

## **PAHIATUA ON TRACK INCORPORATED**

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at TDC Chamber, Pahiatua, 5.30pm.

**1. Present:** Cynthia Cass, Robin Whiteman, Shirley Hull, Graham Collinson, Elaine Daysh, Adrienne Wake, Bill Keltie (Councillor), Jason Griggs, John Verheul, Ann Marie Bengston.

**2. Apologies:** None

**3. Extraordinary Business:** Congratulations to Jason Griggs as his family welcomes a new baby girl - Cassidy.

Shop numbers

Revision of our constitution

**4. Confirmation of Minutes:** August minutes read, discussed and confirmed.

**Matters Arising:** Charities Commission refusal to accept POTi as for charity status. Cynthia emailed to clarify situation. The Commission says we need to amend clause 4 of our constitution and more adequately describe ourselves. As a committee we will have to confer with TDC to make sure we fulfil their requirements. Cynthia has written to Blair King TDC CE - submitting the changes. If implemented, these can be ratified at the POTi AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Cynthia/Robin and consensus of the committee.

Cynthia sent a submission to the Education Review Committee as requested by the committee.

Robin/Graham

**5. TDC Reports:** 12th and 26th August read, discussed and received.

### **TDC Reports Matters Arising**

Pahiatua On Track would like it noted that they are happy with the status quo regarding item 8.3.2 - Wards and Representation.

New Chair of Woodville Districts' Vision is Peter Bonser.

POTi appreciate the offer of Totara to embellish the new Marae.

Jason/Graham

### **6. Outwards Correspondence:**

- Letter to Education Review Committee

## **Inwards Correspondence**

- TDC - Meeting minutes
- TDC - Tourism Tararua invite to their AGM
- TDC - Tourism Tararua visitor guide
- Horizons - Rates
- Home Link - Booklet to schools showing our advertisement

## **7. Financial Report**

Accounts passed for payment.

TDC Tourism Booklet our donation of \$675 confirmed. Robin/Adrienne

Annual accounts ready. **AGM date set for the 7<sup>th</sup> October** - Adrienne's apologies.

Extend welcome to the Mayor and all TDC councillors and staff.

**Discretionary Grants** - None

## **8. Portfolios**

Cynthia - Advocacy

Robin - Law and Order

Shirley - Sport/Administration

Elaine - Finance

Jason - Business and Promotion

Bill - TDC Representative

Graham - Roading and Elderly

Adrienne - Main Street

### ***Jason - Business and Promotion.***

**Xmas in the Park** - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 2 .00 pm – 6.00 pm

Jason outlined his ideas and planning so far.

Carl Perigo from Classic Hits will be MC.

Stage will be on a truck deck.

Police/Fire Brigade involvement.

Bouncy Castles.

'New World' staff is keen to be involved.

### ***Cynthia - Advocacy***

**Pahiatua Youth Centre** - Cynthia attended the Eastern and Central Community Trust AGM. She conveyed how impressive the presentations were including a person who had helped kids, and that they had worked on our new Marae.

Still looking for 'fill' for the BMX track.

### ***Robin - Tree Planting***

20<sup>th</sup> September, Cherry trees will be our first planting. Graham is to work out amounts and Robin will get a quote.

Graham/Robin

### ***Graham - Roading***

Upgrade of the Pahiatua Track had been delayed.

NZTA will pay for a bike stand on the main street.

The committee agreed bike stands are needed. However, we need to find out if shop owners are happy to have them outside their shops - Graham will ask.

### ***Adrienne - Main Street***

**Playground** - An anonymous letter has been received from one of the local parents outlining suggestions for the 'Harvard' playground. This and some of the other suggestions Jason had gathered from parents were very good, including -

Night-lights

Picnic tables

Covered areas

Parents seating and a fenced off area for very young toddlers to play safely

Also discussed was making the playground to suit younger children - taking out the skate ramp area (even covering the concrete with soil and grassing), in light of POTi working on two other projects concerning older youths –being the skate park and BMX track.

Toilets were also noted as being very dark; these would need to be discussed with TDC. Those interested in the project or available will meet on Tuesday 2.00pm at the park.

## **9. General Business**

Graham Parker spoke to Cynthia about shops not displaying their numbers, encouraging this would make it much easier for services like fire/ambulance to find them as well as 'out of towners'.

The committee would like TDC to write to shop owners or ask numbers to be put on for these reasons.

A service request is needed for the 'Heart of the Bush' - it needs attention.

John Verheul had a look around the Pahiatua Museum, the landscaping needs a good tidy up and trees cut back. Many suggestions have been made about the future of the museum with lack of support. One popular one was the land under the museum be sold and the building moved to the back section at the TDC Pahiatua Service Centre.

Also the committee suggested that the Museum committee get a professional in to tidy up the grounds (and apply to POTi for a grant).

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Next meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 5.30 pm.