

VMDT Board Meeting minutes of 17th September 2015

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

Present: Linda (Chair for this meeting), David (minute taker), Rima, Kym, Mark, Gabrielle, Joy, Peter, and John.

Apologies: Eva, Paul, Liz

Conflicts of interest: none

Minutes of the meeting on 20 August: were moved by David, seconded by Kym and carried.

Matters arising from minutes of 20 August:

a) Gabrielle has lined up Brent and Jody Maru for a Vision-hosted public meeting to talk about what the Recreation Centre offers. The date to be late October or early November after the upgrades have been completed. It will be held at the Rec Centre. Gabrielle also suggested the next public meeting for early next year could be a showcase for the service clubs in town to describe their activities.

b) The main report for the Motueka 2030 findings is being printed by Image Creators, and David has applied to Network Tasman for a grant to pay for that printing plus the printing of the short version as a glossy brochure (yet to be completed).

c) TDC's response to our questions about future plans has been received and circulated. The timely response was appreciated.

The Treasurer's report: was tabled and moved by David, seconded by John and carried.

Planning around the 2030 findings:

The board discussed the process that we will go through in order to allow us to decide which projects we will initiate, partner with, take an interest in, advocate for etc. It was agreed that we would hold an informal workshop on Tuesday, September 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Council meeting room.

Following written suggestions from Eva, and acknowledging the subjective nature of evaluating projects and on what criteria, the first aim of the workshop will be to filter out projects which are either of minor interest to us or which we cannot do ourselves as a community. Board members promised to study the list of projects identified in the findings and form their own assessments on how do-able they may be and what other groups may be involved, and to come to the meeting with clear focus on projects identified.

We will then attempt to rate potential projects on a spectrum of easy to hard, or what we can do now or later or never; and what our role as a board would potentially be in each. Gabrielle will talk with her contacts in the Department of Internal Affairs to consider community mapping.

Liz's emailed suggestions about looking at urban design and a public spaces master plan, neither of which were explicit in the Motueka 2030 report, may also figure in the project list.

David will talk with TDC's communication manager and the Guardian's editor about getting occasional space for news columns about Vision's activities, which will raise awareness of our project goals and achievements with the general public.

Chairman's report:

The two resolutions tabled were discussed. Lengthy debate was held about how we define "membership" of Vision Motueka. It was recognised a balance must be met between making membership as inclusive as possible while mitigating the risk of the group being taken over by people with goals which do not align with our trust deed. The chairman's resolution regarding this is to be further refined by David and brought to the next meeting for ratification.

The second resolution, to set up an ongoing Givealittle donation campaign to raise money for administrative costs, was moved by David, seconded by John and carried.

Project reports:

* Celebrating volunteers event. Linda reported that there were insufficient acceptances of invitations for this event to go ahead, so it has been cancelled. It was moved that the bill for the award plaque's, which have already been made, be paid and the plaques held until the event next year. Moved Linda, seconded Mark and carried.

* Swimming pool. David reported that the fundraising committee is now very busy, and is receiving help from Councillor Judene Edgar. The activities have been held back for a month or two while a complete campaign strategy is developed and responsibilities delegated.

* The river mural has restarted and most of the kowhaiwhai has been painted. All going well, the mural should be completed by the end of October. There are no plans for any future murals unless the Maori community can organise a team and a wall, to paint one telling the story of habitation pre-European times. Rima and Joy to investigate how this could happen.

* The Music Network team is in the process of applying for a \$1200 grant from Lion Foundation to complete their website and make a banner for events.

* The UFB submission to government by Tasman District Council on behalf of the district and Motueka has been made this week. At present the local team managing the "Motueka Digital Strategy" is being led by Vision Motueka, but this may change as Our Town Motueka take a greater role in its work.

* Harvest festival. David has been communicating informally with potential stakeholders in such a venture, and plans to hold a meeting with them within the next few weeks to see how the idea may be implemented and who would be interested in contributing. Any 2016 event will most likely align with an exhibition planned by the Motueka Museum in late summer or early autumn featuring horticulture.

Representative reports:

*Our Town Motueka had its AGM a few hours prior to this meeting and David Ogilvie has been elected chair. Peter reported that the incoming committee look very solid and had good plans for the next year.

*Tasman District Council. Peter reported that he has been on holiday for some weeks and is just catching up with what has happened while he has been away.

*John reported on the broad range of activities that Keep Motueka Beautiful is involved with actively, and our board were appreciative of the work they are doing.

*Rima spoke of the work she and Ngati Rarua are doing in relation to the museum's upcoming harvest event, and how that ties in with present and future murals.

* Joy had no specific report on the work of Te Atiawa, but said she would collaborate with the iwi on matters around the mural and aspects of the Marae's projects and possible contributions into the Motueka 2030 program.

Correspondence: there was no correspondence tabled.

General business: The Sprig and Fern have given us their quiz night spot for October 1st, so Linda encouraged us to get friends along and form at least one team and help with things like selling raffles, in order to raise a good amount of money for our administration.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next full board meeting is on October 15.