



AGENDA

Meeting: Community Consultation Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5th April 2017

Location: Einasleigh Possum Ray Memorial Hall

Commencing: 9:00am

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING
2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY
3. APPOLOGIES
4. CHARLESTON DAM
5. GILBERT RIVER IRRIGATION SCHEME
6. W4Q PROJECTS
7. ROAD UPDATES
 - GEORGETOWN TO FORSAYTH ROAD
 - HANN HIGHWAY
 - GREGORY DEVELOPMENT ROAD
 - GULF DEVELOPMENT ROAD
8. CORPORATE PLAN
 - INCORPORATE MAJOR PROJECTS;

I. GILBERT RIVER

II. GEOPARK

III. STREET SCAPING

IV. CHARLESTON DAM RECREATIONAL PRECINCT

V. CHARLESTON DAM SOLAR PUMP PROJECT

*VI. GEORGETOWN MULTIPURPOSE GYMNASIUM
PROJECT*

VII. FORSAYTH WATER UPGRADE

VIII. MT SURPRISE WATER UPGRADE

○ ASSOCIATED CONSULTATION

9. STREET SCAPING

10. POTENTIAL IRRIGATION IN EINASLEIGH

11. GENERAL ISSUES FROM THE COMMUNITY



MINUTES: Community Consultation Meeting Minutes

DATE: 5 April 2017

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 9:05am.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the Community Consultation meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and laws and recognize their continuing connection to this Country.

We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Warren Devlin
Deputy Mayor Tony Gallagher
Cr Will Attwood
Cr Warren Bethel
Cr Troy Barnes
Chief Executive Officer Norm Garsden
Director of Engineering Services Jeff Bunt
Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer Anna Christensen
Economic and Community Development Officer Rebekah Hill
Angus Robinson, UNESCO Geopark

Community Members: Total of 7 people attended from the Community.

APOLOGIES

David Munro

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed Norm Garsden and Jeff Bunt to the meeting.

Norm Garsden and Jeff Bunt informed attendees of their prior work experience and backgrounds.

CHARLESTON DAM

The Mayor updated attendees on the progress of the Charleston Dam Project. The Mayor informed all that there has been some slowing in the progression of the project as Council had to design a fish ladder to be installed due to legal requirements. This is being designed by consultant engineers currently, once the designs are completed they will be sent to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department will need to approve the designs. Mr Mayor also updated attendees on the search that had been going to find better quality clay. The clay has been found that is needed and this will go on the earth wall in the dam. Council hopes that construction will begin this year. Council hopes that the Dam will bring some resilience against droughts.

TC: I have had some correspondence and conversations with certain members and ministers regarding the naming of Charleston Dam after Noeline Ikin. I believe that Charleston Dam should stay named as Charleston Dam and rather the road into the Dam be named 'Ikin's Way' to commemorate Noeline.

WD: We have had some media attention regarding this, I agree with you. It is something for Council to discuss and consider.

TB: I have had some conversations with Trevor and he has mentioned that it was Noeline's wish that nothing be named after her. Noeline enjoyed gardening when she had time; Trevor has suggested that some gardens be put in to commemorate her.

WD: We will put something out in the Community to get some feedback on this matter.

GILBERT RIVER IRRIGATION SCHEME

The Mayor updated attendees on the progress of the Gilbert River Irrigation Project. The project is still moving along and Council is looking to employ someone on a full time basis to assist in putting the project together and liaising with stakeholders. Council has also engaged assistance from some professionals with knowledge on very similar schemes.

EINASLEIGH IRRIGATION SCHEME

The Mayor discussed the idea of introducing an irrigation scheme in Einasleigh. The Mayor asked for attendee's thoughts on building a pipeline from Kidston to Einasleigh in order to access water from the Dam.

WB: The main thing on people's minds when I have spoken about it previously is water rates being introduced.

WD: It would be great to have some farming opportunities.

TG: Would the water need to be treated in order for it to be drinkable for townspeople?

NG: We can look into that.

TC: Phillip and I have a submission on this idea, I can give you a copy of this.

WD: That would be great, thank you. It is something we need to think about as being a possibility.

JC: On another matter, will we be getting any bitumen on the Oasis to Einasleigh Road from the GENEX project?

WD: Hopefully. We have had some discussion with Minister Bailey on this. TMR and Etheridge Shire would both need to contribute.

