PRESENT: Cr Murray Coe (Chair), Steve Loane (General Manager), Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Fiona Luckhurst (Acting Director of Community Services), Kevin Tighe, (Director Technical Services), Tony Meppem (Director Environmental and Community Services), Barry Evans, Nick Tsipouras, Chris Sullivan, John Sullivan, Keith Turner, Don Copeland, Juile Copeland, Ken Westerman, Wendy Hill, Lloyd Graham, Sue Graham.

APOLOGIES: Cr Peter Shinton

Nick Tsipouras / Barry Evans.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 8 NOVEMBER 2011

DTC 03 RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November, 2012 be confirmed.

Rebecca Ryan / Tony Meppem

BUSINESS ARISING

The following matters were discussed:

Old Dunedoo Hospital – Native Title Claim discontinued.

Cobbora Coal - some changes:

3 main mining cells.

Break ground 2013.

Rail line to admin block for coal loading.

Will pump water from Cudgegong.

Impacts on roads to be decided, still investigating.

Property Manager is Tony White.

Accommodation construction period - accommodation on site which will be removed LEP mapping 98% complete. Development Control Plan and Strategy. Document should be on display in May – dependant on approval from the Department of Planning.

Diesel fuel delivered by truck to administration section, no pipeline to be built.

Bridge to be built over Spring Ridge Road.

Studies indicate 15% of workforce from Warrumbungle Shire.

Maximum Workforce of 700.

Effluent disposal and Water upgrade – in discussion – to be dealt with through Development Application process.

Air Quality Monitoring – Coalition of Mining related Councils provide this service. Air quality concerns expressed regarding the effect on rain water quality. Shovel and truck operation, not drag line, reduces air pollution.

Environmental assessments being completed now.

Water – Mining – pumping from river to a dam. Workers will need potable water during construction. Will harvest the water on site where possible. Holdings site has large dams.

Administration centre now situated in Wellington Shire – Western side of Spring Ridge Road.

Mine entrance - Sweeney's Lane.

Website – Cobbora Holdings has updated information.

AGENDA ITEMS

Request for placement of permanent coloured pencils at either end of park. Press release, letter box drop and survey to be carried out in the near future to ascertain community support for this and the possible expansion of the Multi-purpose Service Centre (library, bank).

Community Strategic Plan Draft is on exhibition for comment. Delivery Plan is being developed.

Council 2012/2013 Budget (Operational Plan)

Costings for capital projects can be presented to Council for consideration e.g. Robertson Oval, Aged Care Units.

Robertson Oval - some controversy in town. Amenities block needs work, as does food area. Oval mowing good.

Council has inspected today. Request for Council to consider upgrade. It is a community asset. Suggest plan be developed to upgrade the oval area. Has great potential.

Tooheys have looked at the site. They provide funding for suitable projects. Rugby League club is requesting community support via Tooheys website.

New goal posts installed. Sewerage pumping, fencing and seating completed at Oval by Council over the last couple of years.

Council supports volunteering, volunteers need induction. Liaise with Harold Sutton.

Plan for Bowen Oval is being completed and will be used as a base for improvements. Long term plans support applications for funding. Money for development of this by consultant need to go to Council for budget consideration.

Bowen Oval plan for Coolah is costing around \$25,000.00.

Building blocks at back of Dunedoo, top of Tallawang Street – question whether Native Title on Crown Land.

Dunedoo Hospital Site – currently owned by NSW Health. Council is acquiring this land on a freehold basis with covenant regarding purpose for community use for 10 years. Units may require pumping station for sewerage will be addressed through planning process.

In the new LEP there is a proposal for industrial land in Dunedoo area. Location confidential until the release of the LEP.

Soft-fall area in children's playground needs extending.

Streets sealing upgrade. Aim to complete a couple of projects each year.

Potholes need patching where trucks and buses park.

Proposal from Dr Ferguson to put in concrete footpath in Digilah Street, entrance to Hall.

Murray Coe encouraged people to use Jubilee Hall.

Toilets at western end of park – still on the agenda. Has some community support. Public toilets open 24 hours until the end of April as trial.

Request for grading road to Reservoir.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Chairperson

Development Group – payments have been slow.

IWD – night time event at Baradine. Hard to attend night time events at other end of the Shire.

Shooters in State Forest need permit and restricted to certain areas. State Forestry jurisdiction.

Next Meeting: November 2012
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.