
PRESENT: Clr Murray Coe(Chair), Kevin Tighe (Acting General Manager), Rebecca Ryan(Director Community Services), John McHugh(A/Director Corporate Services), Robert Bowman, Beth Bowman, Sue Graham, John Hern, Don Copeland, Barry Evans, Keith Turner, Geoff Nott, Barabara Smith, Ken Westerman, Lloyd Graham, Wendy Hill

APOLOGIES: Clr Peter Shinton, Tony Meppem.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 20 APRIL 2010

DTC 01 RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 April 2010 are confirmed.

Hill/Graham

BUSINESS ARISING

- The number of street bins in Bolaro Street now appear to be adequate. However, consideration should be given to installing a bin near weighbridge and installing one on the railway side of the playground.
- Cobbora Coal Mine. The meeting was advised that Council has no information on the Cobbora Coal Mine other than what has recently been broadcast on news bulletins.

AGENDA ITEMS

Council's 2011/12 Budget Process

The Acting General Manager spoke about the process associated with preparation of the 2011/12 budget. In particular, the preparation is based upon the forward works programme and the many requests received throughout the year. It is expected that the draft management plan will be on display from 12 May 2011 and this will provide an opportunity for submissions from all in the community. Also explained was a revised approach to consideration of donations or financial assistance to community groups. Council recently updated its policy on financial assistance and a call for applications will now be made in August and February each year.

- A concern was raised that residents were not given adequate notice about recent kerb and guttering projects.
- The meeting was advised that the new recycling processing shed at the Dunedoo waste depot is nearing completion.

New General Manager Appointment

The Chairman outlined the process associated with appointment of the new General Manager. The new General Manager is Mr Steve Loane and he will commence duties on the 2 May 2011.

Warrumbungle Regional Council Proposal

The Acting General Manager outlined the reasons for a proposal by Council to rename itself as Warrumbungle Regional Council. In particular the change from 'Shire' to 'Regional' is expected to better promote Council and provide more emphasis to funding applications to State and Federal Governments.

Community Strategic Plan

The Director Community Services spoke about development of a Community Strategic Plan and how it will be a visionary plan for the Shire for the next 10 to 20 years. Preparation of the plan cannot occur without extensive public consultation and this will occur between July and December 2011.

- The Dunedoo Development Group requests a copy of the three (3) year forward works programme for Dunedoo.

Roads – Flood Funding

The Acting General Manager spoke about the flood damaged roads and the claim for funding assistance that has been made to the State Government. The assessment of the claim is expected to be finalised by the RTA in the coming weeks.

Mast for Three Rivers Radio Station at Multipurpos Building.

Ken Westerman sought assistance with construction of a new mast for the community radio station. He was advised that a Development Application is required and that Council Officers would provide assistance with lodging the application. The conditions associated with the DA consent would provide guidance on what design and construction details are required before the mast is constructed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Status of Sale to Council of Old Dunedoo Hospital Site.

The meeting was advised that a Native Title claim for the site has been made.

Extensions to the Library/Museum.

The meeting was advised that proposed extensions to the library and museum were subject to Council receiving funding support.

Water and Sewer Funds

Mr Knott wanted to know if Council intended to establish a water and sewerage price that was common to connected users throughout the Shire. The meeting was advised that Council officers are preparing a position paper for Council consideration and one option is to combine the water funds and sewer funds.

Use of Community Radio Stations for Broadcasting Road Closure Information.

Mr Westerman advised that a group of community radio stations were investigating the concept of sharing road closure information with the aim of eliminating confusion for travellers passing from one region to another.

Monitoring of Groundwater adjacent Underground Fuel Storages.

Mr Graham expressed concern that Service Stations in Dunedoo may be forced to close because of the high cost of compliance with EPA requirements in relation to monitoring of underground fuel tanks. Clr Coe advised that he has been in contact with the local member the Hon Kevin Humphries in relation to this matter.

Maintenance Issues

- There are several areas of maintenance required on the Multipurpose building
- A sign directing travellers to the 'off leash' dog area is required.
- The road shoulder on the corner of Wallaroo and Tucklan is required.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 November 2011

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm.

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Chairperson