



Community Conversation Meeting

Minutes from meeting - 11 November 2014, 6.30pm to 8.25pm Location: Wycarbah Hall, Wycarbah

Apologies: Councillor Swadling

Attendance: Approx 22 locals. 10 Councillors and Council staff

Minutes

1. Wade Clark, (Community Engagement Officer) opened the meeting, introduced the Councillors and Council officers. Reference was also made to the budget process and that this will be pushed out a little further than usual due to Cyclone Marcia.
2. Mayor Strelow thanked the community for attending.
3. Divisional Councillor Cherie Rutherford thanked the community for attending.
4. Bob Holmes (General Manager, Regional Services) outlined:

What Council has done in your area recently:

- Brickworks Road – New Concrete Floodway
- Bridgeman Road – New Concrete Floodway
- Kalapa-Black Mountain Road – New Concrete Floodway
- Riverslea Road – Formation Widening and Resheeting
- Rosewood Road – Neerkol Creek Bridge
- Weir Park Gravel Pit

Bob Holmes also provided an update on the following:

Waste Strategy Update

- Gogango, Dalma, Marmor Roadside bin Stations to be converted to Bank of Bins prior to 30 June 2015.
Ridgelands, Bajool, Westwood and Bushley Roadside Bin Stations to remain as is for 2015/2016.
The above is a trial and maybe altered in response to community feedback.

Landfill Life Extension

- Work is underway to investigate feasibility of extending the life at the Lakes Creek Road Landfill.
- Grant application submitted \$1.8M to support project.

Update on the priorities outlined at the last Wycarbah meeting held in November 2015

- a. 953 Kalapa-Black Mountain Road requires road repair
 - NDRRA betterment floodway constructed in this location.

- b. Rosewood Road first step climb badly washed out, requires fill
 - Scour filled with rock.
- c. 204 Rosewood Road Bridge requires attention
 - Concrete floodway 2.0 km from Cap Hwy inspected and minor repairs to approaches with asphalt completed.
 - This will be monitored.
 - Note: Neerkol Creek bridge is currently being replaced.
- d. Counter required on Rosewood Road to assess how many vehicles are utilising this road.
 - Traffic count in 2010 found 32 vehicles per day. Dec 2014 count found 36 vehicles per day.
- e. Rosewood Road requires a plan of works going forwards if traffic has increased dramatically and is projected to rise.
 - Bitumen sealing to chainage (12km) from Capricorn Highway has been included in the 10 year forward works program.
- f. Allocation of counters required at Dobson Street as this may require bitumen due to the amount of traffic.
 - There are only 2 houses Dobson Steet and it is dead end road so traffic volume should be very low.
 - Essentially this is a driveway.
 - Bitumen sealing is placed onto roads according to a set of standards and currently this road does not meet those standards.
- g. Bigger sign to advise large trucks nowhere to turn on Rosewood Road.
 - The Rosewood Road - Neerkol Creek bridge has been replaced. Cross check with community if this is still warranted.
- h. Request: Arrow gas pipeline – what is the route?
 - Maps have been provided to the Ratepayers group.
- i. Geihe Road wash out needs concrete to replace gravel
 - Damaged section of concrete floodway replaced and will be extended before the end of the financial year.
- j. Northern side – Moah Creek – 28km from Wycarbah Hall needs markers
 - Moah Ck signage installed.
- k. Hanrahan Crossing – one of the pegs to indicate water height has been cut off.
 - Depth gauge and markers replaced.
- l. Fred's Creek (Rosewood Road) needs to be excavated – near Native Cat Road.
 - This has not been completed yet.
- m. Dobson Street (Stanwell) graded but drains need to be cleared.
 - Will be completed next time road gangs come through the area.
- n. Bigger sign required to advise large trucks / b-doubles nowhere to turn on Rosewood Road.
 - Culvert being installed to replace bridge with load limit (Neerkol Creek) , should be completed in July 2015.