WA: We will at least be getting some passing opportunities.

JC: With the Einasleigh Bridge, will there be any weight limits for the trucks going over?

WD: A transport plan is being developed to determine logistics.

W4Q

The Mayor updated attendees on the Work 4 Queensland Grant that Council received for One million and Seventy Thousand Dollars. This grant has been aimed at creating jobs for people locally. Council together compiled projects for successful applicants to complete through conversations at community

meetings over the past few months and ideas that Council had. The following is what Council hopes to achieve with the Grant money;

Forsayth:

- Levelling of the ground at the Forsayth Show Grounds
- Fixing drainage around the town
- Beautification of the park
- A shelter and tables and chair installed at the cemetery

Mt Surprise:

- Fencing of the town common
- Continuing on the playground project
- Installation of speed cameras near the School
- Fixing drainage problems

Georgetown:

- Beautification of all entrances into town
- Tidying of the River Walk

Einasleigh:

- Installation of a viewing platform over the Copperfield Gorge with a walkway down to the Gorge
- Seating and tables etc. along the top of the gorge

Gilbert River:

- Building of a Fire Shed

The Lynd:

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ROAD UPDATES

The Mayor and DES Jeff Bunt updated attendees on the following roads and the progress of funding for works on the roads;

Forsayth to Georgetown Road

Work has begun on the Georgetown to Forsayth Road. Clearing and surveying is being undertaken currently and camps are being set up. The target is for 7km of bitumen but 5km will definitely be completed.

Hann Highway

We are currently awaiting a response from Flinders Shire Council for a date on a meeting to discuss the funding.

Gulf Development Road

Council will receive further funding through the Western Road Upgrade to continue work on the Mt Surprise to Croydon road. The conditions are that work is split between Croydon and Etheridge.

CORPORATE PLAN

Council's Corporate Plan is currently outdated. It was put together in 2008 or 2009 and needs updating to include the current major projects including the Charleston Dam and Work 4 Queensland Grant.

NG: There is a lot of potential in attracting tourists to the area through the plan. I believe that the Shire is not extracting enough money from the tourists when they are passing through.

WD: Street scaping is something that was included in the Corporate Plan but nothing has eventuated. I would like to revisit the idea.

GENERAL ISSUES FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Mayor invited community members to discuss any issues, concerns or ideas that they may have.

JC: What has happened with the Wash down Bay in Mt Surprise?

WD: The maintenance and upkeep of the bay was too high. It was being used more for a general car wash. It may need to be recommissioned when the Gilbert River Project is up and running.

WA: It should really have been put in at the 40 Mile Scrub. It was put in Mt Surprise due to the population living there to monitor it as well as power.

WD: Does anyone have any ideas for other small projects in case we go under budget with the W4Q grant?

TC: Maybe we could fix up and move the old drawn equipment and create a bit of a display.

WD: We can put an advertisement in the Inform asking for old Mining Equipment. (Action Item)

TC: Can we get the crossing fixed or improved coming in from the Short Cut Road.

AK: This has been brought up at other meetings.

WD: It is a State Road, one which for some reason they do not like. We will have a think about this for some ideas.

JC: What is the progress on the Windmill project?

WD: Genex and Infigen are in the midst of finalising an agreement for power. Infigen is also in negotiations with the land owners and this is proving to be difficult.

TC: I would like to check, is it ok for St. Johns Ambulance to sleep in the hall over the Easter Weekend? They would just roll their swags out. They do come up and volunteer over the weekend for free.

WD: That should be fine. Norm might just have to look into this. (Action Item)

WD: I have an idea that I would like the Community people and Council to have a think about. I think it would be beneficial to town's people and tourists for there to be some form of phone service available, similar to the one at the Oasis.

TG: The Hall might be a good place; it is always open and accessible.

WA: It would be able to reach within a certain radius.

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK PROJECT

Angus Robinson gave a short presentation on the significance of the Geopark project. Angus presented the term Geotourism to attendees and the importance of it. Geotourism is a focus on the whole environment from the sky to the minerals in the earth. The project idea focuses around the Undara Lava Tubes but will also give an entire overview of the Shire's rich mineral heritage. The project would be community owned. The Geopark project is an exciting prospect that embraces the area. If approved it will be the first UNESCO Geopark in Australia. This will attract people from around the world.

CONCLUSION

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11:50am.