

**Meeting held 5 November 2024, 7pm
Woodville Sports Stadium Supper room**

Present: J Kopa, M Carroll, P Cocks, Raj Suppiah (TDC) Cr S Gilmore, C Wilton, V Tomlinson, R McMillan, A Sowry, B Hutton, Cr P Johns, C Archer, P Tayler, A Hapuku, J Lovett

1. Apologies:

B Tomlinson, K Stevens, P Bonser, S Bonser

That the apologies be accepted

C Wilton / P Johns

Carried

2. Other General Business

3. Conflicts of Interest:

Nil

4. Minutes of previous meeting:

That the minutes are confirmed as a true and accurate record with the following amendments

P Johns / V Tomlinson

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the minutes:

5.1 Skatepark

Moved that a separate suffixed bank account be set up to handle funds for Woodville Skatepark Project

V Tomlinson / P Johns

Carried

5.2 Flower Baskets & Flag Trax:

Mounting of these may have some problems. It has been suggested that the streetlight standards may not be sturdy enough to hold flags.

The flower baskets hanging low on verandas may be open to theft.

These subjects continue to be a work in progress

5.3 Historic Gas Lamp Post Project:

Posts are now sandblasted, rust proofed and painted with commercial paint. They will be taken to Scanpower to be prepared for installation outside the Tararua isite.

Tararua Alliance has agreed to do the Traffic Management and Corridor Access Request free of charge. We are now awaiting written confirmation from Council that we can proceed with installing the posts in our proposed location.

We hope to have these posts in place early in 2025 in line with the 150yr celebrations.

We still need to find a sponsor for a plaque to be mounted.

6. Correspondence:

Inward: Woodville & Districts RSA – Armistice Day
Woodville School – Water Tank
Max Sutherland – Woodville Xmas Market (stall query)
Lion Foundation- funding
TDC – Urban Design Strategy
Electrify Wairarapa Conference & Expo

After discussions re the request from Woodville School for a water tank it was moved:

That the water tanks behind Rinitawa that are not being used to shifted to the school for use in the school gardening club.

V Tomlinson/C Archer

Carried

Outward: Nil

That the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outward approved

B Hutton / P Johns

Carried

7. Finance:

The finance report was presented.

Moved that the Financial Report be accepted and accounts paid with the addition of \$1150 for sandblasting of streetlight poles & Murrays Contractor \$26 for Mad Hatters Day bins

V Tomlinson / C Wilton

Carried

Moved that the reimbursements for Mad Hatters be paid from ring fenced fund

V Tomlinson / C Wilton

Carried

8. TDC Report – Cr S Gilmore:

Illicit Dumping

There has been a spike of illicit dumping around Woodville. Council always seeks to identify the culprits, with 7 infringements notices being issued in the last financial year.

If you see anything, please report it to council. Illegal dumping of rubbish is a cost to all ratepayers.

Council Chamber Move

The council chambers are moving from the main building to the Dannevirke Town Hall concert chambers. As an early part of the building rationalisation project and following requests for rationalisation in the Long-term Plan process, council will be ending its lease on the Tararua Business Hub on Denmark Street, with staff relocating to the main building where space will open up as the chambers are moved.

Although this is not a perfect solution, it will have significant long-term savings of \$7,620.29 per month, or \$91,443.48 per year.

Council and committee meetings will be held in Pahiatua in November and December and will begin in the new location next year. All council and committee meetings will continue to be recorded and available on the council website and YouTube.

Bylaw Consultation

Consultation for the Draft Trade Waste Bylaw, Draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw and the Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Bylaw are still underway. Consultation Closes 16 December 2024, so please get your submissions in as it's the only way we can make changes to the drafts.

Mad Hatters Day

Congratulations to Positively Woodville on another hugely successful Mad Hatters Day. It is a significant amount of work to hold events of this standard and the feedback I received on the day from locals and visitors alike was universally positive. Thank you for organising such a special community event, with a particular thanks to Jenny and Nigel for all their efforts.

Mayor and Councillor Drop in Meetings

The next Woodville session will be on 25 November from 2:30 to 4:30 at the isite. You can drop in anytime between these times. I'm also available to catch up on the phone or in person at other times if this doesn't suit. Just let me know.

Urban Design Project (presented by Raj Suppiah from Tararua District Council).

Summary: The design strategy will explore medium to long term visions for the future of our town centres, using strategic plans and guidelines focused on provision of public amenities, the creation of designed public spaces and beautification. This plan is intended to be used for future development within our town centres by developers, community, and council to ensure future development and enhancements are undertaken cohesively across the town. The development of Urban Design Strategy is funded by "Better Off" funding

TDC would like a community driven response to develop the Urban Design Strategy. This is why we need your help; we would like to hear what you think is important in our town centre, and what you, as community, would like to see prioritised and considered in the strategy. To begin building key recommendations for the future of our communities and towns we would like to undertake community engagement in the form of drop-in sessions and workshops. Dates for the workshops are as follows:

NOTE: THESE NEED TO BE CONFIRMED

- Woodville - 26th Nov, 3 - 6pm, Sports centre
- Norsewood – 2nd Dec, 5.30-7.30pm Town hall
- Dannevirke - 3rd Dec, 3 - 6pm, Town hall

9. General Business:

Mad Hatters Day

J Lovett reported on the Mad Hatters Day stating that whilst it was a very successful day there were a few issues which she hopes would be resolved for next year. The next Positively Woodville Meeting will be presented with the financial report of the day.

A suggestion was raised that for next year that due to funding issues for our events like this we look at only holding one event rather than a Mad Hatters Day and Xmas Parade.

Cr S Gilmore suggested that decision re this be held off until discussion with the council for funding. The Contestable Funding was bought up as unsure how this will look in relation to allocation. It is designed for small events to occur.

B Hutton raised that as a Steampunk themed event it is the only one of its kind in the Lower North Island.

It was noted that one of the days issues was the failure of volunteers to turn up.

Funding:

J Kopa suggested that in the new year we look at appointing a person in charge of finding funding as there are different layers of funding for low decile areas to help pay for activities.

Fountain Square:

Some discussion regarding the equipment at Fountain Square. Some of the equipment is now classified as no longer safe. We are looking at ways to support council with their programme of upgrades and/or replacements.

It was suggested that perhaps two committee members work with the TDC with regard to the future plan for the square and what the expected timeline for completion of projects would be. Cr P Johns and J Kopa to arrange a meeting with the TDC for options.

There is also Woodville District Vision equipment at the Park that needs to be evaluated. Council has offered to ask for a specialist skilled in appraisal of playground equipment to evaluate the items to determine what can be kept, what needs to be fixed and what (if any) needs to be removed.

Draft Community Plan:

The draft has been completed. We are waiting for a few more details to be provided by project leads, then, following a final read through the plan will be released.

Storage shed:

Our funding applications for the storage shed have been declined. It was discussed that the storage at the Woodville 4 Square may have some access issues.

Perhaps we can look at kitset garages, existing flatpack options or other potential storage options within the community.

Armistice Day:

The RSA is hosting a service 11th November 10.45am

Requested that we lay a wreath on behalf of Positively Woodville - budget of \$150

V Tomlinson / P Johns

Carried

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed:

Chairperson

Date: