



Community Conversation Meeting

Minutes from meeting - 9 April 2015, 6.35pm to 8.00pm

Location: Alton Downs Hall, Alton Downs

Apologies: Councillor Swadling and Councillor Belz

Attendance: Approx 25 locals. 4 Councillors and 5 Council staff

Minutes

1. Wade Clark, (Community Engagement Officer) opened the meeting, introduced the Councillors and Council officers. An outline of the agenda was completed.
2. Mayor Strelow thanked the community for attending.
3. Divisional Councillor Cherie Rutherford thanked the community for attending.
4. Wade Clark (Community Engagement Officer) outlined the Resident Satisfaction and Importance Survey Results for 2014.

Overall Messages

- Overall satisfaction with Council moving in the right direction - up 11.1%
- Top three priorities for the community are: Roads, Footpaths and Parks
- 16 services, facilities and infrastructure items that are meeting expectations
- Solid increases in satisfaction with infrastructure, but more needs to be done
- Top performers: Libraries, Art Gallery, Rockhampton Zoo and Heritage Village

Highest priority areas for us!

- Roads, Waste Services, Parks

5. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) outlined:

What Council has done in your area recently:

- Stanwell-Waroula Road – Road Sealing
- Glenroy Road – Road Widening
- Glenroy Road – Concrete Floodway
- Ridgelands Road Signage
- Evans Road – Gravel Re-Sheeting
- Lion Mountain Road – Graded and Re-Sheeting

Local projects that Council is working on:

- Nine Mile Road trial section of asphalt to overlay rough/cracked concrete floodway (shoulders to be completed at same time)
- Hunt Road – Bitumen Seal on Road (Alton Downs – Nine Mile end)
- Hunt Road – Bitumen Sealed Floodway
- Hunt Road – “PolyCom” trial

- Concrete floodway(s) on Alton Downs – Nine Mile Road, Harding Road and one on Glenroy Road

Waste Services Update:

- Laurel Bank – replace bins with two low walled concrete trenched facility – 5 metre by 15 metre and 0.9 metre wall
- Generally tidy and resign this site prior to 30 June 2015
- Dalma to be converted to Bank of Bins prior to 30 June 2015
- Ridgелands Roadside Bin Stations to remain as is for 2015/2016
- The above is a trial and maybe altered in response to feedback
- Greenwaste Mulch – should be available at all facilities from now on unless contamination of asbestos reoccurs.

Update on priorities listed by the community at the November 2014 meeting

6. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) provided an update on the following areas:
 - i. Nine Mile Road Upgrade – Request Council upgrade full length of the concrete road.
 - Asphalt Trial has been delayed, plan to complete mid to late April.
 - Gravel shoulders will be repaired at same time.
 - Replacement of old 3.7m wide concrete floodway has been included in 10 Year Forward Works Program.
 - ii. Malchi Nine Mile Road – request to complete road sealing
 - Sealing of remainder of gravel section is in proposed 2015/16 budget
 - iii. Lion Mountain Road required additional work
 - Replacement of three old concrete floodways included in Forward Works Program.
 - iv. Request investigation of Nine Mile & Ridgелands Road intersection.
 - To be completed.
 - v. Request for recycle bins at Laurel Bank bin station
 - This will occur with the redesign (completed prior to end of June 2015).

7. Michael Rowe (General Manager, Communities) outlined:
 - i. Request from the Alton Downs Hall Inc to assist funding an all-accessibility toilet
 - Council has provided funding for toilets (Community Assistance Program)
 - Council has also provided funding for repairs to the Alton Downs Cenotaph
 - Council has provided funding to the Alton Downs & Combined District Anzac Day Memorial Committee for a Memorabilia Cabinet (Small Projects Scheme)
 - ii. Weed management needs to be improved. A dual approach with the Council and the landholder. Also greater enforcement of landholders that did not comply.