5. Michael Rowe (General Manager Communities) responded to priorities that were raised at the previous Wycarbah meeting:
- i. Hall Insurance for Community Hall
Council will be continuing assisting local community's through the Community Hall insurance scheme. When a renewal notice is sent to the community hall secretary then it is their responsibility to notify Council who will then provide financial assistance.
 - ii. Westwood Hall
Westwood Toilet block floor is being upgraded.
 - iii. Council grants
Community Assistance Program advertised once the budget is finalised.
Regional Arts Development Fund 4 May 2015, once budget is finalised new dates to be announced.
Hall Insurance – when the renewal date is due contact Council for rebate.
Rebate requested for previous year has been paid.
Grants outside of Council (Current)
 - iv. State Government grants
Sport and Recovery Disaster Recovery Program, Qld Government (5K to 20K), various closing dates. Category 2 is the next closing date 8 May 2015.
Regional Development Program, Tourism and Events (10K- 45K), Core event funding. Closing 1 August 2015.
Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Closing 1 August 2015.
Primary Production First Start Loan: Qld Government, QRAA (To \$650K).
 - v. Grants outside of Council (Keep your eye on – post financial year)
Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal - Small Grants for Small Rural Communities
Department of Veterans' Affairs - Veteran & Community Grants
Tim Fairfax Family Foundation - Rural & Regional Development Grant

6. Mayor Strelow outlined:

Major projects Council is working on:

Relating to Wycarbah

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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
- Encourage major banks to establish a fund to assist small and micro business impacted
- Online Procurement Application

7. Mayor Strelow officially closed the meeting.

Discussion/Questions

Environment

- a. Comments (no direct action):
 - Resident outlined that there are a lot of people throwing rubbish on the grounds when they get to the larger bin stations.
 - Resident outlined that there are people bringing along larger items such as lounge chairs to the current bin stations and that the 240lt bins wouldn't cope with this waste. It was outlined that the coming implementation of the bank of bins at certain locations was a trial.
- b. Fred's Creek – near Native Cat Road, previous request was for this to be excavated however it seems that this has been cleaned up by mother nature. Action: cross check if excavation work is required.
- c. Fitzroy Agricultural Corridor EIS discussion. Action: Forward summary information to the Western District Ratepayers on the Fitzroy Agricultural Corridor including the proposal to lift the weir systems.

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- d. Resident asked if there were further grants to assist with the Cyclone recovery, Councillor Williams indicated that the John Villiers Grants (Cyclone Social Recovery Fund) were open to charitable organisations. Action: Provide website details to the Western District Ratepayers on this grant scheme and provide details of the Cyclone Marcia Business Recovery Plan.

Infrastructure

- e. Resident asked, will the recent disaster have an effect on the maintenance budget? It was indicated by the Mayor that it wouldn't however is that some capital projects may need to be pushed out further due to budgetary pressures.
- f. Resident asked why they had to pay a road levy of \$450 and can this be abolished? Response was that if it was abolished the same level of service to maintenance of local roads could not be undertaken and that at the moment rural roads were being subsidised by urban ratepayers. Action: Forward information to the Western District Ratepayers on dollar spend on rural roads.
- g. Resident indicated that they have noticed an improvement in the local road system.

- h. Resident asked if there are houses close together in rural areas if there could be a layer of bitumen laid down in front of the houses to reduce the amount dust produced. Resident outlined an idea that this could be funded by the locals themselves. It was outlined that polycom was being trialled and this maybe a solution to the issue.
- i. Resident question on the CBD and the renewal of Quay Street. Mayor indicated that the Council was committed to undertaking the works regardless if funding was obtained from the Federal or State Governments for the Riverbank project.
- j. Bigger sign required to advise large trucks / b-doubles nowhere to turn on Rosewood Road, it was indicated it might be best to wait until the works are completed before signage is erected.
- k. Arrow gas pipeline – what is the route? Asked by Trevor Hanrahan (Forward also to Western District Ratepayers group).