

Draft Minutes of the 2023 Mainstreet Whanganui Annual General Meeting

Name:	Mainstreet Whanganui Incorporated
Date:	Wednesday 25 October 2023
Time:	5.40 pm
Location:	Franks Bar and Eatery 60 Ridgway Street, Whanganui
Board Members:	Mark Dyhrberg (Chairperson), Pat Clay (Deputy Chairperson), Dave Moore, Steven Kerridge, Amie Rowan, Mike O'Hara, Nikki Oesterle, and Steve Poka.
Attendees:	Des Warahi (General Manager), Rebecca Deeley (Minute Taker/ Administration and Accounts), Jess Feist (Operations Manager), Geoff Follett (Members Liaison & Design), and Charlie Meyerhoff (Communications and Events).
Apologies:	Members: Rob & Lynne Vinsen, John Anderson Guest: Cameron Towns (Silks Audit), Wendy Bainbridge (WDC), Helen Garner (CEO of Business Whanganui), Jim O'Neill (JP Independent Returning Officer), Gene Toyne (NZME)
Members/Guests	Members: Rachel Gray, Cathy-Lee Amer, Christina Stone, Les Kiriona, Michael Organ & Jillian Evers, Neil Jones, Mark Simmonds, Dan & Wendy Jones, Christina Emery, Des Healy, Paula Wade, Heather Cotton & Paul Cleeton, Des Healy, Andrew Tripe (Mayor), Helen Craig (WDC) and Bronwyn Paul. Guests: Carl Bates (National MP), Daren Hull (Director Venter & Hull), Sarah O'Hagan (WDC), Tim Easton (Whanganui & Partners), Rodd Eddy, Hadleigh Reid, Marina Moore, and Mica Anderson.
1. Preliminaries	
1.1 Welcome, Health, and Safety General Manager	
2. Apologies Chairperson	
Motion: That the Apologies be received - Nil	
Moved: Dave Moore 2 nd Pat Clay Carried	
3. The Mayor	
<p>The Mayor, Andrew Tripe welcomed everyone, including Carl Bates who is the new MP. There is a group set up for the vision of Whanganui and what it will look like in 2050. It can be hard to imagine what cities will look like in the future. A healthy city centre is a healthy city, having the second-level buildings in town filled has not happened yet nor have shop fronts been filled, high-quality hospitality and events, taking Whanganui to the world and the world to Whanganui, think globally and inspirationally. We have the infrastructure, assets, and facilities ready and waiting to bring the world to Whanganui. Pedestrian, cycleways connecting the awa to the sea.</p>	

We have a city centre that is creative, strong suburban hubs, unified communities, and the purpose of local government is to provide healthy communities. Mainstreet is a community of interest, how we get there is the key, which is our job and how we are going to get there.

4. Confirm Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the 28 Sept 2022 AGM received

Moved: Dave Moore 2nd Pat Clay **Carried**

5. Actions from Previous AGM Minutes - Nil

Business of the AGM

6. Annual Report 22/23

The General Manager Des Warahi thanked and acknowledged the Board Members and new Board who started post-AGM and Operations Manager Jess Feist and her team who received their highest score last month of 705. The main area for Mainstreet in the past 12 months was securing the new CBD Maintenance Contract with the Council. For this AGM we are reporting a \$14K surplus after a \$51K loss last year. Going forward we are planning for a surplus next year. Paula Wade congratulated the Mainstreet Team and General Manager for the amazing job that he and his team do.

Motion: That the Annual Report for 22/23 received and accepted.

Moved: Steven Kerridge 2nd Amie Rowan **Carried**

7. Financial Report Audited Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2023

Motion: That the Financial Report be received and accepted.

Moved: Pat Clay 2nd Steve Poka **Carried**

8. Appointment of the Auditor 23/24

Motion: That Silks Audit Chartered Accountant be appointed for the 23/24 year.

Moved: Pat Clay 2nd Steven Kerridge **Carried**

9. Mainstreet Whanganui Board Elections 2023 – Independent Returning Officer

Motion: That the Mainstreet Whanganui Members ratify the 2023 Board election results of Board Chairperson Mark Dyhrberg, Pat Clay, Amie Rowan, Steve Poka, Dave Moore, Nikki Oesterle, and Steven Kerridge.

Moved: Steve Poka 2nd Rachel Gray **Carried**

10. Constitutional changes

Motions: That the proposed constitutional changes as part of the re-registration processes with the NZ Companies Office (as a block) be adopted.

Moved: Steven Kerridge 2nd Nikki Oesterle **Carried**

11. General Business

From the members

Helen Craig Deputy Mayor - Thanked the past and present Board. We have a good relationship with Mainstreet and collaborating with General Manager Des Warahi. There are some exciting opportunities on the horizon, and we are collaborating with Carl Bates MP on collaborations with the National Party. The Council is predicting that within 5 years Whanganui will have a 100-room hotel located close to the CBD, Whanganui will have stronger links to South Island for economic growth, and the Sergeant Gallery will be open. We will continue to develop the benefits of Whanganui being a City of Design. Streets for People Project will be completed in 2024. Heritage Building development/funding and Earthquake strengthening will be an important factor for 2023/2024.

Des Healy would like to see more appropriate trees as the ones we have are causing blockage of drains. The WIB Endowment Fund needs to be at the front of everybody's mind and needs to be returned. \$180k of our member's money should not be controlled by a separate Whanganui in Bloom Endowment Group and it should always be on the agenda. Paula Wade, the pigeons are still a major problem.

11.1 Mainstreet Vouchers – Charlie Meyerhoff

Sixty-eight businesses have signed up for the vouchers in the CBD. They can be purchased from the I-Site and the Mainstreet Office. Tim Easton congratulated Charlie Meyerhoff on the amazing job she has done with the Mainstreet Vouchers.

11.2 Quiz open to members and guests 4 x \$50 Mainstreet Vouchers were won by: - Hadleigh Reid, Christine Stone, Michel Organ, and Mark Simmonds.

Meeting close time 6.42 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday AGM 30 October 2024

Minutes approved at the AGM date:

Signed:

Position: