
PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Anne Louise Capel, Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Fred Clancy, Steve Loane (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Dennis Althofer, Christine Bayly, Bev Bush, Val Dries, Brenda Jenkins, Jason Mills, Michael Smith, Sydney Sauls, Lynette Yeo.

APOLOGIES: Cr Dennis Todd, Cr Victor Schmidt, Michael Ascher, Calton Kopke, Jenny Lloyd, Phil McCormack, Lyndall O'Leary, Lesley Sauls, and Lyndal Yeo

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

MINUTES: Louise Johnson (Manager Children's and Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the Minutes of the Mendooran Community Consultation Meeting, held on 30 March 2015 be accepted with an amendment to the attendees, ie. Sydney to Lesley Saul.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Meeting Time

It was acknowledged that this meeting time appeared to not be suitable for members of the community. General Manager, Steve Loane, apologized for the meeting being held at this time. It was noted, by residents, that a more suitable time would be 5:30pm / 6:00pm.

Water Pressure

Residents noted that the water pressure still wasn't good. Concerns were raised regarding water pressure in the event of a fire at Coolabah Estate. Council advised that the water pressure should be good when the tank is full. Council will look into why the tank may not always be full.

Road Issues

It was noted that the street with potholes raised at the last meeting has been fixed. Residents commented that the road is breaking up, in the main street, where the old road joins the new road. Resident raised issue regarding issues with the gutters since the new road has been installed. Council will complete a site visit to inspect and assess these issues.

AGENDA ITEMS

Fit for the Future

The General Manager provided an overview of the Fit for the Future process and current challenges being faced by Council. The meeting discussed the proposals put forward by Council. If any of the proposals outlined in the Extraordinary Business Paper were to be implemented then consultation would be undertaken with the community.

2015/16 Budget

The Director Corporate and Community Services distributed a document providing an overview of Councils' 2015/16 budget, including items specific to Mendooran. This information, as well as information for other towns, will be available on Council's website. Residents enquired about the Precinct Plans and indicated these need to include all sporting and recreation facilities in the town, even if they aren't co-located. Residents raised concerns regarding the state of the swimming pool during the winter months.

Customer Service Charter

The Director Corporate and Community Services distributed Councils new Customer Service Charter and provided an overview of the process as well as the Charter. Residents were asked to review the Charter and provide feedback.

Electronic Housing Code

The Director Development Services distributed information on the Electronic Housing Code. This, and further, information is available on Council's website.

Comprehensive Property Addressing System Program

Council distributed information on the Comprehensive Property Addressing System Program. Residents were asked to provide feedback on the map and also experiences with addressing. Council indicated this item will stay on the Agenda for future meetings.

Slashing and Spraying

Residents raised concerns regarding slashing and spraying on Forest Road. Council advised the meeting work has been undertaken on this road.

Camping Ground Sign

Residents requested a sign be placed near the Police House to show where the camping ground is located.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Program of Mowing

The Director Technical Services presented a Program of Mowing for the town. This program was distributed to residents in attendance. A copy will also be placed on the town noticeboard.

Tennis Courts – Garden

Residents asked who was responsible for the garden at the tennis courts, and other garden around town. The Development Group used to maintain these gardens however residents believe this may be Council's responsibility. It was decided that Bev Bush will liaise with Council regarding this matter.

Tennis Courts – Blocked Drain

It was brought to Council's attention that the drain in the park near the tennis club is always blocked. This was noted and will be actioned.

Footpaths

Residents commented that the footpath between the Health Centre and the old General Store is causing people to fall over. Council advised the meeting this will be reviewed and actioned as a matter of priority.

Dogs

Residents asked how many dogs you can have in town. The meeting was advised there is no specific legislation but the Ranger can follow up if people have concerns.

Meeting Closed: 4:30pm