

**MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD
IN MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING
AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services, DTS), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment Development Services, DEDES), Jennifer Maundrell (Manager Corporate Services, MCorpS), Kira Alexander (Minutes), Val Dries, Carlton Kopke, Robert Hudspeth, Dianne Mulligan, Alistair Wright.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Roger Bailey (GM), Kim Parker (DCCS), Jenny Lloyd.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councillors, the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Environment and Development Services (DEDES), Manager Corporate Services (MCorpS), and Minute Taker.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020
BUSINESS ARISING**

Rest Area Dump Point – needs to be changed to Complete.

1. Brambil Street

Val Dries is concerned with the high grass and septic tank smell near her property at 22 Brambil St. Val stated that the septic is not ok and mice are running out of the long grass.

ACTION: DEDES to contact Val Dries to organise inspection of high grass and odour complaint.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

2. Further upgrade of campground

DTS advised that there were no proposals to upgrade the campground, just to finish off the fencing to the effluent irrigation area.

3. Restoration of machinery displayed in centre of town

DTS advised that the machinery is privately owned.

4. Promotion of town to passing tourists

DEDES advised that promotion occurs via social media pages, brochures, Community E-newsletter and 3 Rivers Radio.

5. Pool update requested

DTS advised that Council is purchasing a new chemical tank with acquired funding. There is a potential leak in the toddler's pool. All Shire pools closed 27 March but occasionally also closed due to unavailability of pool attendant.

6. Denykymine Road repair, numerous washouts creating dangerous conditions

DTS advised that \$100,000 was spent on grading in the 2019-20 financial year but no significant work undertaken in this financial year. Maintenance work is predominantly funded by Council.

ACTION: DTS to inspect recent damage.

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7. Yarrow Road, efforts to open

ACTION: DTS to organise removal of sand, install signage and reopen road.

Alistair Wright entered the meeting. DTS and DEEDS briefed Alistair on answers to his Agenda items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

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8. Rest area bins upgrade and increase

DTS advised that there is a contract in place with Transport for NSW

ACTION: DTS to check on potential increase with RMS

9. Time frame for new play ground

DTS advised that Austrek will commence installation of the playground next week

10. Thank council for Bandulla Rd sealing and installation of new septic and dump point - Mendooran rest area

Cr Lewis acknowledged the Mayor and Local Member Roy Butler in making the projects happen.

11. Update on the state /condition of Cobbora Rd

ACTION: DTS to investigate viability of putting up an unsealed road sign

Carlton Kopke entered the meeting

12. Update on repairing the railway crossing on the Castlereagh Highway at Coopers corner

DTS stated that the last meeting with ARTC and Transport for NSW, the issue was raised but they have been slow to negotiate.

13. Pool sealing, Pool lighting, New Pump, Vacuum broken at pool leading to lack of adequate cleaning, Opening Hours - early close March for key holders

ACTION: DTS to note opening hours for next season stay extended to key holders to 7pm for whole season.

ACTION: DTS to organise repairs to pool vacuum.

14. Camp area bins – often overflowing

Carlton stated that wheelie bins would need to be emptied less frequently and would not burden Council financially as the truck was already in the area doing collections.

ACTION: DTS to investigate the possibility of having wheelie bins at the site

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COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

15. Commercial Recycling

DEDS advised that as of 30 June 2021, Council will cease the current service using wool packs due to WHS and cost issues. New service will be fortnightly via wheelie bin.

16. Budget 2021/22

MCorpS referred to the draft budget which was adopted by Council on 15 April 2021 and is:

- currently on exhibition and open for comment via the “Have Your Say” page on Council website or via mail.
- it can be viewed on Council Website or Council offices in Coonabarabran and Coolah.
- there is a 3 part operational plan and a revenue policy which includes fees and charges:
 - 2% increase in General rates + catch up of below 1%
 - increase to water charges by 15%
 - increase to sewerage charge by 5%
 - increase to waste charge 2%

17. Donations Guidelines

MCorpS advised that at last Council meeting there was a resolution to review the Donations policy and guidelines before the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations in August. A draft policy will be available for comment.

18. Upcoming Council Elections

MCorpS advised that these are scheduled for the first Saturday in September this year and were delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic last year resulting in a 3 year term for the next Council. Council will be running workshops in Dunedoo 15 June and Coonabarabran 16 June for potential candidates and will be run by former Mayor of Lismore Council Jenny Dowell. Prior registration is required.

GENERAL BUSINESS

19. Development Application requirements, for example, residential, garages, sheds, maximum square metres that may not require DA in Mendooran RU5 Village.

DEDS advised that exempt development depends on the characteristics of the land and the development projected to be undertaken and advised the Community Member to talk to the Council’s Town Planner.

20. Mowing maintenance: vacant lots, crown land, riverbanks, creek banks, footpaths, lane ways, centre of streets, park, pool etc.

ACTION: Ranger to inspect Farnell St area and identify who is responsible for maintenance, i.e. who owns the land.

21. Road maintenance: lane ways, roads or tracks around town.

DTS advised to let Council know so pot holes can be filled.

22. Dogs barking on Brambil St opposite number 23

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ACTION: Ranger to investigate barking

23. Washing water pipe flowing onto Street next door to Val Dries, Brambil St.

ACTION: DEEDS to investigate

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed 7:10pm