

MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held Monday 26 FEBRUARY 2024 at 2pm
Gallery Room, Coonabarabran Council Building

Present: Councillor Newton (Chairperson), Councillor Brady, J Arnott (alternative for Coolah DDG), D Bell via Zoom (Mendooran DDG), J Lloyd via Zoom (Mendooran DDG Observer), C Tillman via Zoom (Mendooran DDG Observer), S Edwards (Binnaway PA), J Landell (Binnaway PA Observer), R Landell (Binnaway PA Observer), D Baker (alternative for 2357 Partnership), K Rose via Zoom (Dunedoo DDG), Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS), Manager Economic Development and Tourism (MEDT).

Meeting Opened: 2.07pm

1. Apologies

RESOLVED that apologies be accepted from Councillor Kopke, L Cutts, N Pfeiffer, L Doyle, T Hayman (No alternative provided for Baradine PA).

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: S Edwards

2:09pm

K Rose attended the meeting via Zoom

2. The Chairperson called for Disclosure of Interests

Nil

2:12pm

D Baker attended the meeting

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for EDT Committee meeting held on 28 August 2023.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: S Edwards

For – Unanimous

4.1 Tourism Report – February 2024

Caravan and Camping Expo's – Discussion occurred around who will be representing Council and whether costs could be shared with our Real Country partners being Coonamble and Gilgandra Shire Councils.

Action: Contact be made with Real Country Council's to see if costs and representation can be shared for caravan and camping shows.

RESOLVED that the Tourism Report – February 2024 be received and noted.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: S Edwards

For – Unanimous

4.2 Economic Development Report – February 2024

Community Events Program – Discussion occurred on events that were not held with emphasis on the need for more community involvement when selecting events for similar funding opportunities in the future.

RESOLVED that the Economic Development Report – February 2024 be received and noted.

MOVED: S Edwards

SECONDED: Councillor Newton

4.3 Visitor Information Centre Report – February 2024

Action: J. Arnott to follow up with Coolah Pandora Visitors' Gallery to send through visitor statistics for inclusion in the report.

RESOLVED that the Visitor Information Centre Report – February 2024 be received and noted.

MOVED: Councillor Brady

SECONDED: S Edwards

4.4 Town Entrance Signage Project Update Report – February 2024

Councillor Brady advised discussions were had with three (3) LALC's and feedback was that Acknowledgement of Country should be included on the signs. Councillor Newton suggested that a metal (brass) plaque could be installed on each sign providing relevant wording and acknowledgments. Each town sign design was discussed and preferences selected; with necessary amendments to be forwarded to the sign designers as soon as possible.

Action: MEDT to send amendments to sign designer for necessary changes to be made.

Action: MEDT to provide the revised design back to committee members for approval prior to be presented to Council Meeting.

RESOLVED That:

1. The EDT Committee present the draft Town Entrance Sign Project designs to Council for endorsement.
2. A metal (brass) plaque be installed on each sign to acknowledging country with wording to be confirmed by the Committee.
3. Council staff meet onsite with EDT representative community group from each town to determine most suitable location for signage installation.
4. A decision be made on old town entrance signs when the site location inspection is carried out.
5. Any remaining capital funds for the Town Entrance Sign project be revoted into the next FY.

MOVED: Councillor Newton

SECONDED: Councillor Brady

For – Unanimous

5. New Business

5.1 Wings and Things – Councillor Newton advised possible date for Wings and Things was 7 September 2024.

5.2 Hearty Welcome – D Baker advised 2357 Partnership are hosting another Hearty Welcome for the new residents some time mid 2024.

Next Meeting: TBA

Meeting closed: 3:50pm