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**MINUTES OF THE STRATFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT TET STADIUM BAR & BISTRO, ON MONDAY 10 MAY AT 5.30PM. JUNE**

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**PRESENT**

Chair: Matthew Dimock. Committee: Matthew McDonald., Sharon Mackie-Langton, Mike Radich, Trevor Tunnicliff, Maureen Tunnicliff and Amy Kingston (Secretary).

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Erin Bishop (Stratford District Council), Saba Afzal (Stratford District Council).

**APOLOGIES**

Glenn Adams

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1.1 Stratford Business Association Meeting – Monday 13 May. The minutes are attached.

THAT the minutes of the Stratford Business Association meeting held on Monday 13 May be confirmed.

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Carried

The Secretary made the following notes:

- Deputy Chair, Matthew McDonald chaired the meeting to start as Chair, Matthew Dimock was arriving late.
- Sharon, Committee Member, sought confirmation regarding whether the installation of the Broadway speakers had been finalised - Confirmation will be needed from the Chair once he arrives.
- Also to confirm is if a quote has been received to fix the cedar shed prior to being able to on sell - Confirmation will be needed from the Chair once he arrives.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inward:**

- SDC Citizens and Youth citizens Award Nominations open
- SDC Draft Significance and Engagement Policy and draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan
- SDC Update on the Long-Term Plan
- SDC You can get the Central Link online and Youth Week

**Outward:**

- SDC Long Term Plan 2024-34 submission and approval
- Taranaki Electricity Stratford Business Association grant payments

THAT the correspondence be accepted and received.

MACKIE-LANGTON / RADICH

Carried

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 3.1 **Current**

Account balance as of 31 May 2024 - **\$48,286.51**

Visa balance as of 28 May 2024 – *not received at time of agenda.*

#### 3.2 **Financial report**

The Xero reports for May are attached.

#### 3.3 **Paid:**

##### **General Expenses**

|                      |                                     |             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Merco Limited        | Poli fees                           | \$1.15      |
| 100% Dimocks         | Speakers for Broadway upgrade       | \$2240.00   |
| EnD Electrical ltd   | Broadway speaker upgrade            | \$12,482.10 |
| Implement            | Workshop speaker fee – April        | \$517.50    |
| Stadium Bar & Bistro | Workshop venue and catering - April | \$316.50    |
| Mountain Motors      | Dec 23 Ba5                          | \$300.00    |

##### **Voucher Reimbursements**

|                          |                       |          |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| The Baking Co.           | Voucher reimbursement | \$130.00 |
| 100% Dimocks             | Voucher reimbursement | \$50.00  |
| Stratford Mountain House | Voucher reimbursement | \$850.00 |
| Five star                | Voucher reimbursement | \$250.00 |
| Masters Ltd.             | Voucher reimbursement | \$100.00 |
| Stratford New World      | Voucher reimbursement | \$20.00  |
| Stratford New World      | Voucher reimbursement | \$400.00 |
| Paper Plus               | Voucher reimbursement | \$280.00 |

**Total paid \$17,937.25**

#### 3.4 **To pay:**

##### **General Expenses**

##### **Voucher Reimbursements**

|                      |                       |          |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Cottage Lane         | Voucher reimbursement | \$50.00  |
| Malones              | Voucher reimbursement | 250.00   |
| Five star            | Voucher reimbursement | \$150.00 |
| New World            | Voucher reimbursement | \$210.00 |
| New Commercial Hotel | Voucher reimbursement | \$550.00 |



- The Chair arrived shortly after 6pm and took over chairing the meeting.
- Further break down of hours in report (what does this look like?)
- The Chair discussed that for SBA to stand without council that they will need an idea of hours to fill this role.
- The Chair made comment that once SBA do separate from council that they will no longer run large community events such as the Christmas Parade and Amerciarna.

