

MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON MONDAY 2 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Clr Fred Clancy, Jenny Lloyd, Robert Hudspeth, Clr Wendy Hill, Bev Bush, Carlton Kopke, Val Dries, Leon Heal, Clr Fred Clancy, Lesley Sauls, Cliff G, Cliff Carter, Jenny Moore, Sharne Cook, David Cook, Fred Sciberras, Mavis Sciberras, Sydney Sauls, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Clr Kodi Brady, Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Denis Todd

INTRODUCTION

Cr Iannuzzi welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS). Cr Iannuzzi outlined how the meeting will be run.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Binnaway on Monday, 5 November 2018, were discussed Displayed on Website and council meeting May.

BUSINESS ARISING

Kerbside Clean Up

Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDS) advised that an allocation is in the budget for the next financial year and it will be scheduled for spring 2019 and will be advertised accordingly.

Dalglish and Abbott Street

Why is it marked completed as there is still a large amount of dust coming up of that road.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Signage for Driver Reviver

Members of the VRA would like to follow up on signage on the Dunedoo side of the town for the Driver Reviver. The VRA have received an email from the RMS stating that RMS will fund the work of the signage in Mendooran for the Dunedoo side.

VRA has also requested if Council plans to completed works near the Driver Reviver area to notify them. VRA members would also like to request access to the key for the power box as currently they have to contact Dean Hartley for power and toilets but can the VRA have a key to the power box.

Action: DTS will have a look into allowing the VRA to have access to the power box key.

Swimming Pool in Mendooran

Concerns raise around the Mendooran Swimming Pool, included;

- the leak at the Mendooran Swimming Pool
- Shortage of Lifeguards at the swimming pool
- Opening hours of the swimming pool for the full duration of the season.
- Cleaning of the swimming pool.

Director Technical Services (DTS) advised that Council is investigating the leak and will have a contractor to come in to fix the leak. With the cleanliness of the swimming pool Council is aware that ducks are a problem but Council doses the chemical products accordingly. Opening we had to juggle with lifeguards at the end of the season. Unfortunately due to the lack of lifeguards this season Council has to juggle around lifeguard to ensure they were open.

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Deputy Mayor Cr Iannuzzi advised that the swimming pools cost a lot of money to run. Council has 6 pools throughout the shire area and finding a qualified workforce to supervise the pools for seasonal work is a challenge. Council is aware of the issues that have been raised and is open to accepting toward the community putting a proposal to Council for coming seasons.

DTS advised that throughout the off season Council is investigating the options of training for lifeguards and will prepare a report for Council.

Community members requested to see more Two way communication throughout the Warrumbungle Shire Council social media pages.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Town Water Supply

Manager Warrumbungle Water (MWW) gave the community an update/history of the water situation in Mendooran and how the severity of the drought has impacted the town. Level 5 water restrictions were introduced to Mendooran in January 2019 and increased to level 6 restrictions in February 2019. This was due to a significant drop in the river levels and the two back up bores were creating an algae which was potentially toxic for consumption, limiting Mendooran to only use the river water as a town water supply.

Council has now successfully installed an aerator in the Water Treatment Plant lagoons which will reduce the algae, allowing council to use both bore water as well as river water. Mendooran was granted funding to reinstate the old pumping station in the river which will provide Mendooran with another back up water supply. Council has now has a Water carting plan which will enable Council to be prepared in case another emergency water situation arises in the future

Concerns were raised by a community member regarding the leaking valve. The General Manager Roger Bailey advised that once Council was notified about the issue in September 2018 the works to repair the leak were completed. The staff thought that the problem had been fixed and the level of the water tower was not correct so it was overflowing this problem was resolved on the 15 January 2019.

MWW advised that Council is constantly undertaking water testing and the information can be found on Council's website. The Water Treatment Plant and Sewerage Treatment Plants undergo fortnightly testing and was increased to weekly with level 6 restrictions. In addition to the micro biological testing Council also completes chemistry testing 6 monthly. These tests are in addition to Council daily water testing.

