

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 7th May, 2008 at TDC Service Centre, Pahiatua, 5.30pm.

Present: Cynthia Cass, Bill Keltie, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Mike Fouhy, Ann-Marie Bengston, John Veheal.

2. **Apologies:** Sue Pye, Theo Jakes (playground equipment)

3. **Extraordinary Business:** Submission to the Draft Annual Plan, Sandwich Boards, Civic Award

4. **Confirmation of Minutes:** Read, discussed and confirmed April minutes 2008. Graham/Shirley

5. **Matters arising:** none

6. **The TDC report:** Read, discussed and received .Graham/Robin.

7. **TDC report matters arising.** Council Controlled Authority is a new group being set up to encourage shared information, skills and costs across many district councils.

POTi will send a submission regarding this matter to say we support the proposal as long as it does not produce more bureaucracy and funding from the Tararua ratepayers.

8. Outwards Correspondence

- Swimming Pool Committee – Our thanks for their work
- TDC – Trevor Bennett about tree planting exercise
- Jeannie O'Brien & Sheril Davey – Youth behaviour at Centre
- Bush Telegraph – Response about Alistair MacDougall
- Property Brokers – Youth project, our submission

Inwards correspondence

- TDC Minutes 9th & 30th April
- TDC Swimming Pool sun shelter funding
- Horizons Notice of hearing dates
- Chester Burt McCardle Cairn quote
- TDC Liability insurance cover for POTi
- TEYS Invitation to building opening (Bill's apology noted)

Cynthia/Mike

9. **Financial Report:** Report presented, accounts for payment discussed and passed for payment. Mike/Graham

10. **Discretionary Fund:** No discretionary fund applications received.

11. Submission to the Draft Annual Plan. After a meeting held on the 6-5-08 in Pahiatua several issues were discussed.

One was that urban sector rates increase for sewerage, the meeting felt this should be subsidised by government.

It was noted that although the Uniform Annual General Charge was capped at 30% - we are now running at 28%.

That the water well at 'Angelinis' was successful and that there would be sufficient water, contractors are awaiting machinery.

Funding needs to be set aside for the successful completion of this project.

Rural rates increase is 1.1%, this is low but capped because TDC have dipped into depreciation reserves. This is to be a one off.

A discussion was held about storage of archives material, it was suggested that once the CCO authority was in place this issue could be worked out collectively, a suggestion was made that there is already storage built on Tremaine Avenue in Palmerston North, and that this and other avenues could be sought.

Recycling is costing half a million dollars, this is more than TDC had budgeted and the public need to be made aware of the costs.

Warren Davidson has checked out the recycling depot and we could save more if recycled goods were a. in the right bins and b. were crushed before placement.

Rates rebate cut off is \$20,000 but this is graduated. Rural folk are having huge issues paying rates and should register with the East Coast Support Trust.

Dog fees have gone up; the reason given is administration costs.

Huxley Street drain has been partially completed; south end by squash court now needs to be done.

On the date of the submissions hearing Cynthia will be away. Shirley will attend and read our submission.

12. Progress with Projects:

Tararua Community Youth Services building: An offer has been put in; the owner is overseas at present. Cynthia talked about the lack of understanding about the Youth Centre. She suggested the Bush Telegraph do a story about promoting it positively, the committee felt this was a good idea.

13. Portfolio Reports:

McCardle Cairn – A quote for an identical bronze plaque from Chester Burt is \$1108.57. Robin suggested we get a 'grill' to go over the top too, from Sedco Engineering. Graham/Robin

Harvard – Check with Brett MacDougall re account for painting, also see if paint came from Mitre 10.

Alistair suggested in future POTi fibreglass the plane. It also was suggested that a plaque be placed stating that the plane was flown by a local in Pahiatua.

Christmas Lights – Lights are at Power Board, Bill Keltie will take to get fixed at MacDougall's.

Tree Project – TDC have no policy around planting trees in public domains and will do some work around this. Robin suggested that the Japanese students who stay in Pahiatua may like to share a tree planting ceremony, planting Japanese cherry trees.

Playground – Robin is to liaise with Alistair MacDougall.

14. General Business:

The toilets in the park are in a dirty condition; POTi are going to request that these be checked and cleaned every day.

Sandwich boards outside New World were discussed. The committee would not like to see any more and that they should be on the opposite side of the crossing.

Cynthia and Robin were interviewed on National Radio talking about Pahiatua.

Cynthia is to meet with Troy Gerbich about the Information Centre.

A Civic Award has been suggested, and a letter of support will be sent to Hart Udy, nominee of the recipient.

Shirley to ask Kelly Parker to ring Robin re: BMX track.

Cynthia is away next meeting, Robin Whiteman to chair, Cynthia's apologies.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Next meeting is on 4th June 2008