

Meeting held 1 July 2025 at 7pm
Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room

1. Present:

J Kopa, V Tomlinson, B Tomlinson, C. Wilton, S Gilmore, M Carroll, A Hapuku
P Cocks, A Sowry, M Carroll, B Hutton, R McMillan, K Stevens, B Swensson

Apologies:

D Henman, P Tayler, B McMillan

That the apologies be accepted

V Tomlinson/C Archer

Carried

2. Correspondence:

Kieran McAnulty – return email to say unable to attend road opening
Judi Thomson – Funding application
TDC, Fontayne Chase – Woodville Tennis Court update
TDC, Sara Walshe – Fountaine Square funding upgrade
Leanne Warr – Media release from public re new road
Kevin & Mary McAvoy – Vogel St gardens
R McMillan – Thank you card
Mike Butterick – Woodville Clinic 7th July
Rinitawa Funding request

That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outward approved

B Hutton/C Archer

Carried

3. Other General Business:

The letter re Vogel St Gardens was read out to the meeting
Discussion was had concerning all of the garden spots on the Woodville main street.
There may be a potential for funding if we take over the maintenance of the garden but it
needs to go through Council as to what the process is for this action.
Look at calling a meeting for support from volunteers to actually complete the work.
A ring-fenced amount of \$500 for plants soil etc was suggested.

Moved that \$500 be allocated towards the Vogel Street gardens.

J Kopa/R McMillan

Carried

Moved that at least one of the gardens be revitalized before the next meeting

B Hutton/V Tomlinson

Carried

4. Conflicts of Interest: Nil

5. Minutes of Previous meeting

That minutes of previous meeting be approved

B Hutton/B Swensson

Carried

6. Financials

The financial report was presented by the Treasurer.

That the Financial Report be accepted and accounts paid.

V Tomlinson/C Wilton

Carried

A funding grant application for \$1000 was received from Rinitawa and was discussed.

Moved that funding application be approved

C Archer/C Wilton

Carried

B Hutton & Kevin McIntyre abstained from voting

Receipts were presented for refund at the meeting for events during the month.

That these be accepted for payment

V Tomlinson/B Swensson

Carried

Moved that Positively Woodville uses Ask Away Accounting for its financial review

V Tomlinson/ C Wilton

Carried

7. TDC Report – Cr S Gilmore:

Positively Woodville Report 1 July 2025

Council's annual plan was adopted

The average rates increase settled on was 7.29%, down from the 7.71% average increase consulted on, and down from the 11.79% originally proposed in the Long-term Plan.

Review of council owned land and buildings

Council has agreed to pursue the disposal of four underused properties, subject to engagement with iwi, key users, and the wider community.

This follows an independent review focused on identifying underused or non-operational land and buildings, with the aim of reducing future costs, including maintenance, insurance, and rates. Maintaining community facilities currently makes up 2.7% of the 7.29% average rates increase.

The properties identified for potential disposal are:

- 39 Ransom Street, Dannevirke
- 39 Gregg Street, Dannevirke
- 16 Bengston Street, Eketāhuna
- 53 Denmark Street, Dannevirke

The original proposal to include the Woodville Pioneer Museum will not be proceeded with because the land was derived from the crown and any financial benefits would be limited.

No final decisions will be made until community engagement has taken place.

Libraries opening hours change

From Monday 1 July 2025, the opening hours for the Pahiatua and Woodville libraries have changed. Both libraries will now be open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Pahiatua Library will also continue to open on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.

These changes bring both sites in line with the hours already in place at other libraries across the district.

All libraries will remain closed on public holidays.

Pukaha

A late agenda item was included in our last council meeting to discuss a proposal to transfer the \$1m loan given by council to Pukaha Trust Board to the Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust, on an interest free basis. This will protect the \$1m loan for ratepayers, but will result in a potential loss in interest of \$146,000.

By majority, delegation was given to the Chief Executive to enter into negotiations, the result of which will be brought back to council for consideration.

I have also requested a review of the decision making surrounding the original loan in 2021, including monitoring, which will be undertaken through the independently chaired Audit and Risk committee.

Congratulations

Congratulations on the successful 150th dance, which I was sad to miss, and the road completion celebration, with the success of both being discussed in council.

