

## **MINUTES OF THE DUNEDOO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Ken McCullough, Cr Denis Todd (Mayor), John Horne, David Smith, Mark Gallagher, Sharon Nott, Barb Smith, Sue Graham, Peter Clancy, Amy Large, Karleeta Ryan, Barry Nott, Sal Dent, Mark Dent, Lee Briston, Clive Briston, Sue Stoddart, Julie Rowbotham, Pamela Bowman, Cathy Gallagher, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Louise Johnson (Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Peter Shinton, Ryan Bowman, John Stewart, Jan Stewart, Lloyd Graham

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Terms of Reference for the Community Consultation Meetings were provided to attendees. Terms of Reference have been endorsed by Council.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Dunedoo, Tuesday 27 March 2018, were discussed. Minutes were tabled at the May 2018 Council and are on Council's website.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no Business Arising from the previous meeting.

### **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

#### **Digital Sign**

Concerns were raised at the meeting in March about the Dunedoo electric sign not working. The community has not had any updates as to where it is up to and when will it be back up and running. Acting Director Corporate & Community Services advised that there have been difficulties but technicians from Tamworth Regional Council will be looking into the issues tomorrow. We then may have to get the supplier from Sydney out to fix the issue. Council is aware that it is taking some time to get the sign fixed but advised that it is being worked on.

#### **Swimming Pool – Amenities upgrade**

A resident requested an update in relation to proposed upgrades to the amenities at Dunedoo pool. Director Technical Services advised that Council had submitted a number of funding applications for different stages of this project but to date had not been successful in receiving funding. Community members requested that Council let them know when funding is applied for and if the funding that has been applied for is successful or not. The Director Technical Services noted this request and will consider how this could be implemented.

#### **Visitor Information Centre – Old Bank Building**

An idea was raised by a resident regarding making the front room of the Old Bank Building into a Tourist Information Centre or display area. The General Manager suggested that it wouldn't be able to be a Tourist Information Centre but a display area might be possible.

**Action:** Director Development Services to investigate establishment of display area in front room of the Old Bank Building.

#### **Heritage Display Area – Outside Old Bank Building**

An idea was raised regarding the establishment of a heritage display area outside the Old Bank Building. Director Development Services suggested touching base with Council's Heritage Advisor, Peter Duggan, regarding this idea in the first instance.

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### **Three River Regional Retirement Community**

The Director Development Services provided an overview of the current status of the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community.

Community members raised a number of items in relation to the project, including:

- Community member would like more communication in relation to the project. It was acknowledged that a number of Media Releases and Statements have been released by Council but members of the community felt that they were lacking information. Council advised that there are only certain things that can be said in relation to this project.
- How many units will there be? Council advised that a modified proposal is being considered. Members of the community indicated that they would like for all the planned units to be completed, along with the Community Centre.
- Concerns regarding the funding. Council advised that it has been communicating with the funding bodies and they are working hard to preserve the funds for the project.

### **Water Supply**

Council was requested to provide an update on the local water supply. The Manager Warrumbungle Water advised that Dunedoo continues to be on Level 2 water restrictions. Council is keeping a close eye on the well level in Dunedoo and Council will continue to monitor this. Concerns were raised around people using water for irrigation. The General Manager advised attendees that irrigators have their own licenses to irrigate which is issued by Department of Industry Water.

### **Land and Water Rates**

Concerns were raised around the increases to rates and water charges. The General Manager advised that increases to land rates are capped by the State Government whilst water fees and charges are based on a requirement for Council's water supplies to be operated on a cost recovery basis.

### **Tarring Local Laneway – Wargundy and Wallaroo Streets**

A resident raised concerns regarding the amount of traffic, including heavy vehicles, using these laneways. It was requested that Council consider tarring these lane ways in the next financial year. Further concerns were raised about dirt roads in the township of Dunedoo.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

### **Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two**

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided feedback in relation to projects funded under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, noting that Leadville has received almost \$500,000 for upgrades to the hall and the toilet block.

### **Financial Assistance Donations**

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services advised attendees that Round One Councils 2018/19 Financial Assistance Donations are now open with applications closing on Friday, 23 November 2018.

### **Drought Communities Programme**

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided an update on funding being provided under the Drought Communities Programme – Extension. . A proposal will be considered by Council at the November Council Meeting being held on Thursday, 15 November 2018.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

### Lewis Lane

A number of items were raised and discussed in relation to Lewis Lane including road signage, signage on the approach to the bridge and pot holes. The Director Technical Services advised that Lewis Lane bridge was upgraded for local access only and it was never a consideration of Council that it would be a through road. The gravel is subjected to wear and tear from local residents and Council is committed to patching the pot holes on the Southern side of the bridge.

### Swimming Pool

Council was requested to provide information on the cost of the shelter at the Dunedoo pool. It was also requested that Council staff attend an onsite meeting at the swimming pool to discuss what the priorities are for upgrades and other maintenance works.

**Action:** Director Technical Services to provide information on cost of the shelter.

**Action:** Director Technical Services to attend an onsite meeting at Dunedoo pool.

### RMS Request for Water

Council was asked if the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) contacted Council to request water for roadworks. Council advised they had been contact in relation to this and had denied the request due to ongoing water supply issues during the drought.

### Signs

Council were asked if they could request the removal of signs on the side of the road on the Eastern side of Dunedoo. The Director Development Services advised that the signs are on private land and the request would need to be made to the landowner.

### Beautification of Dunedoo

It was suggested that the town needs some beautification on the entries on both sides on the town. It was suggested that of a row of trees be considered as well as painting of the silos.

### Dunedoo Solar Farm

Council was asked if they could provide an update in relation to the Dunedoo solar farm. The Director Development Services advised that she felt that the development consent would be sought from the NSW Government due to the size of the development.

### RV Friendly Town

A question was asked about how Dunedoo become an RV Friendly Town. The Director Development Services advised that there are a number of criteria you need to meet to become an RV Friendly Town, including providing free camping facilities.

### Recycling

A question was about whether the recycling is it still going to Coonabarabran and is Council still getting paid for it. The Director Development Services confirmed this is correct.

### Jobs in Dunedoo

A question was asked about Council's staffing levels in Dunedoo. The General Manager advised that jobs are not decreasing however, at this stage, there are no plans to increase staffing levels in Dunedoo.

### Trees

It was requested that more trees be planted in the town.

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**Action:** Director Technical Services to consider the planting of more trees in Dunedoo.

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