

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 6th May 2009 at TDC Chamber, Pahiatua, 5.30pm.

1. Present: Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Shirley Hull, Elaine Daysh, Adrienne Wake, Bill Keltie (Councillor), Ann Marie Bengston, Jason Griggs, Sue Flintoff, Tad Krogulec, John Jackson, John Verheul, Mr & Mrs Peter Hewson, Warwick McCool, Stan Wolland, Blair King (CE-TDC), Bryan Kirk (Dannevirke press).

2. Apologies: None

3. Extraordinary Business: Public were in attendance to discuss the Draft LTCCP.

4. Confirmation of Minutes: April, read, discussed and confirmed, no matters arising.

5. The TDC reports: 8th, 15th & 29th April, read, discussed and received.

TDC reports matters arising. POTi to send a letter to Horizons 'we do not want to drop funding for Tb control'.
Cynthia/Robin

6. Outwards Correspondence

TDC - Balance of account to Rotary (\$281).

Inwards Correspondence

- TDC - Minutes of meetings
- Harry Leatherby - Skateboard park
- Peter Lea - Account for Pahiatua Marae concrete
- Tararua Law - Rental documents
- Horizons - Hearing , water information
- TTV - Invitation to TTV anniversary
- TDC/Mayor - Invitation to open day

7. Financial Report

Accounts passed for payment:
Morepork Mountain Trust - \$300

Pahiatua Marae/Peter Lea account to be paid in full
Tararua Law - \$730.50
G. Collinson - sitting fees

Elaine encouraged the committee to put in their accounts for sitting fees.

Elaine/Cynthia

8. Ms Cass welcomed the extra visitors to the meeting, who wished to discuss the draft LTCCP.

Ms Cass (CC) opened the meeting by asking if Blair King CE had received a motion from our Tararua District Council councillors to 'cap expenditure'.

Mr King (BK) said 'after revisiting proposals and services already on the table the increase of 9% is in line with services the community wanted'.

CC 'How do we drop rates'?

BK 'It is useful for TDC if the community identify what services can be cut'.

Mr W. McCool 'Long-term district promotion plan - says there will be no growth - why spend \$400,000 on promotion'? 'The audit is a joke; the community cannot afford these increases'.

BK 'If we drop a number of projects we reduce costs - but many projects are already underway like water, sewage and roading'.

Adrienne Wake 'Has it been the general feeling from the community to lower rates'?

BK 'No consistent view'.

Tad Krogulec (TK) '\$3.2million spent on water, how much more can we spend? Do TDC people know what they are doing'?

BK 'Level of water standards is Government regulation'.

TK 'Only way to treat water = chlorine - so TDC informed me - this is incorrect, how much is this water costing'?

BK 'Not sure (\$3.2million), I will have to get back to you, but bore is sunk and it will be used'.

Stan Wolland (SW) 'Have TDC looked at the Fonterra supply'?

Graham Collinson (GC) 'Concerned about new noisy tarseal in town. Whose idea was that'?

BK 'Not sure'.

SW: 'Who are these experts? They have all the money behind them; the Mangamutu site should have been investigated'. Also, Pukemiku Road is where the transfer station should be. Our dump could have lasted years; someone should have challenged Horizons decisions. They are costing us a fortune'.

TK 'Any water can be made drinkable'. Council's spending is institutionalised and rampant.

CC 'Council are not challenging decisions being forced on us by either Horizons or Government compliance. The community is feeling disenfranchised - even if we do make submissions. It is the job we elected them to do.'

John Jackson (JJ) – 'We have had 3 years of sticking in submissions. TDC need to get back to their core business, we cannot afford the rates. Bills have increased; get back to core business'.

BK 'Council make the decisions, the community can give advice to TDC. What services and capital levels do people expect? 'Please should send in submissions ASAP - don't wait, it is your Council'.

In summary, Cynthia Cass asked if those present thought there should be a town meeting. This would give an indication to the Council of the community's feelings, those in the room agreed.

Town signs and Bush Telegraph to be booked, Cynthia will do this.

CE Blair King left the meeting.

CC asked if POTi should put in a submission, the committee agreed as long as it was 'generic' showing the concern of the deluge of discontent from residents.

Everyone wants different things cut back on - we want Council to acknowledge this and adapt costs where they see fit.

Bill Keltie stated that 'if we cut costs now it will all be in front of us like a bow wave'. Also, he agrees that we cannot afford A grade water.

The committee accepts that some services will have to be cut.

Bill asked the committee how it felt about the Pahiatua Track - it may be possible to get an 85% subsidy - huge benefit.

The committee agreed it would be a great idea if the community only paid 15% of the cost. If it improved the road and brought more people to live here. More people, better spread of rates costs.

John Verheul noted that radio stations were playing TDC advertising at bizarre times. Shirley heard them too. OK if they were free to air - Bill will check.

9. Discretionary Funding

Morepork Mountain Trust - The Trust is once again putting on an event in Pahiatua to celebrate Matariki and would like \$650. After discussion the committee approved \$300.

Robin/Cynthia

10. Progress with Projects: Youth Centre

Youth Centre lease agreement:

2 x deeds - Surrender and new lease

Provision for rent increase

Monthly rental \$500 including GST

Cynthia and Shirley are to meet at Tararua Law to sign the agreements.

BMX Track - Bill Carthew has been contacted by another young group about the track. He feels we do need these facilities for kids. He would like to get the kids together.

Bill has approached a contractor (digger) to get started. Also, is on to the fill.

Robin/Cynthia

11. Portfolio Reports: Next month

12. Rules for end of town sign use - yet to be completed.

13. General Business: Cynthia Cass was a judge at the recent TrustPower

Awards. Ms Cass was very impressed with the high standard.

Ann Marie Bengston has been given an award for voluntary service – the committee congratulated Ms Bengston.

Meeting closed to the public at 8.00 pm.
Next meeting is on 3rd June 2009.