

PRESENT: General Manager – R Geraghty (Chair), Acting Director Environmental Services – T Meppem, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Community Services Director – R Ryan, Barry Evans, Judy Evans, Sue Stoddart, Ken Westerman, K Adams, Simon Ferguson, John Horne, Jean Gaden, Joyce Copeland, Don Copeland, Judy Bowman, Robin Dent, George Dent, Wendy Hill, Nick Tsipouras and Glennis Mangan (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: **DTC 04 Advisory Recommendation** that the apologies of Sue and Lloyd Graham be accepted.

Ryan/Hill

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

DTC 05 Advisory Recommendation that the minutes of the Dunedoo Town Committee meeting held on 21ST October 2008 be endorsed.

Evans/Dent

BUSINESS ARISING:

Australia Day

Council will again ask the community groups to organise the Australia Day functions in each of the towns. The contribution of \$200 will remain. The Shire Wide Award categories will be reduced to Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Young Sportsperson of the Year and will be presented by Council representatives and the Ambassador. The Certificates of Recognition will be administered and awarded by each community development group and could also include the Group Community Service and Sports Team of the Year awards.

AGENDA ITEMS:

TAFE – Sue Stoddart informed the meeting that there was no further information in relation to the TAFE moving into the old Dunedoo Hospital. Sue will follow this up.

Fluoridation

Council has extended the submission date for comments on fluoridation until the 5th June 2009 and wants to ensure Dunedoo residents are aware that Dunedoo is included in the proposal to fluoridate the town water supply. Council will consider this matter at its 18th June 2009 meeting.

Information will be put into the Dunedoo Central and St Michael's School's newsletters.

Pavers

RLCIP funding did not include the laying of the pavers on the street footpaths. This should be included in the 2009/2010 budget deliberations.

Multi Purpose Centre

An issue was raised in relation to the gardening, maintenance and usage of the Multi Purpose Centre. It was thought that there were times when things were being done and not everyone was aware of the intention to do so.

It was suggested by the General Manager that a meeting take place with all stakeholders, including the Director of Corporate Services, who is the Director

responsible for the Multi Purpose Centre. The GM will make arrangements with the Director of Corporate Services to organise this meeting.

12.30pm George Dent, Robin Dent, Jean Gaden and Kevin Tighe left the meeting to inspect Milling Park for the purpose of finding a suitable location for the placement of the new sculpture.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rating Levels in each town

A detailed document was handed out by the General Manager who explained the “factor” equation and how it is calculated. General discussion arose about the categorised budget amounts for services for each town in the Shire and the need to increase the income from Dunedoo to cover costs. The General Manager was thanked for his work in compiling this document, it was recognised just how much work had gone into the preparation of it.

Superannuation – Council will have to find approximately \$300,000 each year for the next 5 years and possibly 10 years to cover the shortfall of the early staff superannuation fund (SASS) due to the financial meltdown.

Road Maintenance – Dunedoo main street in front of the Bakery needs attending too.

Grant Funding – Sue Stoddart informed the meeting of the success of a community grant for the cleanup of graffiti in areas around Dunedoo. The grant allowed \$500 per project and at this stage about 6 or 7 have been completed.

Social Services Planning Day

There will be a Social Services Planning Day in Dunedoo on 21st April 2009 at 9.30am at this building. All welcome.

Macquarie Regional Library

The MRL holds an annual review on the utilisation of the Library. Dunedoo is found to be too small and does not offer any room for expansion. The hours from the Mendooran Library will be transferred to the Dunedoo Library if agreed to by Council. An alternate site is needed to house the Library and the Director Community Services is looking into this.

Main Street Lights – It was suggested that more “pretty” lights in the main street would be good and that perhaps solar powered lights might be a possibility.

Gas – the question was asked as to when Dunedoo would be likely to be connected to the gas line that is running through the town. Council is waiting to hear from Mudgee in relation to this however, it is thought that Dunedoo is likely to be the first town in the shire to be connected.

Budget – A request for more bins on the far side of the Park in the truck parking area and that this be put into the upcoming budget deliberations. Kevin Tighe is checking the situation after the meeting today.

Peppercorn trees – Tallawang Street need lopping. At this stage the 2nd and 4th trees have been done.

Bullinda Street crossing – pothole at the end of the dirt track. GM will check today.

NEXT MEETING: October 2009 - meeting to commence at 12 noon.

MEETING CLOSED: 1.15pm

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CHAIRMAN