

PRESENT: Cr Denis Todd (Deputy Mayor) Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Ray Lewis, Jenny Lloyd, Clem Chapman, Sydney Sauls, Jenny Moore, Cliff Carter, June Unerwood, Bob Tiyce, Vivienne Tiyce, Ralph Dixon, Danielle Sivell, Dennis, Rusty Jones, Bev Bush, Lynette Yeo, John Yeo, Rose Matthews, Harley Matthews, Cal Jones, Carlton Kopke, Russell Buchanan, Leeanne Ryan (A/General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Aileen Bell (A/Director Development Services), Michael Jones (A/Director Corporate and Community Services), Liz Webster (PA to Director Corporate and Community Services).

APOLOGIES: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Lesley Sauls, Michael Ascher, Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services).

CHAIR: Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Mendooran on Thursday, 1 December 2016, were discussed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Australia Day Awards

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of plans for Australia Day 2018.

Council was asked by a local resident if they would consider changing the date on which Australia Day is celebrated.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of Council's Financial Assistance Donations and encouraged people to apply in the next round.

Budget Submissions

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, reminded attendees of the opportunity to have input in to Council's budget planning process.

A number of items were noted as potential items to be included in budget considerations for 218/19. These items will need to be submitted through the normal processes.

Regional Economic Development Plans

A/Director Development Services, Aileen Bell, provided information regarding the development of Regional Economic Development Plans and encouraged people to take part in upcoming consultations.

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

Bandulla Street – Request for Speed Restriction Signs

Residents raised concerns about travellers not appearing to be adhering to the town speed limit of 50km in Bandulla Street near the river and campground. Council advised that speed zones are not under Council jurisdiction and are set by the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS). Council will discuss with the RMS and, if appropriate, raise in the Traffic Committee.

Storm Water Levy

A question was raised regarding the storm water levy. Council took the question on notice and will investigate further the charging of the levy to Rural Residential and Rural Ratepayers. Residents provided feedback on areas in town where works in relation to this could be undertaken.

Bandulla Street Sealing

The sealing of Bandulla Street was discussed as part of the proposals for projects to be submitted as part of the budget process for 2018/19.

Bandulla Street Mowing

Council was advised that the resident had received an appropriate response earlier that day and did not need to raise the issue further.

Concerns were raised by other residents in regards to mowing and the frequency of the mowing program. Council advised that mowing is completed as required in the Summer months. Council also advised that an amount of \$31,000 had been allocated to the 2018/19 budget as well as the following year's budget. These amounts are not subject to change though the implementation may change in accordance with the areas needs.

Repair or Replacement – Play Equipment

Residents requested the repair or replacement of the play equipment in the park. Council advised that the damaged area had been sectioned off. Council also advised that there were no funds in this year's budget to replace the equipment. A representative from Mendooran District Development Group advised the meeting that funding has been applied for for new play equipment, including two (2) smaller play units suitable for children with a disability.

Watering System – Mendooran Park

A question was asked about the watering system in the park. Council advised that the pump had been ordered and the new watering system should be in operation in early 2018.

Water Quality

Residents discussed the quality of the water in Mendooran, including questions about the purity of the new bore. Council advised that water from the bore had been tested and results had shown that there was no contamination of the water. Residents also expressed concerns regarding the lack of water pressure in the Summer months when demand is higher.

Request for Information

An issue was raised regarding a specific request made to Council. Council requested that the resident provide details of the request and their contact details after the meeting so that this could be followed up.

Water Cost

Residents discussed the cost of water in Mendooran. Council advised that under the Local Government Act services such as water are to be self supporting, meaning the cost of the water treatment plan in Mendooran is to be funded by the residents of that community. Council also advised that the term of the loan has been extended thus reducing the costs charged each financial year. This has resulted in a reduction of the water charge. This reduction is effective this financial year and was backdated to 1 July 2017.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sand Creek

A resident raised concerns regarding Sand Creek Crossing, including the width of the crossing. Council advised that the concerns had been noted and mentioned that Council had previously taken plans to the Traffic Committee in relation to this. This plan included installation of a Give Way sign. The Traffic Committee determined that the installation of a Give Way sign would increase rather than reduce the risk. Council has placed a traffic counter near the bridge to record the levels of traffic as well as the size of the vehicles. Options to improve the situation were discussed. The matter will be raised again at the Traffic Committee Meeting.

Recycling

A rural resident made an enquiry regarding recycling. They noted that the town residents are able to place mixed recycling into the recycling bins, from which materials are returned to the Waste Transfer Station and sorted. However rural residents who wish to recycle must sort all materials before taking them to the Waste Transfer Station otherwise they are charged for their recycling. This question was taken on notice with the matter to be investigated further.

A further question was raised in regards to recycling as some residents have not received the new recycling bins. Residents were advised to either contact Council or provide their details following the meeting so the bins can be delivered.

Pump Station River Street

A resident reported that ground tank gates had been left unlocked. It was also noted that the outside area is overgrown with long grass. Council will investigate and take appropriate action.

Cemetery

It was noted that only part of the cemetery has been mowed. It was requested that the full cemetery be mowed. Council will investigate and take appropriate action.

Denmire Road

A resident advised Council of damage to their vehicle which they believe had been caused by the road. They requested that signs be placed on the road to warn / advise motorists of any risks.

Signs – Mendooran Central School

Residents noted that they believed there had been insufficient consultation with local residents regarding the erection of signs outside Mendooran Central School. Council advised that the matter would return to the Traffic Committee.

Daglish and Abbott Streets

Residents raised concerns about the dust along this road, due to speed, and requested that the speed limit be reduced. Council advised that issued on along the road, road is used for access to the river could the speed be reduced. Council advised that speed zones are not under Council jurisdiction and are set by the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS). Council will discuss with the RMS and, if appropriate, raise in the Traffic Committee.

MEETING CLOSED: 7:53pm