

**Meeting held 3 June 7pm 2025**  
**Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room**

**1. Present:**

J Kopa, V Tomlinson, B Tomlinson, C. Wilton, S Gilmore, M Carroll, D Henman, A Hapuku  
P Cocks, A Sowry, M Carroll, B Swensson, B Hutton  
Visitors: T Collis, Jared Gardner

**Apologies:**

P Johns, P Bonser, S Bonser, K Stevens, R McMillan, B McMillan

***That the apologies be accepted***

***M Carroll/C Wilton***

***Carried***

**2. Correspondence:**

Civil Defence Training Course – Peter Sinclair, TDC  
Youth Advisory Panel – Raylene Treder  
Freedom Camping in Tararua – Consultation – TDC  
Bruce Turner re Car Club for new highway celebration  
Parent Coach workshop – Raylene Treder  
Tracey Collis re CEO resignation  
De Lesseps Media Limited – invoice  
Request to speak during public forum – Jared Gardner

***Request denied as to short a notice. Email received day of meeting***

**3. Other General Business:**

Nil

**4. Conflicts of Interest:** Nil

**5. Matters arising from Minutes:**

\$10K has been ring-fenced for the Xmas Parade 2025 – was not noted in the previous minutes

Dog Toilet Sign - Animal Control removed the Doggy Bag Dispenser as bags were being stolen and it was becoming financially unviable as it was damaging the dispenser. Reported that this has now been reinstated

Flag Tracks – Reported that all poles have now been inspected.

3 poles not to be used – 2 x on Corner of Vogel and Mclean and 1 x corner of Burgoyne Street. NZTA have given approval for installation on standards. Should commence in a months time. Kimberley is relooking at the designs and should have some samples by the weekend

Golf Tournament – Reported by B Hutton that the Tournament was a huge success with 72 attendees. All profit from the event to go to Woodville School. Cartown have committed to a 2yr sponsorship of the event.

***That minutes of previous meeting be approved***  
***V Tomlinson/C Wilton***

***Carried***

## **6. Financials**

The financial report was presented by the Treasurer.

***That the Financial Report be accepted and accounts paid.***  
***V Tomlinson/B Hutton***

Receipts were presented at the meeting by J Kopa for materials for flower baskets

***That these be accepted for payment***  
***V Tomlinson/J Kopa***

***Carried***

The Treasurer has been approached by the Karate Club to assist in facilitating their grant for mats - \$1500.

***That this be approved until such time as the Karate Club has finished setting up their Society***  
***V Tomlinson/C Wilton***

***Carried***

## **7. TDC Report – Cr S Gilmore:**

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## **Alternative energy project - Dannevirke Wastewater.**

Rangitane o Tamaki-nui-a-Rua and Tu Mai Ra Energy have been working on a proposal to provide solar energy generation on floating platforms at the Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment plant.

This proposal will provide discounted electricity costs to consumers and to council, and will provide resilience to energy needed as the Treatment Plant.

Council has authorised the Chief Executive to proceed and work through the necessary agreements.

## **Local Water Done Well**

Council deliberated on consultation on options related to Local Water Done Well.

Council received 83 submissions with the majority in favour of Option 1 - a joint CCO model.

Council agreed that Option 1 be submitted by to the council meeting of 11 June for adoption. In practice, if adopted, this means that council will proceed to the negotiation stage with the other councils and is not final, so there will be more discussions to come.

### **Reserve management plan and Freedom Camping Bylaw**

Consultation for Reserve management plan and Freedom Camping Bylaw are both open and we encourage Positively Woodville to share your views on both through a submission.

### **Annual Plan deliberations**

Confirmed 150k for footpaths but out of depreciation fund, not rates.

Confirmed the land purchase next to Wai Splash if acceptable terms can be reached, with the Chief Executive to begin negotiations.

### **Chief Executive Resignation**

Council's Chief Executive has resigned to take up a new opportunity, finishing in August. Council will look to appoint an interim Chief Executive as soon as possible.

Council will begin recruitment for a replacement Chief Executive, with this to be finalised by the new council following the local body elections. The target date to have a new Chief Executive in place will be February or March 2026.

### **Pūkaha**

Pūkaha - National Wildlife Centre has announced that they are in financial distress and will close their doors if they can't raise more money.

I'm hugely concerned about the future of Pūkaha, and importantly the future of the \$1m loan granted to it by council.

The Pūkaha Board has made public comments that they are committed to putting in place new governance, reviewing operations and restructuring. Also of note is Bob Francis, former long time chair of Pūkaha and former long time Mayor of Masterton has stepped back in to assist the board.

