

MINUTES OF THE DUNEDOO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 5:30pm

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Peter Shinton, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services), Kumar Satkumaran (Acting Director Technical Services), Saumik Chatterjee (Manager Roads), Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services), Margaret Anderson (Manager Community Services), Kira Alexander (Minutes), Brian Bowman, Pam Bowman, John Sullivan, Sue Graham, Stephen Yeo, David Bowman, Carrol Yeo, David Copeland, Dianne Large, Mark Dent, Peter Colley Anne Kable, George Simmons, Sue Stoddart, Margaret Yeo, Janette Johnstone, Ronald Bowman, John Ross, Mary Ross, Jan Stuart.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Kodi Brady, Warren Bull, Virginia Compton.

INTRODUCTION

Cr Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Acting Director Technical Services (ADTS), the Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS), Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), the Manager of Roads (MR), the Manager of Community Services (MComms) and minute taker. GM outlined how the meeting will be run.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2019

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Current status and proposed future planning of the Dunedoo Columbarium Project

ADTS advised that currently no budget for the project but seeking grants.

Action: DTS to advise what Community Consultation is needed for the Columbarium project.

2. Dunedoo Truck Lane Update and Risk

Cr Hill stated that the entrance from western end is dangerous as people are parking to take photos. Perhaps a no parking sign could be displayed.

ADTS advised that this will be an agenda item at the traffic advisory committee meeting tomorrow and notify you of the outcome. Extra assessment and time may be needed for the committee to reach a decision.

Action: DTS to advise of outcome of the issue at the meeting.

3. Dunedoo Retirement Village Update and Maintenance

DEDS gave an update – refer media release.

Action: DEDS - Whipper snipping will occur when staff available.

4. Concerns raised Dunedoo Garden/Park/Playground area during holiday period is a big job for one person

Can the community get extra help with workers from the shire on top of the volunteers to maintain our main asset?

Action: GM to discuss volunteering initiatives with Dunedoo & District Development Group.

5. Dunedoo Digital Sign Update

DCCS advised that:

- In the past, it has cost considerable money to fix the sign and the company

that supplied the sign have not been much help and are expensive to get on site.

- Computer app is complex and hard to configure from the start.
- An electrician has been organized to take the computer out of the sign to allow for repairs.
- The community could consider through the Community Development Coordinator making a grant funding application in the future to replace the sign.

Action: DCCS staff to send the digital sign computer for repair if possible.

6. Improve quality of the Dunedoo town water supply.

DEDS advised that there is no set mandatory parameters or limits within the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines or World Health Organisation guidelines for hardness. Council would need to deal with it voluntarily as external funding would not be available.

GM advised that upgrade of Dunedoo sewerage was a priority at the moment.

7. Dunedoo Community Car planning when transporting elderly

DCCS introduced MCommS who advised:

- Recruiting volunteers with own vehicle is not preferred as not sustainable and recruitment is a problem. Volunteer in own car could be problematic due to exploitation, unreasonable expectation and vehicle wear and tear.
- Transport NSW has advised we are not to purchase vehicles but lease management instead, so new concept needed.
- Regional transport officer has funds available to partner with local bus operators to value add and sustain Community whilst consulting with users to manage service delivery times.
- Bus services restarting Tuesday 3 Nov 2020.
- Set days and times can be negotiated with specialists for residents to have priority access and added:
- Funding can be sourced to pay drivers or it can be negotiated for specialists to come to community.
- Passengers from same residence can currently travel together.

Action: MCommS to further consult with community on transport needs

8. Lewis Lane approaches to bridge washed out

GM advised that there is an application for flood damage funding with State Government to fix the bridge but not maintaining northern side of the road at this point. We do not maintain all roads in the Council area. A Council resolution would be needed to have the road maintained.

9. Dunedoo Pool - Pensioner option, pool cover cleaning, pool pump not working, pool card access.

GM advised that there is no requirement to provide pensioner subsidies. It was previously considered but not supported by Council.

Action – DTS to get back to Carrol Yeo about pool cover cleaning

Action – DTS to check pool card access and refund arrangements for pool keys

10. State of Pine Ridge and Lawson Park Roads

Sue Graham stated that staff did a good job on road but the culvert built at her gate is not functioning well.

Action: Manager Roads to investigate the culvert

Council Updates and Information

1. Evacuation Centres

ADTS advised that LEMC prepares plans in response to emergencies in LGA – Dunedoo Golf club, Jubilee hall and Schools are listed as evacuation centres. Current COVID situation means the LEMC are reassessing capacities of all centres and community will be advised.

Action: DTS to suggest Dunedoo showground as a possible additional evacuation site at LEMC meeting

2. Rural Addressing

ADTS advised that the project has been running in last 3-4 years and is now complete. The project also included review and boundaries in some towns. A new village of Cobbora was created and was formerly in the Dunedoo area. Cobbora postcode remains the same.

3. Margaret Anderson – Libraries

Council is interested in receiving feedback on libraries, please complete survey.

General Business

1. Water availability for RV travellers.

Community Member stated that there has been increased traffic with nowhere for travelers to stop and get water. How can we address that issue?

Action: DEDES to investigate water availability for RV travelers at next EDT committee meeting.

2. Fire Hazard – Crown land Tallawang, Bullinda, Bandulla and Mogimil streets.

GM advised that RFS say it is a NSW fire brigade matter as we don't control Crown land.

3. Assistance for the up-keep of the park gardens using volunteers.

Sue Stoddart to advise of any programs available and advise GM.

4. Mowing All-Weather Road and Castlereagh Hwy, guard rail needs grass to be cut

Action – DTS to organize mowing in area.

5. Digilah Road – requires slashing

Action: DTS to organize slashing.

6. Zebra crossing along main road due to a lot of traffic coming through Dunedoo

Action: DTS to raise in traffic committee meeting.

7. Sign – Sir Ivan Dougherty spelling needs checking.

Action: DTS to check sign spelling.

Mayor thanked all for attending and asked attendees to keep communication channels open and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed 7:25pm