

Allenstown Community Conversation Meeting

Date: 8 October 2018

Location: Allenstown State School, Performing Arts Complex

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm. Introductions by Acting Senior Executive Business & Economic Development.

Mayor Strelow welcomed the attendees and gave an overview of net average of rates and charges per annum.

Meeting notes:

Regional Services (Delivered by General Manager Regional Services)

1. Completed works
 - Upper Dawson Road (between Nathan & King Streets) – 400m - \$860,000
2. Planned works – Reseals
 - William Street (between Murray & Canning Streets) – 570m - \$128,661
 - Canning Street (between Derby & Denham Streets) – 450m - \$325,000
3. Proposed future works
 - Upper Dawson Road (between King & Brecknell Streets) – 380m - \$510,000

Communities (Delivered by General Manager Communities)

1. Works completed - On your doorstep at Rocky
 - Capri at the zoo
 - 10,000 people at Capricorn
 - Riverbank
 - Kershaw Gardens

Advance Rockhampton (Delivered by Acting General Manager Advance Rockhampton)

- Resources
- Water security & agribusiness – Rookwood Weir
- Defence
- CBD development
- Tourism & events
- International relations & trade – Study Rockhampton

Open Discussion / Questions

The following topics were covered:

- A resident complained about the Gallery Apartments, Quay Street falling apart and the transparency of decision making. Green grant from the government yet tree chopped down at his place. Residents need to be consulted.
- Treescape issue. A resident indicated that more needs to be done in this space. At the border of the range, there was a wide variety of trees that were taken down. Gladstone Road (at the entrance) needs further work. The palm trees at the Yeppen roundabout need to be kept. An education program to the community would be a good step. Further allocation of funding to shading of the city should be undertaken. Additional watering can assist. Rockhampton has plenty of potential. There are opportunities for a tree planting program. A letter was received from this resident. (See PW#545214)
- Mayor Strelow – RRC have seven new staff members for our parks services. TC Marcia took down around a third of all our trees. Cr Rutherford said we need to do more, however, with private property there is a fine line about what Council can do. Parks yes, and public spaces yes, but on private property it is the owner that actually decides.
- Cr Fisher - there are a lot of trees that are not compatible with the city climate. We need to have trees that will have a long life and right for the positions where they are planted. There is a long term planting plan in place.
- Cr Rutherford - the Yeppen roundabout is an issue and Council is currently liaising with DTMR about a solution. Council will work hard to get a good look and feel in this space.
- Within RRC 5,000 trees have been planted over three years. There is a canopy plan to get the right trees in the right place.
- A resident has a ring road concern with the planned project from a Rockhampton resident point of view. Mayor Strelow supports the decision to go down the track of building the ring road. It is going to happen, and we have been able to obtain a route that will suit Rockhampton. The route will go through an area which is flood affected with service stations and hotels etc. not allowed to be built in this area. There will be plenty of jobs during construction, approx. 1 billion. This will create a number of different opportunities.
- Website updates - Hockey still says it is going to Olive Street.
- Another resident indicated that he is happy to hear that there is a planting plan but some of the maintenance is a little left to be desired.
- It was noted that the region has plenty of heritage opportunities.
- Cr Rutherford - the Parks section is currently focused upon building the type of culture that will be exemplary. There are some good staff in this area.
- Resident was thrilled about Mount Archer but it was a little decimated of foliage. It would be great to see a better display of colours.
- Resident concerned with Upper Dawson Road. There is an issue with car parks off Musgrave Park Lane which is a safety matter. The amount of traffic and the number of semi-trailers have seemed to increase over the last three years. (See PW#546557)
- Resident, Fairy Bower Road - leucaena is a real issue and needs to be focused on. Response by Cr Smith - can be great stock feed, however, if it is let go it is a real issue. The pest/weed guys are spraying in various areas, there is an education problem. (See PW#546574)
- Intersection of William and Davis Street. There have been many near misses. Why can't there be a stop sign? There have been more accidents on Davis Street. Note: This was answered by Council officers. This intersection has been nominated for black spot funding.
- Canning Street - Council is doing a pretty good job on bicycle paths. Up North Street is particular good. The footpaths are not great though for using a personal mobility scooter device. Using good science, have a look at the website Bicycle Mayor (Mexico).
- NDIS is an opportunity, solar arrays at Bouldercombe and other opportunities not related to coal.
- Kettle Park - will this remain open? Cr Rutherford's response: Yes.
- Shopping expansion on Patrick Street and Derby Street - this will be taken on notice. General Manager Communities to obtain details and Council will get back to resident. (See PW#546578)

- Footpath safety, can something be done about scooters and skateboarders? (See PW#546604)
- There is an issue with East Street footpath. Numerous tourists have indicated that it is a bit on the nose. Also the Kern Arcade footpath near the bus stop. (See PW#546604)
- Dan Murphy footpath, can they close this area off? (See PW#546604)
- Poison Creek/Mount Morgan, a bougainvillea planting would be great for the area. This type of planting is what had been there previously. (See PW#546610)

Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys

- Resident Satisfaction & Importance Surveys were handed out to all attendees for completion.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Number attendees was 14

Requests logged by Customer Service Officer

- PW#545160 – Tree at back of resident's property
- PW#545165 – Gallery Apartment unit ownership