

**MINUTES OF THE DUNEDOO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN  
THE JUBILEE HALL ON TUESDAY  
9 NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment & Development Services, DEDES), Gary Murphy (Acting Director Technical Services A/DTS), Shereena Tattersall (Minutes), Amy Large, Kathy Rindfleish, David Bowman, Gawain Bowman, Carlton Kopke, Peter Colley, Stephen Yeo, Winsome Rowbotham, Mark Gallagher, Cathy Gallagher, Carrol Yeo, David Copeland, Diane Large, Ricky Bush, John Horne, Belinda Fergusson, Rob Ingram, Linden Ewin, Pat Upston, Sue Stoddart, Warren Bull, Julie Rowbotham, Dale Hogden, Ken Westermann, Julie Shinton

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Sharon Nott, Lloyd Graham, Sue Graham

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending the meeting. Mayor Doolan introduced the Councillors in attendance, General Manager (GM), Director Environment and Development Services (DEDES), Acting Director Technical Services (A/DTS), Minute Taker and outlined how the meeting will be run.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Dunedoo on 21 April 2021 were discussed and members of the community were asked if there were any questions in relation to the previous minutes or action list.

**FROM THE ACTION LIST**

**1. TRRRC Update (Sue Stoddart)**

GM advised court ordered mediation with the construction company was not successful.

Sue asked if the site could be cleaned up due to the untidy look.

GM advised council is restricted to what maintenance can be done on site due to the court action.

Following this there was a number of questions by those present, including:

- Security of the building – GM advised any security issues or vandalism should be reported to the police.
- Cathy Gallagher proposed for a privacy screen to be placed around the site to block the untidy block.

**ACTION:** DEDES to investigate a budget for possible privacy screen.

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Sue Stoddart asked if the site could be used for other reasons and would Council have to go through the tender process again – GM advised it would depend on the court outcome.

Concerns were raised over the cost to hire a fence, when Council could have purchased a temporary fence for the same cost.

A member of the public asked when the project halted – GM advised August 2018.

**ACTION:** Maintenance of site, such as lawn mowing, to be undertaken

2. **Lewis Lane** – member of public expressed concern that proposed works on Lewis Lane have not been finalised due to branches on either side of bridge still needing work.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to include Lewis Lane on the maintenance schedule

3. **Dunedoo Digital Sign** – member of the public requested an update on the Dunedoo Digital Sign.

GM advised that Council is in consultation with the Development Group to have the sign removed and there are no future plans to replace the sign.

GM advised IT have recommended removing the sign completely due to the power supply being insufficient.

#### **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

4. **Update on the Dunedoo Columbarium Project – Amy Large**

A/DTS advised there is a meeting with the builder scheduled for next Friday. ADTS suggested he and Amy Large speak after the meeting to discuss specific requests and the design

5. **Fire Truck Filling point at the Dunedoo RFS Shed – David Bowman**

David Bowman advised the hydrant use at the Dunedoo RFS shed is not satisfactory and the he is cautious to use the hydrant near the shed. David advised the new tankers need to be bottom filled, therefore what can be done to accommodate this request.

A/DTS advised he has spoken with Corey at the Coonabarabran RFS and the request can be accommodated with funding from the RFS. A quote has been received and conversations are being had in regards to the hydrants.

6. **Lewis Lane – Peter Colly**

Covered at the start of the meeting

7. **Roadside Slashing – Peter Colley**

Digilah Road on “S’s” needs maintenance, very hard to see culverts and bike riders. Corner Pine Ridge Road there is no vision due to the growth.

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GM advised that the maintenance will happen and the outdoor crews are currently working weekends to catch up on the road slashing.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange for Roadside Slashing in the areas of concern along Digilah and Pine Ridge roads.

### **COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

#### **8. Vacant Land**

Cr Todd raised a motion to put the word out for vacant blocks to be put on the market if applicable.

DEDS advised that any development enquiries should be referred to the Town Planner.

#### **9. Milling Park Toilets**

A/DTS advised works will begin on the Milling Park toilets. Work is scheduled to be completed over three weeks. During this time the automated toilet will be open 24/7 during the refurbishment is undertaken.

Mark Gallagher raised the question as to why the old toilet block wasn't knocked down and re-built, as this is now the fourth refurbishment.

GM advised there is no funding specifically for toilet replacement.

Cr Capel advised truck stop grants are available at times through Transport for NSW.

A/DTS advised it is a balancing act to maintain the toilet block until funding is available.

#### **10. Small Projects** – Amy Large asked who manages the small projects.

GM advised several staff members across TS and EDS directorates, and at times external contractors.

#### **11. Elections**

GM spoke about Local Government elections being held on Saturday 4 December 2021 with 17 nominations across the Shire. Pre-polling and postal vote available.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **12. Tarring of Road near the Showground** – member of the public advised the Dunedoo Show Society wrote to Council after the last meeting regarding the tarring of the road near the showground and he is requesting an update.

GM advised there is currently no budget allocation to tar the road.

#### **13. Cobborah Village Roads** – Rob Ingram asked if there are any plans for the roads in Cobborah village to be repaired. He was advised by a member of staff that the

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proposed works would be done in October 2021 and currently no work has been completed.

**ACTION:** A/DTS to arrange for staff to contact Mr Rob Ingram in relation to road maintenance works in Cobborah.

**14. Dunedoo Digital Sign** – John Horne advised he is a part of the Dunedoo Development Group and pleaded for the community to be more active in the Group and advised that the digital sign is on the agenda to be discussed at the meeting next week.

**15. Commercial Recycling** – A member of the public asked why the woolpacks were removed and replaced with yellow lid bins.

DEDS advised woolpacks were no longer available due to WH&S and cost reasons.

**16. Telephone Exchange Battery Backup** – A member of the public advised the power pole near the radio station was recently replaced, however the batteries did not hold charge for more than an hour, which left the station with no phones. He is requesting Council write to Telstra regarding the telephone exchange battery backup.

**ACTION:** GM Council to write to Telstra regarding concerns about the backup of the Telephone Exchange, especially in emergency situations.

**17. Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)** – John Horne on behalf of the Development Group requested an update on the community benefits regarding the renewable zone.

DEDS advised there is a red zone where the power lines are going in. Council have requested a Voluntary Planning Agreement. Council are looking at the impact on the roads and worker accommodation during the construction.

Cr Capel advised feedback has been provided to the Department of Planning and in regards to the Tilt Renewables on the Liverpool Plains a discussion was had regarding the time line of the proposed projects to avoid projects happening all at once.

**18. Liquid Trade Waste** – Ricky Bush from Dunedoo Sports Club advised the club was advised of a Notification of Liquid Trade Waste compliance in 2014. Ricky is requesting a resolution from EDS.

**ACTION:** GM to write to the Dunedoo Sports Club in relation to Liquid Trade Waste situation.

**19. Communication re project updates** – Member of the public stated that Council needs to communicate better with members of the communities in regards to project updates.

A/DTS advised media will be published regarding projects, however decided to address the community at the consultation meeting beforehand.

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Cr Doolan thanked everyone for their attendance.

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 6:51pm.**