



Community Conversation Meeting

Minutes from meeting - 14 May 2015, 6.35pm to 8.00pm
Location: Shearing Shed, Heritage Village, Parkhurst

Apologies: Councillor Belz

Attendance: Approx 15 locals. 5 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 Rose Swadling 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

Parkhurst Messages

- Highest priority areas for us!
 - Roads, Parks and Public Transport
 - Services, Infrastructure, Facilities that are below the Regional averages (across 47)
 - Community Engagement
5. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) outlined:

What Council has done in your area recently:

- Mason Street – Spray Seal
- Olive Street – Spray Seal
- McMillan Avenue (Roadworks)

Update on priorities listed by the community:

6. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) provided an update on the following areas:

People|Places|Planning

3. Resident raised a question over an adjoining fence with the shopping centre. Resident was advised to first of all speak to the developer regarding the fence.
4. Resident asked if Council was considering the cutting down of trees that pulled the power lines down in the Cyclone Marcia event? Answer: Ergon Energy will provide a list to Council on potential trees that may be felled. It was also noted that Council have put to Ergon Energy that in some cases it maybe advisable that powerlines go underground at a cost to Ergon.

Infrastructure

5. Resident raised a question on the new shopping centre and the intersection / signalisation. Resident was referring to the intersection from the Bruce Highway. Action: Request information from DTMR with regards to the plans for this intersection.
6. Resident asked if the new development on Norman Road was going to see the development of Boundary Road. Mayor indicated that a count could be completed to indicate numbers. Action: Undertake vehicle usage count in the new financial period.
7. Resident asked if there was going to be a duplication of the Bruce Highway starting at Olive Street. Action: Request information from DTMR regarding their future plans for this stretch of the highway.
8. A resident that has mobility issues and uses a wheelchair as transportation outlined that travelling along the Parkhurst bridge is a difficult and anxious experience. This bridge does not have a designated pedestrian crossing for people in a wheelchair to use. And travelling up to the shops there are numerous intersections where there are issue. Cyclists also complain about the amount of space between themselves and traffic. Mayor indicated that Council has the access & equity committee that handles these types of issues and that a representation to DTMR will be made from Council advocating for better access. Action: Mayor to advocate to DTMR to widen the bridge and provide an accessible pathway for those with mobility issues.

Living|Learning|Leisure

9. Resident who has mobility and health issues indicated that it took four days after Cyclone Marcia for anyone to contact her to ask if she was OK and if she required anything. Mayor indicated that she was disappointed with this occurring and a representation to the Department of Housing will be made seeking to address the situation.

Leadership & Partnership

10. Resident indicated that Council had done a great job through the Cyclone and thanks for the water delivery.