## **9. Chairperson's Report**

### **Road Opening**

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There is no definite road opening date.  
15<sup>th</sup> June we are to hold an open day at the Community Centre.  
A cake cutting for the opening with an invite to go out to NZTA  
Possibly purchase 400 x Commemorative postcards showing the sculpture at roundabout for new road.  
Cost of \$235 + GST

### **Flower Baskets**

J Kopa presented samples of the baskets which were met with great approval.  
Believes she should have them finished by middle of next week.  
Joy requested that we have a gathering to put on the wires for hanging them.  
Consultation with the local business owners was hugely successful with only two declines. One of these was Caltex and this is due to a franchise issue.  
Overall we have 26 sponsors agreed and we have a proposed 72 baskets to be installed.

### **V Tomlinson requested a formal note of thanks to Joy for her work and effort in this project**

### **Shop Window Beautification**

A presentation of proposed artwork was presented to put into empty shop windows.  
Suggested approval from owners to clean the windows before the road opening or price up a local contractor

### **Fountaine Square Playground Equipment**

It has been confirmed that the existing playground equipment is of an unacceptable standard for use including Health and safety issue due to rusting  
Proposed that the Equipment is removed to make safe for Public"

### ***Moved that we remove equipment***

***J Kopa/B Tomlinson***

***Carried***

Positively Woodville are using \$14k of the ringfenced money to purchase a swing set (2 x swings and a basket swing) complete with safety mats. This should happen in July. The planning will be re-evaluated next year for the inclusion of a jungle gym

### **Tennis Courts painting**

Tom Dodd & P Johns have been and repaired the fence guy wires.  
Line Painting has commenced and one seat has been installed with another to go in

### **Xmas Parade/Transport Day**

A meeting was called inviting all interested parties to test the viability of moving 2025 Xmas Parade/Transport day to the Woodville Racecourse.  
This was poorly attended and general consensus is that we should stay with Fountaine Square and find ways to fit in display vehicles around the Community Centre and elsewhere.

### **Lamp Posts**

Pleased to report that the official “turn on” was held today the 3<sup>rd</sup> June with a very interested turn out from family, bystanders and representatives from Scanpower. A commemorative plaque was inserted into the footpath in front of one of the posts. It was reported back that the family are very happy with the lights and recognition of John Beattie as the donor of the posts.

### **PROPOSALS/SUGGESTIONS:-**

#### **Fontaine Square Art**

With the removal of the playground equipment, it is a suggestion that the remaining concrete feet be reutilised as plinths for a display of indigenous rocks/boulders from our area. Eg- Coppermine, Old gorge, Limeworks

***Moved that this be investigated and initiated***

***J Kopa/C Wilton***

***Carried***

#### **Treasure Hunt Fontaine Square**

Proposal to set up a “treasure hunt” in the park. Obtain 10 each of butterflies, geckos and fairy house doors and distribute around the park. (Cost of approximately \$50 each)

Erect a board on rear of toilets with photos and a QR code for the treasure hunt. Suggested that we obtain permission from TDC and maybe consult with Fontaine family.

**Moved that costings and permissions be sought**

**J Kopa/C Wilton**

**Carried**

#### **150 Dinner Dance**

At this stage 180 tickets have been sold (there will be no door sales) and it is agreed that any profit from this function is to be donated to playground funds.

#### **Global signposts**

Global signposts located in rose garden area of Vogel street requires some repairs. C Wilton to look into what “Woodville” is missing and update if any other “Woodville” have appeared throughout the globe.

Suggested we form a sub-committee to replace the signage and co-ordinate with the Rose Society members to restructure for public to stand under and have photos taken.

Suggested a planting of Anna Leese rose as recognition for our local opera singer.

#### **Tennis court fence signage**

Presentation with intent to attract people to stop in Woodville.

“Lock it In” – A large heart allowing people to stand at fence have a photo opportunity and add a padlock to the fence. This has been used in other place and seems to have had success in attracting people to stop off.

**Moved that costings and council permission be sought to set up “Lock it In”**  
**J Kopa/C Wilton** **Carried**

**Welcome Woodville signs**

Suggested welcome Woodville signs at Tennis Club. Possibly use a montage of words for WELCOME TO WOODVILLE.

A Hapuku to discuss with a fellow local teacher who has some experience with this type of thing. And potentially lead a project with school children to paint a mural.

**Meeting closed at 8.30**

**Next Meeting – 2 July 2025**

**Signed:**

**Chairperson**

**Date:**