Question from the floor:

A Sowry raised an issue at the Gorge Cemetery that the gate is missing.
Cr Gilmore requested that Friends of the Cemetery email him to bring it up at Council

C Archer congratulated Cr Gilmore on his video with local shop owners

8. General Business:**Mad Hatter's Event November 20nd 2025**

J Kopa read out an update from Jenny Lovett as to where we are with this event:

This event is ticking along, a lot to organise.
Train is booked and they are getting the advertising under way.
Arena Party Hire is booked
Approximately 40 stalls are booked, more coming in as I'm typing this up
Double decker bus booked. Poster for advertising underway for Whanganui
Go bus booked
Zumba dance booked for children's tea party. Wiggles dance etc. The tea party will be a focus for the children. Jenny and daughter Sammie doing the food.
Pipe band, brass band booked
Lone piper booked for when to get back to the train.
Paige Bolton and 2 friends booked for popcorn and candy floss.
Lions will be picking props up from 4 Square
Horticulture Society providing tables for tea party

Food trucks etc booked
Bins from Gerrard Murray booked, confirming closer to date.
Ambassadors for train: 4 confirmed, 2 more would be brilliant.
Traction engine and trailer booked from Feilding, finer details to follow
Small antique fire engine booked, Angus Hutton
Morris minor club booked
Classic cars booked
Have approached Turia and Malcolm re games, they are undecided, I'm not chasing them,

Not using Woodville radio this year. Last 2 years with them have been a disaster, looking at someone to announce through the day what is occurring.
Not having spot prizes this year or goodie bags.
Not having lunch this year, we need to encourage people to use the cafes and food stalls.

Costume prizes: Best male, female. Best group, family and then best child and Shop window display
Contacting businesses in Woodville to sponsor prize money. (In progress)
Nigel and I will mark out the park for stalls on 1 November evening.

Still To be organised:

Information for free radio advertising FM, in progress
Schedule to be printed to hand out on the train, in progress
Information via social media all through North Island and South.

With the traction engine/engines we cannot have pony rides, through their experience at events these ponies bolt and are unpredictable with the noise levels.

With this being the 150th I have tried to incorporate a couple of different and memorable surprises.
Still working on other bits and pieces.

Joy, can you please ask at the meeting for help with the points below:
Street decorations, Saturday late afternoon (1st Nov) Nigel and I will be there.
Posters around Woodville, these can go up anytime from now. Carole can print more off if needed.
Retail owners to be approached for window displays
Judges: 3 minimum,
2 road signs to be up by 1 July.
Toilets to be cleaned: Who is the contact? Require waterblasting
Park and Rotunda to be mowed and tidied. Who is the contact?
Bollard and powerbox keys to be picked up on Friday.

Skate Park

V Tomlinson noted a slight delay in the project due to her starting work full time and the health of P Tayler not being 100%. She asked for more support to take the project forward.

K Stevens and C Wilton volunteered. V Tomlinson noted that Rayleen Treader was also willing to help, as she had been a big driver of the Pahiatua Skate Park.

Thanks was given and V Tomlinson agreed to arrange a meeting.

150 Dance and Supper - Summary

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the event.

There was a fantastic turnout of just over 200 people.

Positive feedback has been received, which is fantastic for our small town.

A special thanks goes out to the Woodville Lions who did a wonderful job organising and running the mystery bottle auction, along with being the main strength behind pack in and pack down.

It was a wonderful jointly run night between Positively Woodville and the Woodville/Pahiatua Racing Club.

\$1,739 was raised from the bottle auction which was advertised to go towards the Woodville Play Park (Fountain Square). Over all the night did not cost the rate payer a dollar!

A profit (including the \$1,739) of \$4,466.45 was made.

Motion that the whole amount is ring-fenced for the Woodville Play Park / Fountain Square developments.

V Tomlinson/P Johns

Carried

Flag Trax

We had a vote on the choice of flag trax (double sunflower) and this will be now sent to the supplier for making. (4 weeks lead time)

Discussion suggested that down the track we perhaps look at ANZAC, Xmas flags and any other annual events that may occur.

Moved that voted flag be purchased

J Kopa/V Tomlinson

Carried

It was also discussed that the flag be presented on the website along with the significance of the drawing and inviting the public to give feedback on the design choice.

Meet the Candidates

Nominations for Council are from 4th July – 1st August at which time nominees will be announced.

A Meet the Candidates event is pencilled in for 12th August at 7pm but to be confirmed at the August meeting.

J Kopa to MC this meeting

150th Tree Planting

Do we need to plant a tree? If so, what variety and where. Suggested Fountain Square or the Woodville School.

Parking Area in Vogel Street - Request from R McMillan

1. Can we ask the Council for the possibility of purchase the vacant ex garage lot on the corner of Vogel and Ross Streets with the intention of creating a parking area for the business area.

Road Safety - Request from R McMillan

2. Can we request the repair or better visual presence for the pedestrian crossing street lights outside Fishspot.

This point further raised the issue concerning the road safety issue for the old BNZ corner at the junction of McLean and Vogel. While a Road Safety meeting was mooted at the time, no further communication has been received from the Road Safety Committee organiser. J Kopa to contact the Mayor via a formal letter requesting a meeting is convened.

Lindauer signage – B Hutton

Can we look into finding some costings for the Lindauer houses signage which have fallen into decay.

Meeting closed at 8.15

Next Meeting – 5 August, 2025

Signed:

Chairperson

Date: