

Meeting held 5th May 2026 at 7pm
Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room

1. Present:

M Carroll, P Taylor, J Kopa, C Wilton, S Gilmore, A Hapuku, A Sowry, , V Tomlinson, , R MacMillan, P Johns, K Stevens, R Compton, A Sowry, ,K. Stevens, R Compton, C Johns, P Naylor, J Naylor, C Wilton

Apologies:

S Gilmore, J Dittmer, K Wylde B Tomlinson

That the apologies be accepted

V Tomlinson /K Stevens

Carried

2. Correspondence:

Inwards

TDC – Sara Fountaine *Discussion held re this later in meeting*
Woodville School – Funding Application
Horticultural Society – Funding Application

Outwards - Nil

That correspondence be accepted

Carried

P Johns / R Compton

3. Conflicts of Interest: V Tomlinson, R McMillan re Funding Application for Horticultural Society

4. Minutes of Previous meeting

That minutes of previous meeting be approved

P Johns / R Compton

Carried

Matters Arising from Minutes

Concerns were raised regarding public statements and displays by John Preston relating to Positively Woodville Community Committee and members of its executive. These statements included criticism of committee decisions and governance matters.

The committee considers the statements made to be inaccurate and notes that relevant information regarding committee decisions and processes is recorded in previous committee minutes.

The committee also notes that Mr Preston has publicly stated that he was expelled from the committee without being given a right of reply. The committee's position is that Mr Preston's membership had lapsed, and that a subsequent application for membership was declined in accordance with the committee's constitution and membership processes.

Due to ongoing public disagreement and concerns raised by committee members, legal advice was sought regarding the situation, including the committee's rights and responsibilities in relation to the statements made publicly.

The committee remains committed to acting in accordance with its constitution, policies, and governance processes.

5. Financials

Funding Applications received

- *Horticultural Society* – Purchase of folding trestles \$1280. Requesting funding for half cost of \$640.

Moved that approval be given for the \$640 application

J Kopa/ R Compton

Carried

- *Rinitawa* – Application not complete so will be reviewed at next meeting

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted and accounts be paid

V Tomlinson, K Stevens

Carried

6. Councillor P Naylor Report

Report for Positively Woodville 5 May 2026 Meeting
From Tararua District Council.

Budget Challenge, progressing well. Positive feedback from people I've spoken to. Long Term planning continues.

Very Light agenda for last months (April) council meeting, but a lot of discussion on the Stakeholders Engagement for the Water entity.

I lead the Communications and Engagement Portfolio and we are looking at how we continue to engage with the community outside the long-term plan consultation.

In line with Sara Fountaine's correspondence some discussion followed.

The Council is making it clear that they are wishing to encourage the Public to take part in pre-consultation prior to the Long Term Plan being finalised. Ways to bring about public involvement were discussed with a number of options for this as follows:

- Young at Heart held 25th at Anglican Church
- Hold an evening at the Library/Isite for new residents to our town
- Meet and Greet at Village Hall, Papatawa along with Positively Woodville to call a meeting.
- Outside Woodville 4 Square with TDC digital trailer – possibly

7. Funding Officer Update

Applications for Skate Park

- Pub charity declined due to need for competitive quote. Now being sought. Need to offer koha of \$150 to prepare a quote of that magnitude.

Motion to offer koha of \$150 to Birch Landscapes for competitive quote for skatepark.

- Completed quote also required for AGT and Lion Foundation applications.
- ECCT application submitted. Bush Charitable Trust application submitted.

A thank you to Pauline Treder for assisting in the application completion

Skate Park - consent underway, competitive quote being sought, quote for drain laying sought, further funding required, maybe some events later this year.

Discussion re TDC requirement for lighting at Skatepark. Question was raised as to proof that this is required.

8. Chairperson report

Road Safety Meeting -Vogel St / SH Corner (BNZ Corner)

NZTA/Alliance are meeting to discuss the problem on this corner – hopefully before our next meeting.

A vehicle usage count is to be required – types of vehicles, compliance with compulsory stop requirement.

It has been noted that there is no as-built plan for the structure of the corner.

Suggestions put to the meeting were raised, including seal on pedestrian crossing (judder bar) to attempt to force traffic to slow down and some large signage signifying major intersection ahead.

A point was raised that consideration needs to be that if enough complaints a rerouting of traffic away from the central shopping area could be mooted by NZTA.

Fountain Square

Some maintenance of our “Friends in the Park” is required due to damage.

Flag Trax

The Chair is working on a report to approach businesses for sponsorship. We would like to develop a collection of flags for numerous different notable times of the year.

Flower baskets

A thank you to the volunteers who helped to refresh the baskets on the main street.

9. General Business

Vogel St Gardens

Carol Johns spoke that the Council has a plan to update the gardens and for PW to refrain from doing anything further.

Xmas Parade Meeting

The public meeting re the 2026 Xmas Parade was attended by six PW members

It was bought up that Woodville businesses no longer have any gain in having the parade down the main street due to Health and Safety.

Alternative routes were discussed

- Railway Station to Fountaine Square
- Soccer Park (Grant St) to Fountaine Square
- Racecourse to Woodville School

The Racecourse to School option has been closed off as the school feels some damage to the grounds may be possible.

Trustee Insurance

This is needed to be looked into. With this cover Officers are protected from liability.
V Tomlinson to obtain quote for cover.

Mad Hatters – Point of Contact

We are already receiving queries re the 2026 Mad Hatters.

Suggested that the I-site have an information statement that we are looking for an organiser.
Until then just take the query details and we will contact them closer to the time.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next Meeting – June 2nd 2026

Signed:

Chairperson

Date: