
PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Anne Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Steve Loane (General Manager), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), John Horne, Kylie Rose, Barbara Smith, Ken Westerman, Neville Staniforth, Wendy Hill, George Simmons, Peter Colley, Graeme Whitelaw, Jan Currie, Sara Fergusson.

APOLOGIES: Cr Murray Coe (Deputy Mayor), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Lloyd Graham, Sue Graham.

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

MINUTES: Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from 25 November, 2015, confirmed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No items raised.

AGENDA ITEMS

2016/17 Budget

The Director Corporate and Community Services provided an overview of Council's budget process for 2016/17, including information on Council's *Operational Plan and Delivery Program*, and the *Town Budget Booklets*.

The *External Budget Application Form* was circulated and attendees were advised how they could make a submission to Council to be considered during the 2016/17 budget process.

Warrumbungle Bike Plan

The General Manager spoke about the Warrumbungle Bike Plan being developed by Council's Road Safety Officer. Surveys were distributed and attendees were advised that the survey is also available online on Council's website. Feedback from the survey will identify the needs of each community and will contribute towards the development of the Bike Plan.

Attendees were advised that submissions for the Warrumbungle Bike Plan Survey close on **Friday 8 April, 2016**.

Swimming Pool Legislation

The Director Development Services updated the meeting on recent changes to swimming pool legislation. The legislation states that all pool fencing and pool barriers are to be checked for compliance (*with the Swimming Pools Act*) prior to sale or rental. As of 29 April 2016, property owners that are selling their property (with a swimming pool or spa pool) will need to attach to the Contract of Sale a Certificate of Compliance, or a Certificate of Non-Compliance outlining what needs to be fixed. A flyer explaining these changes was distributed at the meeting.

Removal of Underground Storage Tanks

Director Development Services advised that Warrumbungle Shire Council has received funding as part of the Derelict Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Program to investigate and remediate four (4) derelict underground fuel tanks located on Council road reserves in four (4) towns within the Shire. Funding of \$240,000 has been received for this purpose.

Attendees were advised that if they are concerned about an old underground fuel tank in their locality to please contact Warrumbungle Shire Council's Development Services Department.

Dead Trees in Tallawang and Whitely Streets

The removal of dead trees in Tallawang and Whitely Streets was discussed. Trees are to be removed as part of this year's budget.

Drainage Yarrow and Wallaroo Streets

Meeting discussed issues with stormwater on Wallaroo Street. There has been significant flooding in the past and there is a need for kerb and gutter. Study will be undertaken to assess stormwater issues and develop a way forward.

Meeting also discussed kerb and gutter for the lower end of Yarrow Street, although the meeting did acknowledge that Wallaroo Street needs to be the priority.

Street Maintenance

Streets from Yarrow Street South need attention. Manager Urban Services to meet Cr Chris Sullivan to inspect the area.

Dunedoo Park, Playground, Watering Issues

The meeting discussed the issue with a lack of watering in the Milling Park Playground area. The problem is due to the decommissioning of a pipe. Council advised that they are manually watering the area.

Swimming Pool Maintenance and Improvements

The meeting discussed maintenance and improvements at the Dunedoo Swimming Pool. It was acknowledged that there needs to be more budget allocated to the pool as it is in poor condition.

Shade Structure for Playground Equipment

Residents expressed concerns about there being no shade structure over the playground equipment in Milling Park. It was suggested that this should be considered in the 2016/17 budget.

Road Name Status / Update – Cobbora Road, Cobbora

Suggestion had been made at the Dunedoo District Development Group Meeting to change the name of Cobbora Road to either Cobbora Road North or North Cobbora Road.

Council agreed to look into changing roadside numbers as opposed to the road name. It was raised that there is also an issue with Cobbora Road in Wellington. Council advised this would be dealt with this issue as part of the Comprehensive Property Addressing System (CPAS) Program.

Street Stalls and Regulations

Residents advised that some community members are selling raffle tickets in the street. Council were asked what is required and are there insurance implications in relation to doing this. Council advised the group of the booking processes and insurance requirements. Council will also advertise the process in the Dunedoo Diary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Park Benches

Issues were raised in relation to park benches not being cleaned. Council were asked to look into increasing the frequency of cleaning the park benches.

Men's Shed

The community of Dunedoo indicated they are keen to support, and improve, the Dunedoo Men's Shed. Council were asked if equipment from the Old Dunedoo Hospital could be used for the Men's Shed. The General Manager mentioned that as the Men's Shed is a not for profit group that they could access some of the old equipment from the hospital. The General Manager the Men's Shed Committee to contact Dave Smith to see what is available.

Medical / Health Committee

Dr Sara Fergusson presented her concerns about the state of medical services within Warrumbungle Shire. Points noted included:

- Her belief that there are now reduced services and funding for medical services in the area, with a trend towards video link ups when doctor's are required.
- Alleged incidences of no doctor's being on call across the whole Shire on some weekends.
- Her belief that the local health service is increasingly relying on junior nurses to staff multi-purpose services (MPS's) and hospitals, and these inexperienced nurses are often required to take on large responsibilities. Dr Fergusson gave an example where nurses were making injections intra-muscular as they were unable to find veins.
- Dr Fergusson's feeling that the Local Health District (LHD) is not concerned about the smaller hospitals and MPS's with resources flowing to larger centres;
- Dr Fergusson suggested that Council should reactivate a Medical Committee to lobby the state government for improved medical services.
- Her belief that Health Councils don't seem to work.

Those in attendance discussed the roles of the various Health Councils across the Shire. It was noted that the formation of a Council Medical Committee was discussed recently and a special workshop was held to setup a Medical Committee. It was decided, at the workshop, that a Medical Committee not be re-instated due to a number of reasons including the Health Council already dealing with medical related issues.

Road Closure

Residents enquired as to the status of Lewis Lane in Dunedoo. Council were asked if it has been gazetted for closure as there is an issue with the timber bridge on the lane.

Tucklan Road

Residents advised that there are branches along Tucklan Road that are hanging over the road.

Meeting Closed: 6:50pm