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Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 7th November, 2007 at TDC Service Centre, Pahiatua.

Present: Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Graham Collinson, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Mike Fouhy, Sue Pye, Bill Keltie, Margaret Simpson, John Verfeul, Atanita Paewai, Luke Parker and Ben McLean.

2. Apologies: None

3. Invited speakers:

Luke Parker and Ben McLean spoke to the committee about the need to upgrade the BMX cycle track. Luke Parker explained that the existing track was not user friendly and that the young ones (approximately 20 – 40) were currently using a jump ramp in Patterson Street, which was not really built for safety.

They had been in touch with TDC via Mark Thompson who said he was sure he could assist with an upgrade. The Pahiatua On Track committee were very impressed with the background preparation the boys had done including bringing with them a 2 x 1 metre model of the track they envisaged, and photos of the jumps they were wanting to copy. The committee made a plan to meet again with Luke and Ben at the track site to see what is wanted.

Invited speakers: Atanita Paewai presented the committee with feed back from the Matariki celebrations held at the Pahiatua Stadium in July, which POTi had assisted with funding. Atanita gave a brief history of the Morepork Mountain Trust's association with Matariki and how they have promoted this 'changing of the seasons' festival. Atanita stated that the Trust served hot soup and toast, instead of the usual 'sugar foods', in keeping with the season. It was cold that night but well over a hundred people turned out for the music and a fireworks display highlight.

All speakers were thanked by Chairwoman Cass for their time and efforts on behalf of the community.

4. Extraordinary Business: New committee for discussion of rates; BNZ entrance; access to doctors at weekends; wearing of 'colours' by newly formed 'gangs' in Pahiatua.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of October 2007. Robin/Mike

6. Matters arising:

The fibre optic cable issue arose again because apparently Telecom is now going to put a cable through for free. Bill Keltie is going to check this out for the committee.

A discussion was held on the statement of proposal; submission on draft advocacy policy for consultation and draft consultation policy for consultation. A submission has been drafted and discussed. Cynthia was nominated to attend the TDC meeting to be held on these policies.
Mike/Graham

7. The TDC report: Tabled, report was swearing in of new councillors and issuing of portfolio responsibilities. The Chair also read the C.E.O's position of work and responsibility, outlining that the position is responsible to Council, not the other way around. Robin/Mike.

Inwards correspondence

- TDC - Changing Tararua Outdoors to March
- Road Safe Central – 'Great Mates Drive Safe' meeting
- Eastern & Central Trust – Response to application re: Youth Group

Outwards

- POTi accounts sent to Companies Office
- Eastern & Central Trust – Application for funding for Youth Centre

Shirley/Mike

8. Financial Report: Discussion was held on our held funds. Motion was made that funds up to no more than three quarters of the funds held in the bank be invested on a 3 months roll over term deposit. Mike/Robin

Write to Bonus Bonds and furnish a change of address. Get Mike to sign.

The financial report was read and discussed.
Mike/Graham

9. Discretionary Fund: No applications

10. Christmas Carols: Sue Pye reported that Music will be by Dave Edmonds Band
Mangamaire and Pahiatua schools are happy to put items on
Pat West singer will do background singing
Cynthia Cass will be our MC
Flyers are prepared and will be put up in town
Ministers have been contacted
Glow sticks; hymn sheets printed by TDC
Committee said they will all be on deck to give a hand

11. Progress with Projects:

Main Street – Business Breakfast – Adrienne Wake reported this to be a success with 30 people attending to listen to Paul Kirk, International 'Speaker of the Year' 2005 and mentor to Youth. Paul asked not to be paid except for travel vouchers. Main Street committee will pay forty dollars.

Bill will contact Troy Field about putting up town Christmas lights.

Youth – Cynthia Cass reported that though POTi had applied to Eastern and Central for funding for a new building, it seems that the existing building is the preferable one. The youth using the building have taken ownership of it. It is very user friendly, smart and well kept. David Lea is making enquiries about the building to see if it is purchasable or at least the rent is reduced.

12. Portfolio Reports:

Xmas Parade - Robin Whiteman stated the Road Safety Team is all ready to go. It will be the last meeting about the parade this week.

Robin also talked about some new plantings (trees), Graham and Robin will get a plan together for planting next June.

Swimming Pool – Sue Pye reported repairs on pool are complete. Health and Safety have checked out the filter room and have approved and passed its condition. Things are moving along well. By the end of the month all staff will have completed a first aid course. 'Learn to Swim' lessons start 24th November.

Roading - Graham Collinson is still concerned about coarse seal on the road. Graham will take his concerns to the Roding committee.

Graham will attend aged concern meeting on Friday.

Graham will attend Road Safe Central's 'Great Mates Drive Safe' meeting in Dannevirke.

Sports – Shirley reported that plans for the pavilion are under way. BMST are busy getting a 10

year plan together for the TDC. Also, tennis started last week with an enrolment evening. Business House and Ladies day will be well attended and children's coaching by Becca Hull got under way this week

13. General Business:

Shirley is to contact Trevor Bennett about the Tui Street lawn which needs mowing.

The tetoki tree outside New World has broken. Adrienne has priced a new tree \$80, Shirley volunteered Neal Hull to plant it.

The committee suggested we send James Davidson a congratulations letter for winning his recent award.

The BNZ bank has had a buzzer fitted at the door; staff will assist clients who cannot access the property.

It was noted that Tararua Television has changed its Mission Statement thus 'Tararua Television is a Christian based community TV Station'.

Graham Collinson brought up the issue of unavailability of doctors in Pahiatua at the weekend, after an elderly lady badly cut her finger and was turned away from Waireka Home after seeking help there.

Cynthia Cass outlined a rates reform think tank group that is being set up locally, a variety of people have been invited to a meeting. The group's format will be decided on at that meeting. The full Local Government Rates Inquiry Report is available at www.ratesinquiry.govt.nz

Citizens in Pahiatua have been making general complaints over the past few months about youths in town. In the school holidays (just before the broken window rampage) it was noticeable that 8 – 12year olds were hanging around town with much older; already known to the Police, youths wearing blue or red handkerchiefs to show affiliation to a gang.

Since then stories related to these youths, have been of intimidation of young and elderly alike. The stories never seem to be quite enough to go to the Police with - being blocked on the footpath (young mum with children), confronted while crossing the road (two older women), harassed outside the café/bread shop (students).

A suggestion was made that like Wanganui we should become a 'colour free zone'. Committee feel this issue needs nipping in the bud! And we will be asking Council and the Police for guidance on this matter. Shirley/Robin

After visiting the BMX Park and the 'Youth Centre' the committee will have their annual dinner at the Black Stump.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting is on 5th December