General Manager advised that Mendooran is now on Level 1 Water restrictions as at 1 April 2019.

New Business Ideas Workshop

The DEEDS spoke about the New Business Ideas Workshop being held at Coonabarabran Council Chambers on Wednesday, 10 April 2019. The Workshop will discuss tendering and new projects. Speakers include a representative from Inland Rail to discuss business opportunities that will be available to the community, and the requirements of engagement, eg licences and insurances.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

Round 2 of the 2018/19 Community Financial Assistance Donations is currently open. Application forms were circulated.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Oval Irrigation

Concern raised around the sprinklers at the Mendooran oval, only half of them work, and majority of them spray onto the road and not into the oval. Community request to have the sprinklers on a timer so it can be watered at effective times.

Action: DTS will investigate the irrigation system and have a look at installing a timer system.

Sports oval fencing

Community have requested that Council look into installing a fence around the sporting oval in Mendooran. They understand that every other town in the shire area has a fence around the sport ovals. It is a community concern for safety of the users.

DTS advised that Council has now made two funding application for the fence around the oval and will continue to apply for funding.

The General Manager advised the community that there is currently no budget to install a fence around the oval in Mendooran but the Draft Budget is out for public exhibition and recommends the community looks into the submitting an external budget application next financial year for this project.

Bandulla Street

The counter on the road is great but there are concerns that it doesn't cover the whole road therefore would not capture the traffic count. DTS advised that the counter is placed over the road and will measure speed as well as traffic.

Roads and Signs

Concerns raised about the surface of the first rail crossing on the road from Mendooran to Dunedoo. Request for Council to get in contact with the ARTC regarding the dangerous condition of the surface at the crossing. to put pressure on the railways about the quality of the crossing on the highway.

Action: DTS will investigate and advised that this issue will be taken up with the ARTC.

Beni Crossing Road

The community would like Council to look into the state of the road around the river along Beni Crossing Road as it is extremely dangerous for motorists. Also request to get give way signs at both T intersections at the Coonabarabran Road intersection as well as the intersection onto the Dunedoo Road.

Action: DTS will investigate and action accordingly.

Digilah Road West

The community would like to see the sign for the GAP moved onto the Digilah Road and it is currently in the wrong spot along the Dunedoo Road.

Action: DTS will investigate

Jubilee Hall Dunedoo

A community member raised concerns around accessing keys for the town halls across the shire. She was trying to set up for a meeting and was given the wrong information by administration staff at Council which left her waiting and running around the town trying to gain access to the town hall keys. The community member has request that all staff are across the correct information to give to the public and that there are signs installed onto the Town Halls which inform community member how to obtain a key and the best contact number.

Action: DECS will investigate into appropriate signage for the town halls.

Action: ADCCS will speak to administration staff regarding this issue.

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Overgrown town blocks

A community member would like Council to look into the overgrown block in Brambli Street as they believe it is a health hazard.

Action: DEEDS will speak to the community member regarding the address and details.

Staff Matter

Issue was raised around the manner in which Council staff approach and communicate with members of the public.

The General Manager requested that this issue be raised directly with him after the meeting.

Bus stop

Request that Council repairs the large hole in the road at the bus stop outside the cemetery in Mendooran.

Action: DTS will investigate this issue.

Sand Creek crossing Tooraweenah Road

At the Sand Creek crossing along Torraweenah Road there are two guide posted missing as well as a build up of debris in the box culvert that Council needs to clear.

Action: DTS will investigate into this issue.

Mendooran Park

The community would like to know when will the treated water in Mendooran Park be connected, as the development group have been waiting to paint the building there but have been told not to paint until the treated water has been installed. DTS advised that Council is putting pressure on the contractor now and the project is coming to and end.

The community would also like to see new playground equipment installed in the park, including a basketball hoop. DTS advised that Council has applied for funding for equipment in the park as there is not an allocated budget for this project at the moment.

CLOSE OF MEETING 6:48pm