

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Ray Lewis, Warren Bull, John Horne, Sally Dent, Sue Stoddart, Dianne Large, Janette Johnston, Rob Lennon, Sharon Nott, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Liz Webster (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Doolan, Fiona Luckhurst

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

General Manager, Roger Bailey, introduced himself and provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Dunedoo on Tuesday, 31 October 2017, were discussed with the following Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING

Green Waste

Concerns were raised regarding green waste at the transfer stations. Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised the meeting that the EPA prevents the burning of the material. Council is considering purchasing a mulcher to break down and spread the material.

Tourism Officer

An enquiry was made as to progress relating to the recruitment of a Tourism Officer in the Southern end of the Shire. General Manager, Roger Bailey, advised that Council was currently undergoing a review of its staffing structure and recruitment to this position had not commenced. It was noted that the organisational structure as a whole was being reviewed.

Bendigo Bank

Following the Sir Ivan Fire, Bendigo Bank had expressed an interest in opening an agency in Dunedoo. No one at the meeting was aware of any further information in relation to this matter.

Heritage Near Me Funding – Heritage Signs

It was indicated that there is interest in having a heritage trail through Dunedoo and surrounding areas including Leadville and Cobborra. It was suggested that Council look in to potential funding for this project, noting that Council's Heritage Advisor, Peter Duggan, could potentially assist with the project.

Jubilee Hall

Comment was made that the Jubilee Hall is looking great following its refurbishment however the area below the stage is still an eyesore. It was requested that Council look in to ideas for fixing this, including closing off under the stage.

COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Stronger Country Communities Fund

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (ADCCS), Louise Johnson, provided an overview of the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two. Various projects were discussed.

Project suggestions were discussed. ADCCS, Louise Johnson, suggested people contact Community Development Coordinator, Kylie Rose, for assistance if required.

Water Restrictions Level 2

Discussion took place regarding the current water restrictions in Dunedoo. Key items discussed included:

- communication regarding Level 2 water restrictions
- increasing the water supply to Dunedoo
- perceived increases in demand with construction including the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community
- irrigators still accessing water
- falling water levels
- impact of rain on water levels
- harvesting of stormwater

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two

Further discussion took place regarding Round Two of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. Potential applicants were encouraged to get projects ready and if they missed out on this funding that other funding opportunities were coming up, for example Community Building Partnership Program, ClubGrants.

Landworks / Skillset Program

A brief presentation was made regarding the Landworks program. Community members were encouraged to follow up with Council regarding this program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Solar Farm

The meeting discussed concerns regarding the proposed Solar Farm in Dunedoo. Concerns raised included the facility being sold on, environmental matters such as it being unsightly in the landscape and concerns that there will not be an increase in employment for the area once constructed or even during the construction. Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised that as the project was classified as a State Significant Development Council did not have a say in any approvals. DDS, Leeanne Ryan, advised that an environment impact study will be issued for public comment and members of the community were encouraged to use this opportunity to make comments and raise any concerns they have.

Lewis Lane

A resident advised that the condition of Lewis Lane had deteriorated to an extent it was almost impassable during rain. Director Technical Services (DTS), Kevin Tighe, took the item on notice and advised he would investigate the matter further.

Digilah Road

It was noted that on Digilah Road, past Lawson Park turnoff, the gutters on the side of the road appear to be very deep and if you need to move off the side of the road there is a drop. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that funding was being sought for these works and it was hoped that works would be completed in the coming financial year.

Abbotside Road

A request was made for Abbotside Road to be graded for some gravel be added. DTS, Kevin Tighe, took the matter on notice and will have the road inspected.

Tucklan Creek Road Causeway

Concern was raised regarding the condition of the causeway on Tucklan Creek Road. It was suggested that a box culvert might need to be installed. It was raised that water sits in the area during a rain event and does not appear to drain away. It was also noted that there are no depth indicators at the site.

Leadville Hall

A presentation was made regarding Leadville Hall and proposed works to be undertaken to restore the hall. Improvements include recladding the exterior, installing air conditioning, a new amenities block and improvements to the green room and the verandah. The project is going to be submitted to Council for consideration as part of the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two.

Global Geopark

An attendee provided information to the meeting about Global Geoparks and indicated that someone would be visiting Dunedoo to talk about this in the coming week(s). Council advised that they have, for a number of years, been involved in a bid for Warrumbungle National Park to become a Global Geopark, with a final decision regarding the project being made shortly. Warrumbungle Shire Council has been partnering with Gilgandra and Coonamble Shires on this project.

Burnt Out Car

Residents raised concerns regarding a burnt out car on the Golden Highway. It was noted that it has been there for some time. Police were informed but the vehicle is still there. DTS, Kevin Tighe, took the issue on notice and would follow up on the removal of the vehicle.

Robertson Oval

The meeting was advised that plans for Robertson Oval are currently on display. Members of the community are encouraged to view the plans and make comment.

Electronic Notice Board

A question was asked about the electronic noticeboard. It was noted that the noticeboard is not working. Council indicated they will investigate.

Swimming Pool

A resident enquired as to whether or not upgrades to the amenities block at Dunedoo swimming pool would be able to be submitted under Round Two of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. Council advised that the project would be suitable. Further ideas were discussed for heating the pool and fixing a leak. It was noted that the leak would need to be investigated further and until the source of the problem is found a solution can not be budgeted for.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:55 pm