

**MINUTES OF THE DUNEDOO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN
JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY
28 MARCH 2022 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd, Cr Jason Newton, Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Carlton Kopke, Cr Kathy Rindfleish, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services, DEDES), Shereena Tattersall (Minute Taker), Amy Large, Winsome Rowbotham, David Bowman, Warren Bull, Diane Large, John Horne, Wendy Hill, Linden Ewin, Belinda Ferguson, Jackie Yeo, Sharon Nott, Stuart Curtis, Mark Gallagher, Brett Yeo, Cathy Gallagher

APOLOGIES: Cr Dale Hogden, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Sue Stoddart

INTRODUCTION:

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2021

BUSINESS ARISING

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community (Winsome Rowbotham) –

GM addressed the meeting to update the community members on the progress of the Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community site. GM advised mediation continued and no resolution had been reached, therefore the case will be before the court in 2023. The action has been bought by Boulus Constructions, Council is the Defendant in the case.

Sharon Nott asked why the Council needs to defend and what is the cost involved in defending the case. GM advised due to the amount that is being requested by the Plaintiff.

Amy Large questioned what costs the Plaintiff would be claiming and GM advised the Plaintiff is claiming losses.

GM advised court representatives have inspected the site.

Warren Bull questioned whether there are any legal liabilities from Council. GM advised the contract was terminated lawfully based on the quality of work (number of severity of defects) and convenience.

Winsome Rowbotham raised the question regarding removing the debris from the site. GM advised due to the court action Council is unable to deal with the structures.

Winsome Rowbotham raised the possibility of screening the site.

DEDES advised Council is looking into purchasing a temporary fence.

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Amy Large suggested Council not invest in a fence, instead invest the funds into maintaining the site. GM advised Council is limited as to what can be done at the site.

David Bowman raised the question if local MP's could assist with the court costs. GM advised local MP's are also limited to their involvement due to the pending court case.

GM stated that representation to Roy Butler MP is being prepared requesting authorisation for the remainder of the funding to be used for a new building. GM asked the community members for their recommendations to be included in the representation. Warren Bull recommended a smaller sized building. Sharon Nott echoed Warren's recommendation and referred to starting small, such as five (5) units and growing from there when the demand was required. Amy Large recommended the facility not be managed by Council. Mark Gallagher was concerned regarding the lack of vacant land in the community. Mayor Doolan reiterated the consensus was for smaller independent/assisted living units and closer to town, and if there were anything further recommendations to contact Councillors, GM or the office.

Sharon Nott spoke of the independent living units in Nyngan where they are located all over town and not in the one location.

Warren Bull suggested a community meeting to receive feedback on the TRRRC Project and moving forward with the new project if successful. Belinda Ferguson stated that the new project should be based on the Community Action Plan that is in place.

2. Dunedoo Columbarium Project (Amy Large) –

DTS advised quotations for the project closed Friday 25 March 2022. The project is on track to have a purchase order issued and contractor advised by the end of the week. Project is scheduled for completion by June 30, depending on supply of materials. Amy asked if the project was not completed by June 30, is the funding able to be rolled over. DTS advised funding would roll over, if required.

3. 40km zone in Dunedoo (Dunedoo & District Development Group (DDG) –

GM advised that Council submitted a written submission to Transport for NSW to oppose the 40km zone in Dunedoo's CBD. DTS advised that the submissions received from the community were very balanced and Council resolved to keep the 50km zone.

4. Maintenance plan for the unsealed roads surrounding Dunedoo (DDG) –

DTS handed out the Rural Roads Update flyer and explained that scheduled road maintenance is based on the hierarchy of roads. Some of the determining factors include traffic numbers, flood damage, bus routes, isolation and emergency work. DTS advised the process to identify the maintenance schedule with staff being stretched to maintain the current damage. DTS is seeking funding from the State Government to help cover some of the maintenance costs and Council have hired an independent company to assess the damage and prepare a report to submit with

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the funding application. Community members are encouraged to notify Council of damaged roads via email with photographs to assist in the maintenance of roads.

DTS advised the moving forward the road maintenance schedule will be included as part of the Council's website.

- 5. Dunedoo RFS Shed - Water Filling Point (David Bowman) –**
DTS spoke with Corey at the RFS and advised that it can be funded. RFS are waiting on confirmation for a local plumber to complete the work. The work is scheduled to be completed by June 30.
- 6. Untidy Block located behind the Dunedoo RFS Shed (David Bowman) –**
DTS advised that once the site is accessible and dry, maintenance will begin.
- 7. Coolatai Grass, Nullen Rest Area (David Bowman) –**
DTS advised the rest area is owned by Transport for NSW and staff were not aware of the grass. Council will advise with Castlereagh Macquarie County Council in regards to noxious weeds.
- 8. Restoration of water damages WSC roads (Warren Bull) –**
Addressed previously in meeting. (Item 4).
- 9. Management Positions – dual roles (Warren Bull) –**
GM advised dual roles were not ideal for management positions, however staff may be allocated additional responsibilities.
- 10. What measures will Council take to improve financial position and in what areas? (Warren Bull) –**
GM advised duplication of services such as pools, can affect financial sustainability of Council. The lack of funds has affected Council's ability to improve particular infrastructure especially when applying for grants with joint contributions.
- 11. Is it considered prudent to slash/eliminate certain non primary cost areas (Warren Bull) –**
Warren did not provide examples of such non primary cost centres. GM advised Council is dependant on grant funding, especially the Financial Assistance Grant, made up of two funding components – General Purpose and Local Roads.

Sharon Nott raised the question relating to streamlining costs through funding that occurred with the amalgamation of Coolah and Coonabarabran Councils. GM advised at the time of the 2004 amalgamation there was not funding available for the amalgamation of Council's, unlike the 2016 round of amalgamations.
- 12. Vacant policing position in Dunedoo, urgent Ministerial request to fill position (Warren Bull) –**
GM advised he has contacted the Inspector for the Dunedoo area and they are in negotiation with a possible replacement Officer. Cr Kopke advised there are regular police patrols of the township and there has been no increase in reporting offences

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since the departure of the prior Officer. GM advised Council have no control over police numbers and allocations, however would encourage community members to make representations to the local MP.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

13. Budget

GM advised on Public Exhibition and written submissions close April 19, 2022.

14. Community Strategic Plan

GM advised on Public Exhibition and written submissions close April 19, 2022.

15. Public Lands Planning Proposal

DEDS advised Council is preparing a proposal to rectify incorrectly identified council owned land, Operational (works/depot) or Community (parks). Once the report has been finalised it will be placed on Public Exhibition to correct past errors.

16. Illegal dumping

DEDS advised to report illegal dumping around the shire. A media release was circulated with contact details for the EPA, reporting through the site allows photos to be uploaded and GPS tagged.

GENERAL BUSINESS

17. Pool Season Passes (Winsome Rowbotham) –

Congratulated Council on the swipe access passes for the pool, which allowed season ticket holder to access the pool throughout the season with ease

18. Digital Sign (Sharon Nott)

Will confer with Jennifer regarding the cable that has been purchased for the sign. If the cable does not work Sharon would like to be advised if the sign will be removed or covered.

19. Table Drains and Culverts Maintenance Leadville (Stuart Curtis)

DTS advised there is currently a backlog on maintenance, and staff are trying to catch up on the additional work created due to flood damage. Stuart advised he has sent photos and videos to Cr Hogden for his consultation with Council.

Cr Newton thanked everyone for their attendance.

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