

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Wendy Hill, Jenny Lloyd, Lesley Sauls, Elizabeth Ascher, Michael Ascher, Dani Sivell, Paul Nichols, Sydney Sauls, John Yeo, Lynette Yeo, Bev Bush, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Robert Jehu, (Acting Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services)

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Ray Lewis, Judt Henderson, Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services)

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

General Manager, Roger Bailey, introduced himself and provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Mendooran Community Consultation meeting, held on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 were discussed with the following Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Water Quality

A resident enquired as to the quality of the water as they had noticed a strong odour that smelled like chlorine. Director Technical Services (DTS), Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that the water at present is of good quality and there are no current concerns. It was also stressed that when there is an issue with the water, for example, please contact Council as soon as possible so the matter can be investigated whilst the problem is occurring.

Cemetery

A resident advised that there is still a portion of the cemetery that has not been mowed. DTS, Kevin Tighe, committed to investigate this matter.

Dalgliesh and Abbott Streets

Concerns were raised about Council trucks travelling on these roads at a speed which is causing increased dust. It was requested that Council remind truck drivers to be aware of their speed and to try and reduce dust.

Water Pump – Mendooran Park

Attendees enquired about the progress of the water pump for the park. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting the pump would be installed with the next month.

Recycling Bins

A resident enquired about recycling and what was required for people with bins versus those who took their recycling to the Waste Transfer Station. It was suggested that the resident speak to the Acting Director Development Services, Robert Jehu, following the meeting.

COUNCILIAL PROJECT UPDATES

Stronger Country Communities Fund

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (ADCCS), Louise Johnson, provided an overview of the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two. Various projects were discussed.

Project suggestions were discussed. ADCCS, Louise Johnson, suggested people contact Community Development Coordinator, Jenny Lloyd, for assistance if required.

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

Abbott Street Sealing

Residents enquired when would the sealing of Abbott Street be completed. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting it is on the list to be completed along with Bandulla Street.

Cobbora Road

A resident advised the meeting that Cobbora Road is in need of grading due to corrugations. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that due to the shortage of water it is difficult to complete some maintenance on roads. An inspection of Cobbora Road will be undertaken.

Watering System – Mendooran Park

Enquiries were made regarding the watering system for the park. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised that the irrigation system will be connected to the Council mains system and if there is a water pressure issue a pump can be installed.

Communication

The meeting discussed issues with communication with Council. Residents raised concerns about correspondence is not being acknowledged and some other issues. Attendees were advised that Council does have a Customer Service Charter which was currently being reviewed. Acting Director Corporate and Community Services, Louise Johnson, advised the meeting the matter was being taken on notice and will be investigated.

Mechanic Institute Hall

The meeting was advised that two (2) requests have been made to Council requesting \$30,000 to refurbish the hall. These funds were originally to be used to on upgrading the kitchen however the situation has now changed and the funds would be better spent on the floor. Manager Property and Risk, Jennifer Parker, had attended a meeting and indicated she would follow up on the reallocation of funds for this purpose. ADDS, Robert Jehu, advised the meeting he would take the matter on notice and follow up with the Manager Property and Risk.

Mendooran Park – Upgrades

Residents enquired as to any progress on upgrade works at the park. Proposed works included upgrading the play equipment and painting of the amenities. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the painting of the amenities project was a two (2) phase project. First was the water connection (which will be shortly completed) and then the painting of the amenities – which will be completed once there is budget available. The meeting also discussed possible funding opportunities for the new play equipment with the Community Development Coordinator, Jenny Lloyd, following this up.

Mendooran Cricket Ground and Fencing

Attendees requested an update on fencing for the Mendooran Cricket Ground. ADCCS, Louise Johnson, advised the meeting that at present the no funds had been allocated in the budget for these works – however these works would meet the criteria for the Stronger Country Communities Fund and it would be advisable to get costings completed ready for an application. It was also suggested that user groups could consider a staged approach based on the development of concept plans that the community could have input in to.

Mendooran Tennis Club

Mendooran Tennis Club indicated that they would like to put forward a submission for the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two. It was suggested that the Tennis Club discuss their project with the Community Development Coordinator, Jenny Lloyd.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Recycling Bins

Resident advised that the new recycling bins were being delivered but no instructions on when the service would commence and what can be placed into the bins was available. ADDS, Robert Jehu, advised the meeting that there should have been either a sticker or leaflet delivered with every new recycling bin. Council had also used local papers and Facebook to advise residents of the changes. Council were asked to consider a letter box drop with this information and encouraged to consider alternative communication methods in the future including posting directly on the Mendooran Classifieds Facebook and reinstatement of Council's quarterly newsletter.

Stormwater Levy

Residents enquired as to when stormwater works were going to be completed in Mendooran. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that there are works planned for the future in Mendooran and each town is assessed on a needs basis. DTS, Kevin Tighe, assured the meeting Mendooran is on the list and Council is working through the list.

Sewerage System for Mendooran

The meeting also discussed other infrastructure installation for Mendooran such as sewerage connection. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting Council had submitted and Expression of Interest (EOI) for funding under the NSW Governments Safe and Secure Water Funding. If Council progresses to the next stage they will need to complete a full application.

Mowing

Attendees advised Council that there appears to be some areas that are either being missed when mowing happens or need the frequency increased. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting there is a mowing schedule in place and this is available to be viewed at the Post Office. DTS, Kevin Tighe, also asked those in attendance at the meeting that should an area appear to be missed, please contact the office so Council is aware that this is happening.

Swimming Pool

Meeting asked about the progress in works to enable access to the pool for people with a disability. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised that the works would be completed during the off season and should be completed for the start of the 2018/19 pool season.

It was also raised that there appears to be a leak in the pool. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that unfortunately cannot apply for or allocate funding until the problem has been detected, investigated and a solution has been found.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:35pm