

WAIRARAPA TRAILS ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

12.30pm, Thursday 21st February 2019, Carterton Events Centre,
Holloway St, Carterton

Present: Cr Greg Lang (CDC), Erin Collins (Cycling Coordinator), Cr Chris Peterson (MDC), Kirsty McCarthy (MDC), Bruce Thomson (SWDC), Catherine Rossiter-Stead (Huri Huri), Jo Gillanders (Five Towns Trails Trust), Roger Boulter (consultant for CDC).

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cr Colin Olds (SWDC), Cr Jonathan Hooker (MDC), Carolyn McKenzie (CDC), Solitaire Robertson (CDC), Bob Tosswill (Five Towns Trails Trust), Cr Rebecca Vergunst (CDC), Andrea Jackson (MDC), Dave Gittings (CDC), Mark Allingham (SWDC), David Hancock (Destination Wairarapa)
- 2. Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 1st November 2018:** Cr Greg Lang advised correction to CDC update there is funding available but is not clearly defined yet.
- 3. Matters Arising from Minutes:** Cr Greg Lang advised \$ available for feasibility study for Dakins Rd & Level Crossing, as well as rail corridor Belvedere Rd – Kent St.
- 4. Trails Coordinator Position:** Cr Greg Land welcomed & Introduced Erin Collins. Erin & Kirsty shared work plan for initial 2-3 months (Stakeholder Database, Meet & Greet Key Stakeholders, Communications Plan). Catherine Rossiter-Stead asked that Stakeholder database had clearly defined labels i.e cycling, horse-riding etc. Jo Gillanders discussed the need for Erin's role to work closely with her for 5TTT. Discussion around whether the role is cycle or is it trail? Agreement made that the role is fluid and partly both, however clear expectations need to be set going forward to ensure Erin's 20hrs per week is well utilised. Funding for the Coordinator role was discussed – Cr Greg Lang advised it is not in the Carterton plan but CDC will find funds to continue the role for next year. Kirsty advised MDC also do not have it in their Annual Plan but that they will find it, however this is not confirmed. Bruce Thomson advises SWDC can commit to same funding amount as this year.
- 5. Wairarapa Cycling Stakeholder Forum:** Development of Communication Plan – Catherine offered to assist Erin with this. Forum Frequency was discussed with Group and agreement was made that the first one needs to be asap so a date has been set for Monday 25th March, 2019 5.30-7.30pm (to be confirmed once venue checked). Erin and Catherine will plan this together. Will invite Leasa Carlyon (WREDA) as guest speaker to share Find Your Wild, Catherine will update on Huri Huri and will ask for Groups to share updates. This could also be an opportunity to share vision for 5TTT. CDC to provide venue (Carterton Events Centre), MDC will provide nibbles, Bruce will discuss with Mike what SWDC can contribute. Erin will update Group as plans progress. Frequency of the Forum will then be determined going forward.

6. **MOU's with Trusts:** Kirsty talked about the need for the Diagram showing 5TTT as overarching to be updated – Catherine agreed and will work with Erin to update this. Kirsty advised that MOU's are a work in progress – we are not at the stage yet to put these in place.
7. **Horse Trails:** Bruce Thomson spoke of the immediate response to SWDC posting the Find Your Wild website details on their Facebook & Website pages that there are no trail provisions for Horse Riders in the Wairarapa area. Dalefield Rd was discussed however this is not a public trail and is member only riding. Kirsty advised it is easy to become a member and we could be encouraging that. Catherine advised that the Regional Community & Industry Forum would like input from a local horse riding rep. Kirsty suggested Catherine get in touch with Rebecca Kent.

8. **Updates:**

Wellington Regional Trails Committee: Cr Greg Lang, Cr Colin Olds and Erin Collins attending the meeting on 12th Feb in Upper Hutt. Find Your Wild now launched. Cr Greg Lang has suggested that Erin attend these meetings as a representative of the Councils to then feedback to WTAG.

Five Towns Trails Trust: Jo advised she has spoken with PGF Regional Rep regarding the PFG Funding application and that 5TTT would need to have application complete within 6-7 months. The list of criteria in the application for Capital Works is extensive. It's unlikely that they will consider funding for Feasibility Study and Master Plan so discussion was had with the group on what 5TTT is and how to get the project off the ground. Kirsty shared the West Coast trail as an example. Jo advised they had discussions with John Boon on a community led approach to the project which is different to the top down approach that was initially believed to be the way forward. Both Jo and Catherine say if the project is going to be successful then the application needs to be professionally and comprehensively completed, however there is currently no resource to get it off the ground. Kirsty feels that at a political level for funding she isn't sure they are there yet even though it is in the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy. Jo said getting it into the strategy wasn't easy and it should be celebrated and now needs to move forward from concept idea stage to project development phase. Catherine expressed her frustration that this has been talked about for a long period of time and that other avenues of funding have already been looked at. She suggested to get the 3 Councils together – all 3 Mayors and CEO's around the table to get commitment. Cr Chris Peterson discussed that Councils are not yet ready and should the Forum be brought forward before getting the Councils around the table. The decision was made to invite the Mayors & CEO's to the Forum so they can see the Stakeholder engagement and the vision for 5TTT and the project.

Huri Huri: Catherine shared update on the success of the Summer of Cycling campaign and the recent Pedal for Parkinsons Event which was a huge success with entrants from around NZ. The Group congratulated her on a great event. She shared there were challenges such as land owners and also the need for strong connection to local Iwi. She shared the idea for another ride towards Castlepoint. Erin will start contributing to the Huri Huri website and Facebook page as part of her role.

Wairarapa Regional Mountain Bike Trails Trust: Erin shared on Jonathans behalf that he is meeting with DOC on Friday re Trails in Tararua Forest Park and is excited that they finally have a way forward.

Masterton DC: Kirsty advised nothing to report at the moment.

Carterton DC: Cr Greg Lang has already covered updates in the Matters Arising.

South Wairarapa DC: Bruce asked 5TTT what the \$ amount would be for the project Jo & Catherine advised that they would need to look at that but in the ballpark of \$300k.

Others: None

9. Trails projects updates: Meeting ran out of time to discuss – Erin to share info (attached) from Wairarapa Moana Cycle Trail as she met with Jack Sheppard and David Kleinjan on 20th Feb for an outline of the Project and to introduce herself.

10. Any other business: None

11. Date and time of next meeting: 3rd Week March prior to Forum (Date TBC) Erin will send invite.