MINUTES OF THE STRATFORD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT TET STADIUM BAR & BISTRO, ON 16th MARCH 2026 AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT
Chair: Matthew Dimock. Committee: Matthew McDonald, Arnold Cox, Trevor Tunnicliff, Maureen Tunnicliff, Cody Bibby and Amy Hill

APOLOGIES Glenn Adams, Amy Spencer

IN ATTENDANCE

Dimock/Spencer
Carried

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Stratford Business Association Meeting – Monday 16th March

RECOMMENDATION
THAT the minutes of the Stratford Business Association meeting held on Monday 16th March be confirmed.

Dimock/Cox
Carried

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Inward: Americarna Communications (Meeting with JR), Romeo's communications – Sponsors etc, New memberships, Workshop registrations, BA5 RSVPs.

Outward: Americarna communications, Workshop bookings, Romeo Communications Sponsors etc, BA5 communications

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence be accepted and received

T Tunnicliff/M Tunnicliff
Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 **Current**
Account balance as of 8 April 2026 $38, 569.19
Visa balance as of 8 April 2026 -$429.74

3.2 Financial report
The Xero reports are attached. For your reference I have also added a P & L for the financial year to date, compared to the previous year

3.3 Paid: Vouchers

Magnum Sports	**$330**
New World	**$800**
Shakee Pear	**$50**
Stratford Knit & Sew	**$450**
The Baking Company	**$20**
Total	**$1650**

Paid: Bills

Amy Taunt Photography - Americarna	**$150**
Stadium Bar & Bistro	**$123.50**
Total	**$273.50**

To Pay

Rotary – Sausage sizzles (Invoice to come)	**?**
Mitre 10 – Vouchers	**$210**
Findlays Florist – BA5	**$500**
Mediaworks Radio	**$926.33**
Five Star Liquor - Vouchers	**$100**
Total	**$1736.33**

RECOMMENDATION
THAT the financial report is received, and the payments approved.

Dimock /Bibby
Carried

REPORTS

Amy spoke to her report, Americarna feedback, Romeo planning underway, Women's workshops registrations coming in. 3 new members

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the secretary's report be accepted and received

Dimock/McDonald
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

5. BA5 updates

BA5 - Date	Host / Venue
March (24th)	Findlays Florist
April (28th)	Kings Theatre
May (27th)	Central Tyre & Automotive
June (24th)	SBA/Councilors? TBC
July (29th)	Collective First National
August (26th)	
September (24th)	

5. June BA5 with councilors, at TET. BA5s from September to April not to be booked for Wednesday night because of Golf. Trial Thursday night during daylight savings as Tuesdays clash with Lions club and Bizlink.

5.1. Americarna – Committee all positive about the longer timeslot for Americarna 2027 need ideas for activities. Suggestions – Taranaki Vintage Machinery club, Taranaki Hot Rods, Chainsaw Carving, Speed shearing, Shakesphere display/battle, Highland games/pipe band.

John R from Americarna to come and view potential area for acceleration display (North round about to Filedtorque) to see if it is suitable before starting roading paperwork. Detour option onto Beaconsfield Road at Midhurst and come out Cheal Road by Ngaere School

Proposal to be drafted and sent to Americarna team.

5.2 Pub Charity Limited Grant

It was agreed at the committee meeting held on the 13th of April 2026 of the Stratford Business Association to apply to Pub Charity Limited for a Grant of $10,174.05 to cover the costs of furniture and decoration hire for the Stratford Business Association Romeo Business Awards evening.

MOTION – Application to cover costs of Dobsons Hire through Pub Charity Limited
This motion was proposed by Matthew Dimock and seconded by Trevor Tunicliff

5.3 Shop & Win – dates confirmed for 15th June – 15th July. Social media advertising and posters for shops no newspaper advertising this year.

MOTION – Prize money of $500 x1 and $100 x5 per week for Shop & Win
This motion was proposed by Matthew Dimock and seconded by Cody Bibby

5.4. Magnetic name tags – roughly $10-18 each Amy to order 9x committee tags and 1x Chairperson tag

5.5. Upgrade of sound system in the Clock Tower – Michael from TLL looking at roughly $7000 for the upgrade. Amy to get a quote from TSH as well.

5.6. Romeo Awards
Catering - Farmers Grill came in at $11,000 well over our budget. Andersons can do pies/Sandwiches and tea and coffee delivered for $3000. Use Andersons for Supper and Farmers Grill for just Cheese Platters and Canapes on tables. No interest from any other local businesses.

Toko Lions are keen to help with bar, ushering and supper, they agreed on $700 but SBA committee decided on $1000 for the evening.

1 more sponsor needed Best Service Person Male

Website to go live next week, tables to go on sale to members next week
Nominations Open 1-31 May

5.7 Christmas Parade
Date set for Friday 27th November
Committee to think of a theme for this year, release theme way earlier this year so people have time to make their floats.

The next meetings

Month	**Meeting**
May Committee Meeting	Monday 11th 5.30pm
June Committee Meeting	Monday 8th 5.30pm
July Committee Meeting	Monday 13th 5.30pm

The meeting concluded at 7.09pm

Next meeting Monday 11th May

Matthew Dimock
CHAIRPERSON