

MINUTES OF THE MENDOORAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT MENDOORAN MEMORIAL CLUB ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2020 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Mayor Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services, DTS), Kim Parker (Director Corporate Community Services DCCS), Cornelia Wiebels (Manager Warrumbungle Water, MWW), Ken Stratton, (Manager Regulatory Services MRS), Kira Alexander (Minutes) Bev Bush, Carlton Kopke, Christine Bayley, Elizabeth Ascher, Fred Sciberras, Jenny Lloyd, Michael Ascher, Mavis Sciberras, OL Ward, Sydney Sauls, Val Dries, Wendy Hobbs.

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Fred Clancy, Leanne Ryan (Director Environment Development Services, DEDES),

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Denis Todd welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), Manager Warrumbungle Water (MWW), Manager Regulatory Services (MRS) and Minute Taker.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Mendooran on Tuesday 22 October 2019 were discussed as displayed on Council's website and at Council meeting December 2019.

BUSINESS ARISING

Brambil Street

Val Dries is concerned that a property on Brambil St is hazardous; the grass is high and pushing the fence over.

MRS advised that he has looked at the property and will re-inspect.

Action: MRS to re-inspect property

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Mendooran sports ground fence – An update was requested

GM advised that funding for the project has been successful through the Drought Communities Grant and the DTS advised that the next stage will be to open it to tender and consultation on style and location of fence.

Action: Manager of Urban services to work with Carlton Kopke to obtain 3 quotes to start the process

2. Skate park/basketball court – Community noted that a local contractor had been engaged, what is the timeline?

DTS - Contractor will put posts up next week. Purchase order has been generated

3. Footpath Bandulla Street

There was an issue recently; someone had a fall and injury. The development group was advised that work would commence this week, is this still happening?

DTS advised that work would be starting tomorrow.

4. Road sealing Bandulla St - traffic counter result was high. Will the road be sealed?

DTS advised that the road sealing is on the wish list for the upcoming budget

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5. Playground equipment was on a funding list, what is the update.

GM advised that Stronger Country Communities funding was successful but waiting on an announcement from the minister for \$60,000 for the playground equipment.

6. National youth week event - Carlton Kopke advised that this has been resolved as funding for Youth week was successful.

DCCS - most other Youth week activities will be postponed due to the Coronavirus crisis.

7. Rest area dump point

Updates on dump point were discussed at the last meeting.

Motorhomes RV association to pay for equipment if Council can install at the caravan rest area.

DTS advised that there may be an issue with crown land reserve and possibly location of the area this is not Council responsibility.

MRS advised that it is a primitive camping area which can also limit development due to the size of the land

Action - DTS to find out if the camping ground as a suitable location due to the crown land type.

COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Community financial assistance donations

DCCS advised that application forms are on the desk and applications close tomorrow. Guidelines are in line with Council's adopted donation policy

2. Annual donations

DCCS advised that:

- Annual donations covered a much wider field
- Covers off on donations to rates, hall hire, financial assistance
- Close on 27 March 2020 and forms some of the budget process.

3. Budget process

DCCS advised that:

- There will be a council budget workshop tomorrow night
- Review will take place 16 April and that the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget will be put out on exhibition and open to submissions from the public.
- It will then come back to be considered at the May or June Council meeting.
- Later in the year is an election and within 12 months, Council will go throughout the process of developing the Community Strategic Plan. That is also a good time to put forward anything you think is missing.
- It is the communities plan as a whole, incorporating all other stakeholders in the area including government departments.

GENERAL ITEMS

1. Block of land behind garage and bakery - Community member advised that the block has high grass, half the fence has been removed. Would the Council consider putting some horses in there for 12 months to reduce the grass?

Action: DTS to investigate paddock usage.

2. Beni Crossing Road - Community member advised that the road needs to be looked at and

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carries some traffic. Not good when wet. Top section is good but worst section is 2km from the end of tar.

Action: DTS to investigate.

3. Rest area north of town over the bridge. Cr Lewis asked who looks after it and can signage be put up to advise of toilet facilities?

DTS advised that Council maintains the site on behalf of RMS.

GM advised that it not probable that signage would go up.

4. Community member addressed holes in the road that runs down the side of the water treatment plant between Abbott and Dalglish Streets, and stated that when the road is wet, cars are getting stuck.

Action: DTS to investigate

5. Community members addressed Cobbora Road and asked why is there a closed sign at the Castlereagh highway end but not at the golden highway end? People are going down there and getting stuck and needing to be pulled out. The road is not safe when wet and should only be open to local traffic.

Action: DTS advised that the point was taken and we will make sure there a sign on each end.

6. Footpaths - Community Member advised that footpaths around the town are dirty and filling with water.

Action: DTS to talk to community to identify the problem areas.

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Denis Todd thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed 6:05pm