

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 14th June 2006 at the Service Centre, TDC

Present: Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Judy Maxwell, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Ann-Marie Bengston, Bryan James. (Bill Keltie arrived later).

2. **Apologies:** Mike Fouhy.

3. **Personal Matters:** None.

4. **Extraordinary Business:** None

5. **Confirmation of Minutes** of 10 May 2006. Robin/Judy.

6 **Matters arising** from minutes:

Cynthia Cass read the letter she composed to TDC re: pedestrian crossing, committee approved.

Concerning wording of section 11. The committee do not wish to imply they are 'pleased per se' to give money to groups outside the district. Robin/Judy

7. **The TDC report** was read, discussed and accepted. Graham/Robin

8 **Matters arising** from TDC report: Earthquake-prone, Dangerous and Unsanitary buildings Policy; committee is unsure of full ramifications to the Pahiatua district and community. If the TDC is to enforce this policy and subsequent amendments of compulsory inspection, assessment and compliance strengthening (if necessary) of buildings, our concern is the cost to property owners.

Outdoor Walking Access Submission; A discussion was held, the committee felt they would like to make a submission to TDC opposing the government proposal allowing people to access land without permission. Also, questioned was the establishment of an 'Access Authority' to administer this policy. Cynthia Cass is to write a submission on the POTI behalf stating committees concerns.

Judy/Robin

9. **Correspondence** –

Inwards correspondence

- Tararua District Council – An a/c was received from TDC for a wreath laid on ANZAC day for \$75. Committee would like to note they were unaware the purchase was made on their behalf and that in the future committee will be responsible for future purchases.
- Palmerston North Cycle Club: Letter of thanks for \$100 sponsorship.
- Fire brigade: Thanking us for the \$600 donation for Gary Nation's 50yrs of service medal.

- Bonus Bonds: Letter stating POTI have won \$40

Outwards correspondence:

- Letters were sent to Carnival Park, Swimming Pool, Main Street and Information Centre committees reminding them to furnish POTI with end of year financial statements.
- Bush Multi Sports Club: Re: acknowledgement of POTI substantial donation to the club.
- TDC: McCardle Memorial placement in Pahiatua.

10. Financial Report

A written financial statement was presented, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Financial report read, discussed and accepted.

Robin/Graham

11. Discretionary Fund:

Morepork Trust: Application received from Rangitane Iwi 'Morepork Trust' who are putting on a festival to celebrate Matariki, Maori New Year, at the PPCS Multi sports complex. Committee were unsure this fitted with their funding criteria, but are prepared to support the event \$300. It was noted that the committee rarely receives funding applications from Maori groups and would like a report back from 'Morepork Trust' on how Pahiatua Maori were encouraged to be involved. Judy/Robin

Information Centre: Application received from the Information Centre for \$180, for a replacement television. This was granted. Shirley/Robin

Pahiatua Shears: POTI was used as a vessel receiving funding for Pahiatua Shears from TDC; in return Pahiatua Shears furnished POTI with verification of accounts well in excess of total funding applicant had applied for.

12. Co-ordinators and Secretary issues - none.

13. **Safer Community Council** – Bryan James: Bryan attended the Tararua Safer Community Council meeting on 11th May in Woodville. Points noted were that statistics produced were for the Tararua area as a whole rather than relating to Pahiatua in particular. Tararua statistics noted were 2 fatal and 32 injury accidents, 95 positive breath tests. Crime for Pahiatua was noted; 42 offences including 4 car theft and 7 under \$500 offences. Truancy is a problem area for Pahiatua, and at present there is no truancy officer. Also, graffiti is a problem, committee were asked to take photos and contact Peter Davies, local Fire Chief if they saw graffiti.

Ann-Marie Bengston asked Bryan if he would bring up the issue of pushbikes on paths.

14. Progress with Projects:

Flag Pole – The Sedcole Street flagpole is to be repainted and rewired.

Walkway: Shirley Hull reported the walk way was tar sealed and almost finished, just

the signage was to be put up. Cynthia Cass spoke to a Fonterra representative; he suggested Fonterra may look at putting lights up along the walkway. Committee ask Shirley Hull to get a quote for trees which will be planted on the Hull's land. The Hulls are to provide stock protection for these trees. Also, committee approved the placement of the McCardle Cairn on to the town end of the walkway. Wording for the Cairn was also discussed.

Christmas Lights: Adrienne Wake reported that the lights would be put up for free, though committee still had to pay for the connections. It was agreed that Adrienne go ahead and order the lights. Cynthia/ Robin

16. Portfolio Reports

Roading -Graham Collinson:

Roger McLay of Tranzit NZ will carry out a survey to assess the need for a crossing at the south end of town.

Waireka Home is very happy with the new electric bed.

Harvard – Adrienne Wake:

The Harvard has been fixed and the slide lengthened, in the summer it will be painted.

Street Closure Team Training – Adrienne Wake:

Course 2 is on 25/26th July. Don Selby will attend to complete his certificate. POTI will pay for the course. Adrienne/Robin

Multi Sports Complex – Adrienne Wake: Adrienne reported that the tennis court development has been held up by the weather. But, inside volley ball and basket ball teams were using the complex 7 days a week.

Information Centre – Cynthia Cass: Cynthia reported that the Information Centre will hold it's AGM on 21st June at 12.30pm, all welcome.

Street Infrastructure – Robin Whitman: A discussion was held, Adrienne mentioned that Crewe Street needs a footpath, and that if there is 'footpath' money available this is where it should be spent. Graham mentioned the corners of the roads needed tidying up. Adrienne mentioned the dog muck on the footpaths and suggested a campaign to bring it to people's attention.

Retail Businesses – Judy Maxwell: Judy reported that competition is high between retailers and there is not much interaction. Committee felt that some outside the square thinking was needed to look at promotion.

17. Extraordinary and General Business

Ann Marie Bengston asked if gutters could be cleaned out, a discussion was held, it was suggested at first individuals should clean their own gutters if possible.

Bryan James and RSA members have applied to TDC for permission to erect a new flag pole by the Cenotaph. The committee, by a show of hands, support the idea of a new pole, and, approved \$150 for the RSA's consent application, by a majority show of hands. A cheque was issued at the meeting.

Bryan James sought permission to ask the police representative on the Tararua Safer Community Council that 'in the event of any civil emergency/blackouts, what type of security can the local police give businesses'? Committee agreed to the question.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 12th July 2006 @ 5.30 pm