

## MINUTES VISION MOTUEKA BOARD MEETING

### COMMUNITY HOUSE 24 MAY 2017

Meeting began at 4.05pm.

Present: David, Gail, Lani, Claire and John

Apologies: Peter (for lateness after another meeting), Leigh, Linda and Sally. Moved apologies be accepted (Claire/Gail) – carried.

Minutes of meeting 26 April: Moved a correct record (Gail/Claire) – carried

Matters Arising: David has completed the narrative report that is required by the Charities Commission.

Appointment of new Trustee: Moved that Lani Evans be appointed as a Vision Motueka Trustee (David/Claire) – carried

David explained that Trustees did not have to support all projects and that with Lani being employed by the TDC, while valid criticism of the TDC was perfectly ok, Board members needed to ensure such comments were appropriate and not make her unnecessarily uncomfortable.

Interim Treasurer's Report: David explained the current accounts. The Kai Fest balance would be passed across to the new Kai Fest Trust as soon as it was fully set up. Gail would be taking over as Treasurer from now on. Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted (David/Gail) – carried

Chairman's Report: No report as nothing new to advise that has not already been circulated.

#### Project Reports:

##### a. Kai Fest:

- The new organisation (Kai Fest Trust) was waiting Companies Office approval and would take over the Kai Fest account as soon as that approval came through.
- The required accountability reports to the TDC and Rata Foundation had been completed.
- An application had been made to the TDC for Special Grant funding for next year, under the joint names of Vision Motueka and the Kai Fest Trust but to be administered solely by the latter.

##### b. YEAST Project:

- Leigh Manson gave a short update via Claire's I-Phone. Post the YEAST pro-action Cafe, follow up meetings were being arranged with youth leaders. A

survey was being put together for a wider audience to establish what the meaning was of “meaningful work”, “soft skills” “youth engagement”. It was one thing to talk about such things around the table but, in the real world, employers in the work place and youth had very different expectations/understanding as to what such phrases actually meant. That needed to be ascertained. This step in the process is also intended to draw in further potential participants in the work.

- In discussion it was noted that the three ‘Ls’ (Linda, Lani and Leigh) had been in contact with the Mayor regarding discussions he was having (under the Mayoral Task Force banner) with large industries in the District as to what was available to school leavers.
- David pointed out that Carl Chapman who had brought the Otorohanga Mayor down several years ago to speak about that District’s youth initiatives was still very involved in such work. He had good contacts and it would be good to get him involved with the YEAST work.

c. Boomerang Bags:

- The project was going well with some 450-500 bags being made to date. The main issue is that demand is exceeding supply.
- The team were looking at approaching some outlets to ascertain whether they would be prepared to support going plastic bag free.
- Discussions were being held with a Vanuatu group about the possibility of them being provided with the materials etc to make bags in their village on their return home. The bags would be brought back to Motueka on their return and a payment made to support their village.
- In discussion, while supporting the Vanuatu initiative, it was noted that if some payments were to be made there were local groups who may wish to get involved for their own fund raising.
- It was also suggested that while the bags were made available free, if a donation (koha) tin was placed at each distribution point they could provide a useful source of revenue. Many people would be quite happy to contribute something.

d. Ferry Project:

- The survey results were out and had been published in Motueka Online and the latest issue of the Guardian.
- The feasibility study has been finished
- A presentation was made to the TDC last week.
- While there was wide support for the project there was also quite a list of concerns. These were mainly to do with environmental damage and roading issues with some concern regarding increased noise levels.

- David clarified that the Ferry Project is not a Vision Motueka project but Vision Motueka had been and would continue to be involved in assisting in getting full and accurate information out to the wider community.

e. Library/Community Hub:

- The Community Board was lobbying hard for the feasibility study to be brought forward to determine what was wanted and where?

Representative Reports:

a. Keep Motueka Beautiful:

- Agreement had been reached with the TDC to complete a path loop around the pond at Sanctuary Gardens. It probably would not be completed this FY and carryover of RFC money would be sought.
- KMB was discussing with the TDC the possibility of a new project to tidy up plant/replant the area to the South of the cycle park just off Old Wharf Road.

b. Our Town Motueka: The Festival of Lights will be held this year over a two week period with the main event being on 14 July with late night shopping and entertainment from bands and buskers

General Business

- David advised that a Community Expo would be held at the Recreation Centre on 28 August. Vision Motueka had been invited to have a table. Agreed in principle as long as the event is better advertised, but decision to be made at next meeting.
- Claire advised that the Community Board had a discretionary fund that made payments of up to \$500. There was some \$5000 available and applications were being sought.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm

The next meeting will be back in the TDC meeting room on Wednesday 28 June at 4pm.