

**PRESENT:** Steve Loane (*General Manager*), Leeanne Ryan (*Director Development Services*) Kevin Tighe (*Director Technical Services*) Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Dennis Todd, Cr Chris Sullivan, Pip Archer, Jenny Lloyd, Judy Henderson, Dennis Althofer, Philip McCormack, Sandy Binns, Brenda Jenkins, Shirley Savisyar, Fred Sciberras, John Yeo, Bev Bush, Milee Asher

**Chair:** Steve Loane

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Peter Shinton, Rebecca Ryan (*Director Corporate Services*), Stuart Skinner, Charlie Knight, Mick Asher

Apologies moved and seconded  
**Cr C Sullivan /Cr Capel**

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Recommended** that the minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting Mendooran, held on 25 November 2013 be accepted.

**Cr Capel/Cr Sullivan**

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. **Sand Creek Causeway** – Road Narrow sign, not a Give Way sign
2. **Intersection Manus Drive/Forest Road** - Speed limit reduced from 100 to 80. Site inspection completed. School bus stop at the corner needs to be cleared or speed limit reduced. Request for bus driver to write a letter detailing requirements. Technical Services to have another look at intersection and take back to Traffic Committee
3. **Doctor and Nurse for Mendooran** – Considerable discussion took place on the absence of a nurse and doctor at Mendooran. Local Residents advise they have lobbied with no success. At present Mendooran is service by one doctor who is not taking new patients. Mendooran residents to form a committee and approach Dr Ferguson to see if she is willing to see patients at Mendooran again.
4. **Water Pressure** - Fluctuations

### AGENDA ITEMS

- i. **Budget 2014/2015** - GM advised of budget being considered. Forms handed out. Local residents raised the following matters;
  - Napier street – sealing
  - Merrygoen Street, Bramble (Fred Sciberries laneway)The General Manager advised that some projects could go into planning as long term project for future years
- ii. **The availability of the HACC car/bus.**
  - Needed vehicle at different times and it was not in town. People not booking as they can't get to Dubbo in time for appointments, hence they don't use the car/bus. Statistics provided to meeting from HACC.. GM emphasized the need to book the vehicle. Cr Clancy suggested when making appointments a month out, ring HACC straight away to book car/bus. GM advised car is based in Baradine and starts its run there. Community members said Council should provide car based at Mendooran as they have no doctor.

- Claims not support by the HACCC Statistics, however all unmet needs should be reported to Warrumbungle Community Care.
- **Water pressure in town**
- Complaints were made about water pressure and quality. Only time it is any good is when pumps are on for example, this morning, no water pressure, couldn't have showers, Gas HWS turns on and off due to low pressure. Worse at bottom of both Napier and Bandella Streets. DTS requested events to be noted down and recorded so they can be checked.
- Boiled water alert lifted or not? GM advised lifted after 6 weeks. Community stated they had no communication received regarding this – DTS to follow up

**iii. Dump site at the Rest Area**

- Dump site in Mendooran, will it happen? GM advised no dump site planned as no sewer - not feasible to connect RV dump site to septic tank.
- Lighting for Camp Area – needs improving.

**iv. Speed in the main street**

- DTS advised concept plan being developed to encourage traffic to slow down. Community suggested speed humps. DTS advised wouldn't get approved.
- Speed limit sign – eastern approach, near old hotel not visible. DTS to check.
- Pedestrian Crossing requested, DTS advised wouldn't get approved.
- Concern for children and wheelchairs trying to get across road. To be dealt with under mobility access committee.

**v. Park toilets –refurbishment**

- \$35k – two contractors providing quotes. Is there any undertaking so it doesn't end up like prison toilets with stainless steel fixtures.
- Lighting – Onsite meeting with Essential Energy.

**vi. Town Mowing –**

- Weather – held up mowing. Tyres sent away to be solid filled to stop punctures from catheads, is a lot better. Community members thanked DTS for mowing streets.

**vii. Mendooran Showground Reserve Trust – Cobbora Coal Transition fund**

- Pip Archer – acknowledged Council assistance with submission and has been successful for Multipurpose Function Building at showground.
- Pip sought clarification on VPA, when will it happen? GM advised when the mine commences.
- Also sought clarification on \$1m – how is it to be allocated? GM advised it will allocated via resolution of council

**viii. Old Mendooran Hotel**

- Flooding/Drainage Issue – Residence in Bandulla Street DTS to follow up.
- Discussed bird nesting under awning and is a health issue – DDS to follow up
- Also shop with murals over run with rats – DDS to follow up.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Complaint regarding roaming dogs. Had been reported to Police – DDS to follow up with police.

- Mower from Coolah, Community Services – has no catcher on it. Have to wash walls after mowing could a catcher be supplied.
- Toilets camp area –Power is sufficient to run lights for toilets. GM advised in progress.

**Meeting Closed at 7:03 PM**