



AGENDA

Meeting: Community Consultation Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5th July 2017

Location: The Lynd Oasis Roadhouse

Commencing: 10:30am

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING
2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY
3. APOLOGIES
4. CHARLESTON DAM
5. GILBERT RIVER IRRIGATION SCHEME
6. W4Q PROJECT
 - FUTURE PROJECTS FOR W4Q
7. GEOPARK UPDATE
8. ROAD UPDATES
 - *HANN HIGHWAY*
 - *GEORGETOWN TO FORSAYTH ROAD*
 - *GREGORY DEVELOPMENT ROAD*
 - *GULF DEVELOPMENT ROAD*
9. STREET SCAPING
10. ANNUAL BUDGET

11. BUSH FIRE READINESS

12. RATES



MINUTES: Community Consultation Meeting Minutes

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 10:50am.

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
Chief Executive Officer Norm Garsden
Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer Anna Christensen
Rolfe Ellem, Gilbert River Project Officer

Community Members: Total of 3 people attended from the Community.

APOLOGIES

David Munro
Jeff Bunt
Cr Attwood
Cr Bethel
Cr Gallagher
Cr Barnes
Barb Keough
Annette Keough

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK PROJECT

The Mayor gave an update on Council's decisions moving forward with Geotourism and potentially a Geo trail rather than a Geopark over the entire shire. The Mayor expressed his wish to have National Parks potentially opened up for tourism. The Mayor explained how there would still be opportunities available for station owners who would like to go into tourism to be a part of a Geotrail. The Mayor spoke about the advisory committee being put together to discuss Geotourism.

CHARLESTON DAM

The Mayor updated attendees on the progress of the Charleston Dam Project. The Mayor informed all that they are waiting on the designs for the fish ladder to be approved and that this is expected to happen in the next few weeks. Mr Mayor also discussed the pipeline that will be developed from the dam to Georgetown to alleviate water shortage concerns.

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 has employed Rolfe Ellem to assist in driving the project. The Mayor also discussed the plan to sell water from the dam that hopefully will be built and this would create a revenue stream for Council to remain sustainable. This would be done through the creation of a company/enterprise as an 'arm' of Council.

W4Q

The Mayor updated attendees on the Work 4 Queensland Grant that Council received for One Million and Seventy Thousand Dollars. The aim of the grant is to make the area more liveable through improvements and beautification. The Mayor also discussed that Council will be receiving a second round of funding that will be spread over a 2 year period. 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 safety elements for visitors viewing the Gorge
- Seating and tables etc. along the top of the gorge

Gilbert River:

- Building of a Fire/Community Shed

The Lynd:

- Building of a Fire/Community Shed.

ROAD UPDATES

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

Hann Highway

We are awaiting more funding. The work has begun on widening to the north of the roadhouse. There will be crews moving down to the Hann in future months.

Forsyth to Georgetown Road

Work has begun on the Georgetown to Forsyth Road. A mix of TIDS and R2R funding is being used to complete this job. We received extra money from the FNQROC group after other Councils could not meet the deadline. The target is for 7km of bitumen but 5km will definitely be completed.

Gregory Development Road

There will be a possibility of about 4km of bitumen on the Einasleigh to Oasis road. It will be a passing opportunity around Kidston.

Gulf Development Road

Council is working on receiving more funding to continue the Western Roads Upgrade on the GDR. Working closely with the DG to make this happen.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The Mayor informed attendees that Council adopted the 2017-18 budget at the last Council meeting. We are going to be working hard to try and increase Council's revenue as there has been a decrease in the last two years.

GENERAL ISSUES FROM THE COMMUNITY

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

PR: I have been asking for some time now, is it possible for Council to supply some bins or some sort of a rubbish service to here. We are getting increasing rubbish with Tourists travelling through.

WD: I understand but unfortunately due to the distance from Georgetown to here it would not be feasible.

JK: In regards to rubbish and having no public toilet here, what are we getting in return over this end of the Shire for paying rates?

The community members talked about the need to attract people to move to the area through advertising.

LR: Can Council get television ads to sell the Shire to tourists?

WD: We are working on ideas for ads at the moment. We have put money aside in the budget.

PR: What happened with the signs that were meant to be erected? Tourism is here now, is there money in the budget to erect signage and fix roads?

WD: The eight signs are being put up very soon. There has been a few hold ups with Main Roads in regards to this.

JK: There is water pooling up nears Bob's yards on the road and this has been created by Council when they are grading the road. It is getting hard to access when we are mustering.

WD: We will flag this with Main Roads.

CONCLUSION

The Mayor closed the meeting at 1:30pm.