

MINUTES
10th February 2016
Meeting opened: 7:00 pm

NO.	ITEM DISCUSSED	OUTCOME/INFO TO FOLLOW UP	FOLLOW UP BY
1	Apologies: Sid Doecke, Joan Adams, Grant Bancroft, Sallie Bancroft, Binti Gurung, David Miller.		
2	Present: Neville Miller; Tony & Maggie Girling; Sue & Jack Curtis; Jessica Bagge; Mark Wheeler; Laressa Shenfield; Cathie Bell; Corey Hebbard; Audre Coburn; Jamie Arbuckle; Jo Kerry; Janette Walker; Mike Van Loon; John Thompson; June Auvet; Dave Oliver; Peter Chapman; Deedee Bancroft; Gladys Tillard.		
3	Confirmation of previous minutes: Minutes – true and correct. Move – Jessica Second – Neville - passed		
4	Matters arising from previous minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution has been drawn up. • 15 people to sign for the Constitution to be legal. • Trial on bins under way in CBD – yellow & black/blue • Second-hand Sunday - 6th March • Councillor Mark Wheeler attending as Guest Speaker <p>Councillor Wheeler introduced himself and gave a personal life history. He outlined the high level objectives for both himself and his staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Strong leadership with an open team approach ◦ Professional conduct ◦ Trust building with the people you are dealing with and vice versa ◦ Investment – new ◦ Environmental care – parks, reserves, waterways, walkways, etc. ◦ Infrastructural – sports grounds and recreational places ◦ Residential – growth upgrades ◦ Community engagements ◦ Revenue – all aspects and avenues ◦ Planning and carrying it out ◦ <u>Projects</u> - CBD upgrades – more to come <p>Smart & Connect Program – smaller communities. Waste upgrade – flexible irrigation in conflict – next design phase. Broadband for all of Marlborough. Section sales – 3 new sub-divisions in planning stage. Iwi's investing their monies in local projects. Hotels looking at expanding and new ones in progress. New theatre nearly finished – this should bring large events to Marlborough. Cruises are increasing for Marlborough. Sauvignon 2016 (Sauv Blanc celebration) are planning to return next year. Opawa bridge renewal and bi-pass are planned – funds are the hold-up there, as well as it is not a Council decision but a NZTA one. Combined colleges are coming along nicely.</p>		

	<p>King salmon farming is growing. Wine Industries are growing. Environmental Plan will be released in March – submissions will be taken and heard later in the year.</p> <p>Questions were then put to the floor:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town Centre with the large amount of shops empty, lets us down. Is it going to improve? Answer: THE LIBRARIES PLAN SHOULD IMPROVE THE SITUATION. 2. What is going to happen to the old theatre? Answer: THE HEALTH HUB MAY WANT TO EXTEND BUT OTHERS ARE INTERESTED IN RENTING. 3. The Wither Hills farm animals are not being looked after properly regarding feeding and watering, since Christmas. I have reported the situation to the Council office and still nothing has been done about it. Why not? Answer: I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS SITUATION. Will follow up. 4. Why are the desk staff not passing on this information or telling me whom to approach? Answer: I DO NOT KNOW BUT I WILL DEFINITELY FIND OUT AS THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN. May I have a contact number to get back to you? 5. Letters to Editors in the local papers, are they passed on to the Council? Answer: ONLY IF THE PAPER ARE INTERESTED IN THE ANSWER. But the other Counsellors at the meeting said that they read the letters in the papers and get answers to the people. 6. Has the new theatre trust asked for more money at this moment? Answer: THERE HAS BEEN A GUARANTEED AMOUNT PUBLICALLY KNOWN AND AN OPERATING GRANT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THEM. 7. Can you please define the roles of the Mayor and of the CEO? Answer: THE MAYOR IS THE LEADER/CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNSELLORS. THE CEO IS THE LEADER/MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE STAFF. 8. Low cost housing is needed. Are the Council looking at this issue? Answer: HOUSING IS AN ISSUE AND THE COUNCIL ARE LOOKING INTO THE SITUATION. 9. The debt cap set by Council why is it so flexible? Answer: INFO BROUGHT TO NEXT MEETING BY COUNSELLOR JAMIE ARBUCKLE. <p>A vote of thanks was given to Mark Wheeler.</p>	
	General Business	
5	<p>Inwards Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

	Item 1 This is the re-election year for the Council and the DHB. You all need to attend the meetings to get a better prospective on the candidates and their issues and ideas on your questions.	
	Item 2 Constitution signed by 15 people, so it is all go.	
	Item 3 AGM to be held in April.	
	Plan for next Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jamie Arbuckle on the draft plan. ○ Peter Jerram and/or Jeff Evans to talk on the Flaxbourne Scheme? ○ Constitution to be discussed. ○ Membership and pushing forward. ○ Private Enterprise for youth turned down by Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Business 	
Meeting Closed: Meeting ended at 8.20 pm. Next Meeting: 9 th March 2016 at 7 pm.		