

**MINUTES OF THE DUNEDOO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN
JUBILEE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 5:30pm**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Anne Newsome (Chief Financial Officer), Jennifer Maundrell (Manager Corporate Services), Kira Alexander (Minutes), Amy Large, John Sullivan, John Horne, Sue Graham, Stephen Yeo, David Bowman, Warren Bull, Dianne Large, Peter Colley, Sue Stoddart, Margaret Yeo, Janet Johnston, Lloyd Graham, Ronald Bowman.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Peter Shinton, Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services), Sharon Nott, George Simmons.

INTRODUCTION

Cr Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), Director Technical Services (DTS), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Manager Corporate Services (MCorpS), and Minute Taker. GM outlined how the meeting will be run.

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BUSINESS ARISING

1. Item 1 of ACTION List - Dunedoo Columbarium says completed in progress but project has not been completed.

GM advised that the issue listed had been addressed and the status is completed.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. **Digital Sign – Update Requested**

MCorpS advised that the main challenges were to identify the problem, source parts and repair the computer however the technology is now outdated and currently, the last of the required parts are on order. Testing will then occur. If it cannot be repaired, community consultation will occur to gauge what the next steps will be

2. **Retirement Site – update requested**

GM reminded that Council is the defendant in the matter and advised that:

- A hearing is scheduled for Monday 26 April as the builder is changing pleadings
- Court appointed expert has inspected the site
- The Court case in the Supreme Court is scheduled for July at this stage
- Council will be submitting a request to demolish the site prior to the hearing

3. **Parks and Gardens Budget – has it been reduced recently?**

DTS advised that the budget has not been reduced and has not changed for the past few years

4. **Lewis Lane – Removal of the debris was supposed to have been completed in December 2020, why wasn't it removed and has Council got permission from fisheries to do the work?**

DTS advised that a permit has been granted to restore approached to the bridge and a permit to remove the debris is already in place. Waiting on resources and right timing to restore approaches to bridge. Excavator to be there in 2 weeks.

ACTION: DTS to email Ronald Bowman when works are scheduled.

5. **Code of Conduct – when attending a Council meeting, why can I not ask questions of Councillors or staff at the meeting?**

MCorpS referred to the Public Forum Policy where there is an opportunity before

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the meeting is held for members of the public to give a presentation. This is not a forum for debate, it is a presentation only. Councillors can ask questions of the presenter to clarify.

GM advised that formal Council meetings are different to Community Consultation meetings where there is a public forum and opportunities exist for Community members to contact Councillors before the meeting as well.

6. Tarring of Road between Showground and Saleyards – will it be done?

DTS advised that there is no allocation for Bullinda St in the 2021/22 budget and public submissions are invited.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Commercial Recycling

GM advised that as of 30 June 2021, Council will cease the current service using wool packs due to WHS and cost issues. New service will be fortnightly via wheelie bin.

2. Budget 2021/22

CFO referred to the draft budget which was adopted by Council on 15 April 2021 and is:

- currently on exhibition and open for comment via the “Have Your Say” page on Council website or via mail.
- it can be viewed on Council Website or Council offices in Coonabarabran and Coolah.
- there is a 3 part operational plan and a revenue policy which includes fees and charges:
 - 2% increase in General rates + catch up of below 1%
 - increase to water charges by 15%
 - increase to sewerage charge by 5%
 - increase to waste charge 2%

3. Donations Guidelines

MCorpS advised that at last Council meeting there was a resolution to review the Donations policy and guidelines before the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations in August. A draft policy will be available for comment.

4. Upcoming Council Elections

GM advised that these are scheduled for the first Saturday in September this year and were delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic last year resulting in a 3 year term for the next Council. Council will be running workshops in Dunedoo 15 June and Coonabarabran 16 June for potential candidates and will be run by former Mayor of Lismore Council Jenny Dowell. Prior registration is required.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Yellow bin lids – keep breaking and coming off, how can we get new lids for our bins?

ACTION: DEDES to get back to Sue Stoddart to advise about bin lid replacement.

2. Smell around Jubilee Hall – potentially from pipes

ACTION: DEDES to investigate smell near ramp to Jubilee Hall

3. Water for RV travelers (item 10 in ACTION List)

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GM advised that the matter has been investigated and the cost is \$35,000 for a traveller pay system. GM invited Community to put in a submission to Council.

Mayor acknowledged Councillor Wendy Hill for her years of service to the Community, thanked all for attending and asked attendees to keep communication channels open and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed 7:25pm