
PRESENT: Clr Murray Coe (Chair), Steve Loane (General Manager), Rebecca Ryan (A/Director of Corporate Services), Kevin Tighe (Director of Technical Services), Fiona Luckhurst (A/Director Community Services), Barry Evans, Don Copeland, Nick Tsipouras, Gawain Bowman, Barbara Smith, June Copeland, Chris Sullivan, Beth Bowman, George Dent, Wendy Hill, John Horne, Sue Graham, Lloyd Graham, Ken Westerman.

APOLOGIES: Robert Bowman

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 13 APRIL 2011

DTC 01 RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 April 2011 be confirmed.

Wendy Hill / Barry Graham

BUSINESS ARISING

Warrumbungle Regional Council, question regarding costing.

- Entrance Signs in future budget.
- Would be implemented over a transition period to minimise costs

Community Strategic Plan

- Community Forums completed throughout.
- Congratulate Council, facilitators and scribes for forums.

Mast for the 3 Rivers Radio – foundations being prepared.

Dunedoo Hospital

- Native title claim.
- Hearing to be scheduled in early 2012.
- Over 7,000 land claims sitting on the books.

Water and Sewerage Funds – all combined.

Service Station at Dunedoo – closed, wait and see.

AGENDA ITEMS

Community Strategic Plan – Forums: over 10,000 comments, 900 people, 38 community forums including 11 schools. Draft Community Strategic Plan will be presented to Council and put on public exhibition prior to Christmas.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cobbora Coal – Information Sessions

- Downsized.
- Times delayed.
- First coal delivery July 2015
- Conveyer line 12 kilometres long; 12.5 kilometre rail line; train going to Ulan to Hunter.
- Pipeline from Ulan not required.

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- Main entrance – Golden Highway
 - Work to commence in 2013.
 - Roads expense to Shire:
 - Impacts on roads due to mine, Sandy Creek, Cobbora Road
 - Laheys Creek Road
 - Tucklan Road
 - Traffic counter on Cobbora Road.
 - Property Manager.
 - Accommodation at Gulgong Village.
 - General Manager and Mayor in Sydney; DG Planning.
 - Cobbora Mine – Local Environmental Plan.
 - 100% Full steam ahead.
 - Main administration and workshops – 22 kilometres from Dunedoo.
 - Rail loop – Tallawang end minimal use.
 - Do not want staff coming across site.
 - Diesel fuel pipeline.
 - Construction vehicles during construction, infrastructure will come along the road.
 - Local Environmental Plan – expand Dunedoo with residential and rural residential.
 - If the coal mine goes ahead, triggers accommodation for workers.
 - 700 workers.
 - Mine will be constructed in three cells.
 - Do not want workers driving long after shifts.
 - Workers as close by
 - Proper and appropriate accommodation to attract families.
 - Council needs to position itself ready to benefit Dunedoo.
 - Effluent Disposal.
 - Major upgrade required
 - want Cobbora Holdings to pay for upgrades.
 - Housing – condition of consent.
 - Water – Augmentation of water.
 - Decreasing numbers, direct numbers; the indirect employment would be more opportunities.
 - Air quality monitoring.

Local Environmental Plan

- No more progress.
- Strategic land use plan about to go on exhibition for comment.

Dunedoo Hospital Land Claim

Thank Council for cooperation by Council; Rebecca Ryan and Mayor – documentation, regarding Dunedoo Hospital land claim.

Can Assist Cancer Support

- Group in Dunedoo, claim from Coonabarabran, quite a few from Coolah.
- Would it be permissible to have a street stall at Binnaway or Coonabarabran?
- Street Stall Policy (fill out a Street Stall Application).

Golden Highway – on corner near Hospital

- Needs repainting on turning lane
- Turning arrows

Painting of mural on bus shelter in Milling Park

- approval by Council is required.

Council Meeting regarding petition presented to Council regarding Robertson Park.

- Splitting the community.
- Proposal only a concept.

Feedback for Recycling Centre.

- Only complaints.
- Needs some feedback about preferred times and opening hours.
- Open Saturday afternoon or all day Sunday.
- Open in mornings, perhaps a Wednesday to synchronise with the Dunedoo Sale.

Air Quality – Muswellbrook

- Quote from independent air quality study
- Which we control

DTC 02 RECOMMENDATION That Council investigate independent air quality monitoring and benchmark with Coborra Mine Project.

G Bowman / N Tsipouras

Mine – Is disturbing our small town.

Supervisor / Overseer in Dunedoo resigned. Is he being replaced?.

- No he hasn't been replaced. Yes he will.
- Maybe two.
- Everybody's job is safe.
- 13 new positions.

Projects:

Storm Water Drainage

Program of kerb and guttering and more underground storm water pipes,
Wargundy – south to Digilah.

Sewerage Effluent – upgrading. Treatment, choices.

Rural Road Projects

Digilah Road missing seal section.

Sealing of Streets in Dunedoo

Wallaroo, Adelyne, Merrygoen on future program.

Arts Unlimited – Orana Arts

- Asking for more support by Council.
- Communities need to wean getting money from Council, especially if donating to someone else.
- Event needs growth and direction
- Active committee much better option.

Next Meeting: March /April 2012

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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Chairperson