- A pest management program was completed before Cyclone Marcia, this program focused on Type 2 Declared Weeds.
- iii. Concerns raised over mine water dischargers with the community requesting Council advocacy on the matter
- Council has requested the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines investigate the matter. Note: Fitzroy Partnership for River Health was also advised.
8. Mayor Strelow outlined the Major Projects Council was working on:

Relating to Alton Downs through to Glenroy

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| • Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme | With Minister |
| • Fitzroy Agricultural Corridor | In progress |

Other Regional projects

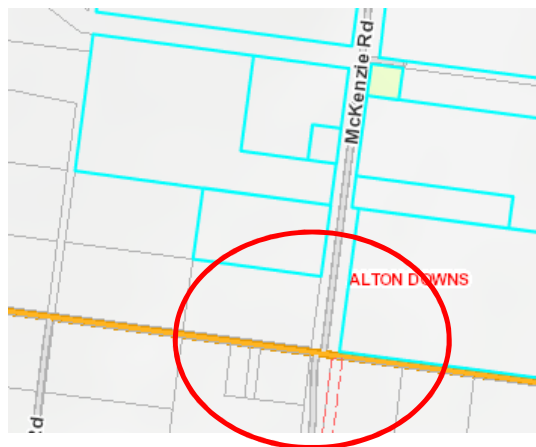
- Cyclone Marcia Business Recovery Plan (Phase 1 Actions)
 - Agriculture Repair – Help primary producers clear their fences of debris and damage.
 - Encourage a ‘Buy Local Campaign’
 - Local Procurement for Domestic Repair (encouraging local contractors)
 - Kershaw, Botanic Gardens and Zoo Repair
 - Clearing of Waterways
 - Major Bank Support (encourage major banks to establish a fund to assist small and micro business impacted by the Cyclone)
 - Online Procurement Application

9. Discussion/Questions

Infrastructure

- a. Resident mentioned that a hot mix trial on Nine Mile Road eight years ago worked well and whether this could be undertaken as well. General Manager Regional Services reiterated the trial is being performed on the road.
- b. Resident mentioned that her new “green” septic system didn’t work when the electricity was cut and raw sewerage needed to be pumped onto the paddocks. General Manager Regional Services/Mayor mentioned that the Building/Plumbing code has established a new system for septic systems that Council was required to follow.
- c. Resident question on the standards for rural sealed/unsealed standards. Action: The Council Policy on the standards will be provided to the Northern District Ratepayers Association.
- d. There were a few questions regarding prioritisation of roads. Action: Mayor/ /General Manager Regional Services asked that the Northern District Ratepayers provide a list of roads for upgrading that were important to the local community.

- e. Resident mentioned that there is vegetation still to be cleared on Seymour Road Ridgeland/South Yaamba. Action: Council to investigate.
- f. Sand trucks are creating road damage in various areas. Action: Liaise with Northern District Ratepayers for further information.
- g. Resident mentioned that corner of Sheldrake and Hamsworth Road has sightline issues. Cr Rutherford mentioned that various investigations have been completed to date. Action: Discuss with Councillor Rutherford.
- h. Sheldrake Road from McKenzie has scouring. Action: Council to investigate.
- i. Resident mentioned that works were required at the intersection of McKenzie/Hunt and Ridgeland Road, Alton Downs (See below). A clearer line of sight is required at this intersection for safety reasons. Also the glare from signs at night is making the drive more difficult. Council advised that all signage is in accordance with Australian standards and even tilting or turning slightly does not diminish the reflectiveness. Action: Council to investigate and consider a motion for LGAQ



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- j. Request for map of Lion Mountain Road Floodway locations. Action: Provide map to the Northern District Ratepayers Association.
- k. Request for information on Planning Scheme area sizes Alton Downs and surrounding areas for subdivisions. Action: The Northern District Ratepayers Association are being referred to the RRC website for these details and a hard copy will also be sent to the ratepayers.
- l. Cyclone Marcia clean-up. Mayor mentioned BlazeAid. Details for BlazeAid
 - i. <http://blazeaid.com> (BlazeAid requests people review the website before contacting administration by phone.

ii. Brian Carr, Camp Coordinator and Committee member. General enquiries
Ph: 0418 272 474 blazeaid@gmail.com

m. Resident mentioned that Stanwell-Waroula Road should be prioritised due to its connection of the Ridglands Road and Capricorn Highway.

Leadership and Partnership

n. Resident request: is it possible to provide an estimate of bitumanisation to be completed for next year and going forwards? Action: Once the budget is finalised provide a detailed communication to each of the locations around the Region of what works/projects/programs are planned for their area. It is suggested that this communication be undertaken by the Divisional Councillor for the area. For Alton Downs and Surrounding Areas provide primarily through the Northern District Ratepayers Association and other local media providers.

10. Mayor Strelow officially closed the meeting.
