

Meeting held 2nd December at 7pm  
Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room

**1. Present:**

**A Sowry, P Johns, J Kopa, M Carroll, B Swensson, D Henman, S Gilmore, V Tomlinson, R MacMillan, K Stevens, J Lovett, P Taylor, P Naylor, A Hapuku**

**Visitors: Angela and Andrew, Manawatu Traffic Solutions**

**Apologies:**

C Wilson, K Kokori, B Tominson, C Wylds, J Naylor

***That the apologies be accepted***

*V Tomlinson/B Swensson*

*Carried*

**2. Jenny Lovett reported on the Mad Hatters Day**

Highly successful and gaining momentum each year  
Everything ran smoothly with no reported problems  
Under budget

Unfortunately, this was Jenny's last Mad Hatter. Tony Shannon has shown an interest in stepping up for next year's event with Jenny being a mentor beside him.

**3. Manawatu Traffic Solutions – This traffic management company has stepped up for Woodville to enable us to have a Xmas Parade down the Main Street on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Points bought up are as follows:**

*Possible location change for next year*

*Plan early in 2026 for funding and planning.*

*Possibly petition government re costs for small communities to run events*

The staff of Manawatu Traffic Solutions have volunteered their time for free to run the TMP. The TMP plan has been supplied for free along with the necessary signage being donated.

On behalf of Positively Woodville and the Community Chairperson J Kopa reiterated our thanks to Andrew and his staff for stepping in to save our 2025 Xmas Parade.

**4. Correspondence:**

**Inwards**

Tony Shannon re Mad Hatter organizing  
Wdv Medicine Dept – Xmas Business Display  
V McMillan – Ripped flags  
Bruce Hutton – Wdv Retrospect 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition  
Interested parties for Xmas in Park  
NZTA – Roadworks notification  
Andrew Traffic Management for Parade  
Pirie Consultants – Christmas Traffic Management  
Hayden Bodell, Woodville fire service re Xmas Parade  
Murray Contractors – Mad Hatters bin invoice  
Invoice – Woodville Kids Club Stadium Hire

**Outwards -**

Members – Xmas Flag survey  
Tony Shannon re Mad Hatters organisation

**That correspondence be accepted**

*P Taylor/K Stevens*

**Carried**

**5. Conflicts of Interest:** Nil

**6. Minutes of Previous meeting**

***That minutes of previous meeting be approved***

*P Johns/K Stevens*

**Carried**

**7. Matters Arising from Minutes**

**8. Financials**

The financial report was presented by Treasurer V. Tomlinson  
Discretionary fund has been topped up  
\$32k approx. for 2026 year

***Moved that the Financial Report be accepted and accounts be paid***

*V Tomlinson, K Stevens*

**Carried**

**9. TDC Report presented by Councillor P Naylor**

1. New council is settling in well. Good group that are working collaboratively
2. Updates from central government, including RMA update, Regional Councils and Rates Capping
3. One more meeting this year
4. Strategy planning begins late January
5. Committee structure is set
6. Council to apply for exemption to the district plan

**10. Funding Officer Update**

In January we will be looking to make a funding plan to map out upcoming projects, events, and any other funding needs for the next 12-18 months.

- **FlagTrax Funding Application**

Have been unable to make any progress on this due to other commitments. Will look to address in the New Year.

- **Skate Park Funding Application**  
Met with Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) regarding the November 2025 funding round. Unfortunately, without an approved Resource Consent, PW is not eligible to apply this round. The next round is February 2026. Will endeavour to have consent by then.

## Other Reports

- **Find Our Friends Sign**  
Paul Taylor took this project on with the support of a local designer. The sign is soon to be installed and will encourage people to take part in the Fountaine Square Scavenger Hunt. Sign will acknowledge the donation of the Tararua isite.
- **Skate Park Project**  
Following the meeting with DIA, we will no longer be constructing in February 2026. It is still our hope to construct in 2026. Next steps: Obtain resource consent, final funding application, construction.
- **Christmas Flags**  
Flags design sent to printers and flags will be installed by xmas. The supplier, Flagmakers, wished us a Merry Christmas and waived the set-up fees for the varied designs. Our thanks to Flagmakers.
- **Christmas in the Park**  
All but one action complete – still needing volunteers for obstacle course and popcorn machine.
- **Community Plan**  
Sarah from TDC is updating the census data and then the document will be sent to print. Will have for our February meeting.

A thank you to P Taylor for taking over the Friends in the Park organising.  
A sign in Fountaine Square has been organised on the back of the toilet block and the side of the road. These will be in place before the Parade and the Market.  
One fairy has been involuntarily relocated and will be replaced.  
A maintenance check over “Friends” will be completed from time to time.  
Moved for approval of \$1199.33 for the signage and installation

**P Taylor/V Tomlinson**

**Carried**

- **Xmas Market**  
Kimberley has asked for volunteers to be responsible for:  
Popcorn and candyfloss  
Obstacle course  
Lollipop servers (Unicorn and fairy)

## 11. Chairperson report

- **Time Capsule** – To be addressed in 2026 following end of 150 Yrs
- **Calendar** – Joy presented an idea for a calendar for members to put in dates of interest

**Tree Planting** – Update re a commemorative tree in Fountaine Square for our 150yrs. After advice this will be completed during the winter months and placement approval will be identified by the Council

**Xmas Street Garlands** – Volunteers requested for assistance after 5pm one night to install

## 12. General Business

**Flags** – Has been noted that some of the flags are damaged and it would appear that they are probably are only good 12month life. The high winds we had lately had taken a toll on the existing flags. Suggested that we contact supplier to ask if anything more heavy duty. The Xmas flags will be ordered ASAP and paid for as supplier will not supply until paid for.

**Local Xmas parades** – Joy asked for volunteers to man the Positively Woodville Float at the Dannevirke and Pahiatua parades.  
Signage to be added to float saying thank you to Manawatu Traffic Solutions.  
For our own Parade a request for volunteers and stewards on the day.

**Consideration of Amendment to Constitution** – Suggested that we consider allowing additional membership for non-Woodville residents for those that have worked long for the Community but are no longer residing in the district.

**Social Media** – A Sowry asked that posted photos be given recognition on social media by way of likes and comments.

**Woodville Fly In** – 1<sup>st</sup> of January is the Woodville Fly In, this event is recognised as the first one of the year internationally. All welcome to watch from the road with possibly 50 aircraft attending, weather permitting. No entry is allowed without a plane!

**2026 Planning** - Discussion was held regarding PW giving ourselves a longer lead time with planning events. Also the difficulty in these times of finding people to volunteer their time for free.

## 13. Meeting closed at 8.00pm

**Next Meeting – February 3rd 2026**

**Signed:**

**Chairperson**

**Date:**