards required by urban discharge will place an unreasonable burden on rates.

3. We also feel the time line for the introduction of these issues is too short and will place an unreasonable burden on rates.

4. Efforts to impose rules on dairy farmers are being duplicated, dairy farmers are already under due process by the dairy company and this of course is duplication in costs.

5. To our knowledge there has been no education around this issue to date giving community time to respond in action.

Mike/Robin.

## 9. Correspondence –

Inwards correspondence

- Pahiatua Community Services Trust – Invitation to AGM
- Carnival Park - Accounts
- Tararua Community Youth Service – Funding Application
- Transit Wanganui - re; Main road speed limit

Outward

- TDC – Colin Veale – re; Gardens
- Pahiatua Scout – re; Successful funding application
- Information Ctr – a/c
- Carnival Park – a/c
- Main Street Committee – a/c
- Swimming Pool Committee – a/c's
- Transit NZ – Speed on Main street south

Cynthia/Graham

## 10. Financial Report

The financial report was read and discussed.

Mike/Robin

## 11. Discretionary Fund:

An application was received from Tararua Community Youth Services; the building they are presently occupying has been sold. They require assistance with rental of a new building, the shortfall is \$8,000. Committee wanted to know if TCYS have actually rented another building yet, Shirley is to enquire. Shirley/Graham

## 12. Invited speaker: None

## 13. Safer Community Council. No reports

14. **Progress with Projects:** Harvard Upkeep - Adrienne: Fire Brigade are going to spray the Harvard. Cynthia has the paint specifications from Terry Watson for Trevor Jackson.

## 15. Portfolio Reports:

Signs for Town Hall – Cynthia: Contacting sign writers to go ahead with producing signs.

Swimming Pool – Sue Pye stated their committee have engaged assistance with concrete replacement. The main leak has been fixed. Cynthia stated she can donate a toilet bowl.

Sport - Shirley Hull: Attended Sports Turf opening, it was well attended. Cynthia Cass managed to get the cement footprint of Michael Mason, New Zealand cricketer.

#### **16. General Business:**

Ann Marie Bengston asked how committee got on with the access to buildings for people with disabilities enquiry, to TDC, Cynthia Cass informed Ms Bengston of Council's response, which was that it was up to building owners, they can't be told what to do with their buildings, but that community individuals could talk to building owners.

Christmas Parade date was discussed, the 15<sup>th</sup> December was set. Robin is to contact W/Ville committee and let them know, also to contact road closure team.

Discussed was the recent destruction around town of business property windows and mass graffiti, it was felt that we as a committee really needed to make a commitment to support the young people in our community, we can start by supporting the Tararua Community Youth Services.

Chairwoman Cass felt that as a committee we needed to look at which programme/projects/initiatives we as a community group will prioritise. Suggestions were made:-

- 1 Duck Pond in Carnival Park needs maintenance, and trees need pruning
- 2 Information Centre building
- 3 Assist Bush Multisport Trust to support youth in sport
- 4 Assist local theatre to support entertainment for our youth
- 5 Planting of 'side' streets
- 6 Kids off streets – i.e. bus to Palmerston North

Cynthia asked if committee would think about the community and its needs and bring back to the table in future. Committee thought it was a good idea to plant side streets and asked Robin to go ahead and do some research.

POTi AGM will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Nominations for Mayoral and Council candidates close 24<sup>th</sup> August. Shirley will contact and invite Mayoral and Council candidates to meet the Pahiatua community.

**Meeting closed at 7.15pm**

**Next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> September**