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

The secretary made the following notes:

- The Chair spoke to the speaker upgrade on Broadway – this is not quite finished. There is a bit more work to be done to get to the other side of the road which is currently overhead.
- The Chair is awaiting a quote to fix the cedar shed that was damaged when removed from Prospero place. This was unavoidable to be able to remove.
- Does the committee replace or sell as is? Further conversations are needed.
- The committee would like to send a letter to council regarding the overhead verandas on Broadway. These leak and cause H&S issues when weather is wet. Is there anything council do anything for this? i.e., can they send a letter to business owners.
- The letter is to be addressed to the building department and councillors.
- Are there ways governance can enforce this on to building owners?
- The secretary mentioned that this had not yet been sent as any feedback needs to come from the committee, the secretary can then format and share on their behalf.
- The Chair spoke to what he would like to put in a letter.
  - o There are significant H&S concerns in wet weather. The Stratford Business Association understand that these are privately owned.
  - o What is the inspection frequency and are inspections due soon?
  - o The committee do not want it to be a cost to council but would like to bring awareness of the H&S issues and that messaging from council would add more weight behind the issue raised.
  - o There is concern around the H&S aspect of the verandas structural, and storm water drainage causing potential H&S issues.
  - o Where does the liability fit if an accident happens?
  - o The committee would invite senior managers to come and discuss this with us at the next meeting.

The pedestrian crossings were next raised.

- A letter and communication had gone out from council regarding two new pedestrian crossings on Broadway. There was a short turn around for feedback.
- All five committee members around the table at this time were not happy with the proposal.
- A crossing should not be outside of Mackays Pharmacy.
- The loss of carparks is an issue.
- There will be a H&S issue at future events that are held in Prospero Place as the direct and safe pathway to public toilets will be taken away.
- The Chair felt it should stay where it is but be a raised crossing like in Inglewood.
- Comments made on spending money for the sake of sending money.
  - o The Acting Director – Community Services clarified that there is \$400,000 of funding for this project from Woka Kotahi funding (400k) specifically for pedestrian crossings along Broadway.

- Yes the project could be stopped after community feedback however, if no options were to go ahead the project would be pushed back and funding lost.
- The project deadline is 30 June to have a spade in the ground. If a contract is not awarded the funding will disappear in the new financial year.
- Sharon, committee member, highlighted people park right outside of the shop they are going to and will move their car to go to a shop down the road. New pedestrian crossings will cause congestion and the community will see it as taking parks away.
- The proposed options are too close to the corner / roundabouts and will cause more issues and accidents moving forward.
- If the Glockenspiel is an issue a controlled crossing (traffic lights) would help so if people want to cross the road you push the button. Those watching the glockenspiel can watch the glockenspiel.
- The committee would support reducing the speed limit along Broadway to 30kmph.
- With public consultation - depending on what time and how the information is delivered can bring different feedback. Different people have different opinions.
- Sharon, committee member, commented on the work down on Fenton Street towards Swansea Road (wider road) – cars are now driving faster. If the police put a speed camera in this area it could help this concern.
- The committee would like to place feedback to the council on the proposed pedestrian crossings on Broadway with the below words.

*As a committee we are against both options and would like to encourage the councillors to re visit upgrading the existing crossing to a raised controlled crossing (with lights) similar to the one in Inglewood as we believe this would reduce congestion and improve the safety of the pedestrians.*

*Reasons against*

- *Prospero place events losing the direct and safe access to public toilets across the road.*
- *Removing 22 carparks on the main street as this will negatively impact our businesses and would increase congestion.*

*We would also encourage the reduction of the speed limit between the two roundabouts to 30km.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This is something we feel strongly on as a committee.*

**Other notes:**

- The committee would like to add the website to the July agenda for next steps.
- The secretary will send one more email regarding the Shop & Win reminding members it is free to sign up.
- The secretary will send a list of businesses already signed up to committee in the morning.
- Prizes: [\$100 lots in \$20s] [\$500 in 50s] – the secretary will check voucher stock.

5.1 **BA5's**

Stratford Park - Tuesday 17 September

The secretary made the following notes:

- Matthew and Co Real Estate to host the July BA5 and Dimocks 100% to host August.

5.2 **Membership**

|                | <b>New</b> | <b>YTD 2022/23</b> |
|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Members</b> | 1          | 145                |

- Industrial Chemistry Services

5.3 **Committee Meeting**

The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday 8 July 2024.

*The meeting concluded at 6:49pm*

Matthew Dimock  
**CHAIRPERSON**