

PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 3rd October, 2007 at TDC Service Centre, Pahiatua.

Present: Cynthia Cass, Graham Collinson, Adrienne Wake, Shirley Hull, Mike Fouhy, Sue Pye, Bill Keltie, Sheril Davy, Jeannie O'Brien, Angela Leatherby.

2. Apologies: Ann Marie Bengston (late)

3. Invited speaker: Angela Leatherby gave us an update on what's happening at PPCS Sports Stadium and venues. Overall things are going very well. Angela outlined stage three of the Board's projects, a new venue overlooking the new all weather turf. This would house changing sheds underneath and a viewing platform upstairs. Also the covering of the existing viewing platform will be completed by 2008. The Board are stepping back from the hands on running of events and are setting up a management team for the day to day working. The Trust Board will focus on marketing the venues.

A short discussion was held on the Christmas carols evening. Angela will be away, but has said when the management group is set up she will give us a contact. Angela suggested roping off an area to keep children focussed in one place. The carols sung had been updated and another suggestion made was that guest lead singers be invited.

Invited speakers: Jeannie O'Brien and Sheril Davy of Tararua Community Youth Services outlined what was happening in the Tararua District with youth. Jeannie showed the Youth Strategy video. Jeannie also outlined who the youth workers were and their roles (a list is attached). Sheril gave an outline on what happens in Pahiatua, Monday 6 – 8pm Te Reo classes, Wed 4 – 5.30pm 10/12yr group, Friday 6 – 9.30 drop in.

Discussions were held around the very high cost of renting the present (newly leased) building, suggestions were made of more suitable, maybe purchasable buildings – this discussion will be ongoing. The committee discussed with Jeannie and Sheril the idea for youth initiatives in Pahiatua, gym memberships, 'step up' (similar lines) group, sexual health worker and A & D counsellors. Jeannie expressed that she would be available again, if required, to attend our meetings.

All speakers were thanked by Chairwoman Cass for the information and the passion for helping our youth in Pahiatua.

4. Extraordinary Business: None.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of September 2007. Mike/Graham

6. Matters arising:

The Fibre Optic Cable was discussed: Cost was discussed. It was put forward that the cable was only to be of benefit to Council, a few schools, library and town. It was questioned how it would benefit the rural community who need wireless for Broadband, also Woodville is already serviced by Jet Stream. Chairwoman Cass used this scenario (Fibre Optic Cable) as an example of something that comes up

which we as a committee do not have time to discuss. Currently the Council has two draft proposals 'consultation' and 'advocacy', which cover the rules and methods under which these processes take place. It is important that the community and POTi members read these drafts for discussion at our next meeting, so that a submission can be made before 7th December.

Mike/Graham

7. **The TDC report:** Tabled, read and discussed. Robin/Mike.

8. **Matters arising:** TDC changing Tararua Outdoors to March, the Pahiatua Fishing Carnival is still in October, and the committee felt that if people wanted to elaborate or tack things on to this it would probably be ok. Bill is going to look into this.

Robin/Graham

Inwards correspondence

- Bush Multisports Trust – re Carols by Candlelight.
- Ken Gordon – Bank of New Zealand complaints resolutions

Outwards

- TDC – email to Colin Veale - Heart of the Bush
- Ken Gordon – BNZ
- Jeannie O'Brien – email confirm meeting
- Mayoral Candidates & Councillors – invitations, timeslots

Cynthia/Mike

10. **Financial Report**

The financial report was read and discussed.

Mike/Adrienne

11. **Discretionary Fund:** No applications

12. **Christmas Carols:** Sue Pye has offered to organise Carols by Candlelight. She will be paid \$200 remuneration to aid her work. Cynthia/Mike

Suggestions were that we stick to the old carols, have glow sticks, hymn sheets, band and do the advertising.

14. **Progress with Projects:**

Harvard Upkeep - Adrienne: Waiting!

Signs for Town Hall – Cynthia: On Track!

15. **Portfolio Reports:**

Swimming Pool – Sue Pye reported that the concrete work is done, it looks great. The Pool still needs leaks fixed. Staff have been advertised for, and they will need to do a first aid certificate.

Main Street Committee – Business Breakfast 2nd November at 7.30 am, Black Stump. Shirley invited Paul Kirk. Paul was nominated as international motivation speaker of the year. He is involved in the ‘step up’ programme.

Roading - Graham Collinson is concerned that coarse seal on the road is no good for the town, it is too noisy. Graham will take his concerns to the Roothing Committee.

St. Johns shuttle is progressing.

Youth – Priority is to be a two pronged attack, firstly we will look at the building situation and then a type of ‘step up’ forum.

16. General Business:

Thin Blue Line new community Liaison Office Murray Anderson, based in Dannevirke, to engage with the community in a non-confrontational way.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting is on 7th November