

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 5 August, 2009 at TDC Chamber, Pahiatua, 5.30 pm.

1. Present: Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Elaine Daysh, Adrienne Wake, Bill Keltie (Councillor), Jason Griggs, John Verheul, Ann Marie Bengston, Hamish Adie, Bill Carthew, Brian Bolstad, Sue Flintoff, Warren Williams, Janice Bryant, Elaine Perry, Margaret Simpson.

2. Apologies: Shirley Hull

3. Extraordinary Business: Proposed school closures, organiser for Christmas in the Park, playground.

4. Confirmation of Minutes: July minutes, read, discussed and confirmed.

Matters Arising: Jason is concerned that the Harvard playground is messy and untidy. Council inspects the playground weekly for maintenance.
Jason/Robin

5. TDC Reports: 8th and 22nd July, read, discussed and received.

TDC Reports Matters Arising: Steve Taylor (Manager District Assets) is leaving Council. The committee conveys its thanks and good wishes to him for the future.

Horizons-Chair Cass noted with concern that funds will only be provided to the Animal Health Board until the 2009/10 year, and then be withdrawn.

10.4.2.1 - Clarification in context 'Whilst every small community desires a new swimming pool, this is not realistic at this stage'.

John Verheul noted that this year's costs would be 35 to 40 thousand dollars; and this would bring the pool up to date for about 5 years.

Graham/Robin

6. Speakers: Guest speakers were Hamish Adie regarding 'Bluelight' and Bill Carthew regarding the BMX track.

Hamish attended to thank the POT committee for funding his trip to a 'Bluelight' conference in Queenstown, he gave a refund of funds. Hamish outlined his work with youth in the southern Tararua District.

Bill Carthew attended and spoke on the need for a new BMX track for older users in Princess Street. No proposals or plans for the work needed were offered. Cynthia and Robin offered to investigate further.

Mrs Jean Eddie and two committee members attended; Mrs Eddie is concerned about the future of the Pahiatua and Districts Museum. Mrs Eddie presented a historic account and up to date events details. Mrs Eddie requested help from the POT committee and was advised to apply for a discretionary grant. John Verheul offered to attend the monthly meetings.

Mrs Janice Bryant attended and spoke of her concern regarding the report she read about five further building inspectors that were to be employed. Mrs Bryant was advised to attend an LTCCP meeting and voice her concerns.

7. Outwards Correspondence: None

Inwards Correspondence

- TDC - Meeting minutes
- TDC - Remittance advice regarding annual grant
- REAP - Invitation to meeting 4th August
- E & C Community Trust - Invitation to annual meeting 26th August
- Homelink Market Promotions -Discretionary grant application

8. Financial Report

No accounts for payment.

Loan to swimming baths \$2500 repaid.

Grants for POT and Main Street received.

Annual accounts with Mike Fouhy - awaiting progress.

Swimming Pool and Information Centre reports and annual books complete and sent to be audited.

Discretionary Grants

Application received from Homelink- road safety.

\$200 + GST for advertisement in books. Approved

Elaine/Robin

Committee member Adrienne Wake would like to use POT as the umbrella group for funds transfer when applying to Waireka Trust for exercise equipment for MS sufferers, stroke victims and others. Approved
Cynthia/Graham

Charities Status - We may need to change our constitution. IRD's refusal to accept we are a non-profit organisation could cause problems when POT apply for funding.

9. Portfolios

Cynthia - Advocacy

Robin - Law and Order

Shirley - Sport/Administration

Elaine - Finance

Jason - Business and Promotion

Bill - TDC Representative

Graham - Roving and Elderly

Adrienne - Main Street

Jason - Business and Promotion

AWOL – The date of this event has been changed to March 2010, to coincide with the Tararua Outdoors event. Jason stated that the organisation was proceeding and thanked the committee for their support.

Cynthia - Advocacy

Pahiatua Youth Centre – The centre has no long-term damage from the flood, so no need to approach the insurance company.

Robin - Tree Planting

Robin Whiteman suggested we go ahead and purchase trees to plant, maybe start at the Masters Hall end of town in consultation with Mr Ellis.

POT will consult with Colin Veale when the programme is to start with regard to the suitability of the site and the whereabouts of drains etc. A budget of \$300 was approved for a start to complete planting on Regent Street.

Graham/Robin

Adrienne - Main Street - Adrienne presented plans already designed by a landscape artist - 'concept of the Main Street gardens.'

Suggests that the plans have not always been followed.

Flagpole and band rotunda beautification to be developed by Cynthia as Main Street funds are to be used for the project and quotes for work sought.

Jason is still concerned with the lack of vision for Main Street; some discussion was held with no result.

The need is to decide on the priority, is it the playground? This was the general feeling, removal of the skateboard ramp, overhaul toilets and purchase of new equipment was needed. The committee feel that the public should have an input and will approach Lions and Rotary for help. Also approach the schools, kindy and Plunket for both physical and financial help.

10. General Business

Proposed closure of local schools - The committee is dismayed with this proposal. Cynthia urged everyone to write to the Minister of Education regarding this proposal. A letter is to be sent to MP John Hayes.

John reported that he had been approached by Jason Rankin regarding the signs at the end of town - priority was given to a netball tournament over advertising a commercial award, this is our criteria.

Carols by Candlelight - Sue Flintoff is unable to continue as co-ordinator.

The committee thanked Sue for all her hard work; it really was appreciated.

The committee discussed options; we could co-opt another person. Date to be confirmed, we need to liaise with Angela Leatherby. Jason offered to take over from Sue because he enjoys these projects - may use the New World name.

Robin/John

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

The next meeting is on 2nd September, 2009.