

Minutes of the Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire (Sir Ivan) Appeal Advisory Panel Meeting held Thursday 18 July 2019 in the Coolah Offices Committee Meeting Room commenced at 4pm.

1. Welcome: Chairman – Deputy Mayor Cr Aniello Iannuzzi

2. PRESENT – Steering Committee/Advisory Panel: Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor WSC), Joy Beames (Dunedoo CWA), Peter Manning (Coolah St Vincent de Paul), Chris Sullivan (St Vincent De Paul Dunedoo), Lisa Grammer (WSC) and Sue Freebairn (Alternate for Ken Harrison).

ATTENDING: Councillor Capel (WSC), Grant Piper (Current Chair Uarbry Hall Assoc.), Kim Parker (ADCCS WSC) and Leanne Ryan (DEDS WSC).

3. APOLOGIES: Peter Shinton (WSC), Ken Harrison (DPI)

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies be accepted. *P Manning/J Beames* – **Carried by All**

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Warrumbungle Shire Mayors Bushfire Appeal Advisory Panel Meeting held 16 May 2018 be accepted.
J Beames/P Manning – **Carried by All**

5. BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

6. AGENDA ITEMS:

6a) Surplus Funds not spent held by charities:

Chris Sullivan advised that \$14,000 remained unspent by St Vincent De Paul Dunedoo and requested that authority be given to be expanded to allow general assistance distribution of funds including for potable water to fire affected areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) That the \$14,000 currently held as unspent by St Vincent De Paul Dunedoo be noted, and
- ii) That authority be given to be expand to allow general assistance distribution of funds including for potable water to the people of fire affected areas and that this be undertaken within a period of six months.

J Beames/S Freebairn – **Carried by All**

6b) \$10,000 allocated previously towards a shelter structure in Uarbry:

Grant Piper advised that the community had not been able to progress the matter of the replacement of the Uarbry Hall and it was unclear as to the agreed wishes of the community were. He noted the placement of a shelter structure and requested that the \$10,000 be set aside in trust to be a contribution to the resulting agreed project of the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) That previously set aside funds towards of \$10,000 towards a shelter in Uarbry be noted, and
- ii) That \$10,000 be set aside as a contribution to future projects at Uarbry in relation to hall or shelter or other wants and that a letter advising of this allocation be provided.

J Beames/C Sullivan – **Carried by All**

Note: It was noted that the amount is to be held in a separate Council trust account and is expected to be utilised within the following 12 months.

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6c) Determination of transfer of remaining Appeal Funds:

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) That the remaining funds including interest of just in excess of \$24,000 be split and distributed to Coolah St Vincent De Paul and the Dunedoo St Vincent De Paul to allow general assistance distribution of funds to people of the fire affected areas including well-being and other programs co-ordinated or initiated by Sue Freebairn and as required for other matters such as Cemetery fencing or in relation to Uarbry related projects.

J Beames/Peter Manning – Carried by All

6d) Waive of fees for those seeking to rebuild after loss due to the Sir Ivan Fire.

Note: Leeanne Ryan (DEDS) advised that Warrumbungle Council already had a resolution that allows this to occur and that no further action is necessary.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Finalisation of the Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire (Sir Ivan) Appeal Advisory Panel following distribution of all funds:

RECOMMENDATION:

- 7a) That the Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire (Sir Ivan) Appeal be closed.

Lisa Grammer/ Sue Freebairn – Carried by All

The Chair thanked all those that in finalizing the Appeal.

MEETING CLOSED: 4.45pm

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CHAIRPERSON