

PRESENT: Peter Colley, Ronald Bowman, John Horne, Clr Kodi Brady, Ken Westerman, Sharon Nott, Barb Smith, Sue Graham, Clr Anne-Louise Capel, Clr Ambrose Doolan, Darren Mathews, Fiona Luckhurst, Leeanne Ryan (A/General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Michael Jones (A/Director Corporate and Community Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's and Community Services).

CHAIR: Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager

APOLOGIES: Clr Peter Shinton, Clr Wendy Hill, Clr Ray Lewis, Clr Denis Todd, Aileen Bell, Clr Aniello Iannuzzi

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

A/General Manager, Leeanne Ryan, provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Dunedoo on Monday, 21 November 2016, were discussed with the following Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING

Jubilee Hall

Discussion was held regarding access to Jubilee Hall. Council advised if this is an ongoing issue to please let them know.

Drainage – Wallaroo Street

Council indicated they are still looking at options for this work. It is expected that the works will be completed in the next 18 months.

Made n Grown Markets

Concerns were raised about support for economic development and tourism strategies in the Southern end of the Shire. Council advised that the new organisational structure includes plans for a new Tourism Officer based in the Southern end of the Shire.

Leadville

Concerns were raised about the water being provided to the hall and the Rural Fire Service shed being from a private supply. This will be investigated and appropriate actions taken.

COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Australia Day Awards

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of plans for Australia Day 2018.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of Council's Financial Assistance Donations and encouraged people to apply in the next round.

Budget Submissions

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, reminded attendees of the opportunity to have input in to Council's budget planning process.

Regional Economic Development Plans

A/Director Development Services, Aileen Bell, provided information regarding the development of Regional Economic Development Plans and encouraged people to take part in upcoming consultations.

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

New Bridge and Approaches – Lewis Road

Concerns were raised regarding the approaches to the new bridge. Council indicated that they will fix these issues. It was indicated that these works should be completed prior to Christmas.

Cobbora Road

Residents indicated that the edges of Cobbora Road need to be mowed. This was noted by Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sir Ivan Fire Recovery

Council enquired as to how people are going following the Sir Ivan Fire and asked whether or not there is anything Council can provide assistance with at this time. Discussion around privacy issues raised during the fire, regarding sharing of information and access to this. Further discussion regarding planning done by individual brigades and how this information could be shared.

Heritage Information

Residents indicated that they felt that more could be done to promote the heritage aspects of the towns throughout the Shire. Council indicated they would look in to this, in consultation with the Heritage Advisor.

Road Work Signs

A resident raised concerns about road work signs being left laying in the grass on the side of the road. Council will investigate and pick these signs up. Residents were encouraged to report to Council know where these signs were located if they see them.

Merotherie Road

Council were commended on the sharing of resources with Mid Western Regional Council for the grading of Merotherie Road.

Road – Saleyards and Showground

Concerns were raised about the road between the Saleyards and the Showground, in terms of dust and other issues. It was suggested that residents consider a budget submission for these proposed works.

Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community

An update was requested on the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community (TRRRC). An update was provided indicating that much of the current works were happening underground. Council expected that the construction will be finished in the next 12 months.

E Waste

Council were asked what they are doing about e-waste. Council indicated that e-waste can be taken to the local waste collection and transfer station and that it will go to Coonabarabran to be dealt with. Residents requested that this information be promoted.

Jubilee Hall and Old Bank Building

A request was made to have the lights in Jubilee Hall and the Old Bank Building replaced with LED lights. Council to look in to this and action as appropriate.

Streaming of Council Meetings

A question was asked regarding the streaming of Council Meetings. It was noted that other Council's currently do this. It was requested that Council look in to this. A suggestion was made to perhaps record the meetings and then play them on radio. This suggestion was not well received.

Three Rivers Radio – General Manager Segment

A question was asked regarding when the General Manager will be re-commencing their regular radio chats. It was indicated that this will re-commence when the new General Manager commences.

Container Deposit Scheme

Residents enquired as to what is happening with the container deposit scheme. Council encouraged people to look online for further information in relation to this. Council will also provide further information as it becomes available.

Green Waste – Tip

Residents raised concerns about the build up of green waste at the local tip. Residents indicated that they felt this was a risk, particularly during the fire season. Council indicated they would look into what can be done in relation to this.

ARTC – Fairfield Road

Council advised that ARTC has requested to close Fairfield Road at the crossing. If it's not closed then the other proposal is to change the road and re-align. This request will be put out for public comment. Residents were encouraged to make comment on the proposal. It was raised that Fairfield Road might have a Travelling Stock Route on it.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:50pm