

MEETING NOTES

MEETING WITH SOUTHERN AREA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE BODIES

Friday 5th August 2011

Committee Rooms 1, 2 & 3, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra.

The meeting commenced at 10.01 am.

PRESENT

Russ Pigg – General Manager
Peter Dun – Director Finance & Corporate Services
Peter Adams – Director Strategic Planning & Infrastructure
Bill Paterson – Director City Services & Operations
Warwick Papworth – Ulladulla Office Manager
Richard Payne – Media Manager
Martin Uptis – Infrastructure & Planning Manager

Gwen Wiggins – Sussex Inlet Community Forum
Ken Wiggins – Sussex Inlet Community Forum
David Tarbert – Sussex Inlet Community Forum
Robyn Quirripel – Sussex Inlet Community Forum
Robyn Kerves – Lake Conjola Lakecare Association
David Wilson – Lake Conjola Lakecare Association
Ken Dodimead – Lake Conjola Lakecare Association
Robyn Watt – Ulladulla & District Community Forum
Anne Joy – Ulladulla & District Community Forum
Jem Horwood – Friends of 2538
Gary Barton – Red Head Villages Association
Peter Hudson – Red Head Villages Association
Joan Lonergan – Tabourie lake Ratepayers & Residents Association

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Rob Donaldson.

1. WELCOME

Mr Pigg welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Council's new Media Manager, Richard Payne.

2. GENERAL MANAGER

a) Operations Review

Council

Mr Pigg provided a brief overview of Council's Delivery Program, Budget and long term financial plan. The target is to improve the net operating result by \$200,000 in 2011/12, \$660,000 in 2013/14 and \$1m in 2014/15. This will mean a decline in funds available for works but Council hopes to improve results by analysing services to deliver savings. This is a very robust review and there will be a need to balance community needs for

improvement. Feedback from CCBs is invited over the next few months. Mr Pigg urged CCBs to think about this issue.

b) Improved Communication with Council (Lake Conjola Lakecare Association)

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association advised that as they were a new organisation they had a back log of issues and had had no representation for a long time. They noted that some correspondence to Council has not been responded to within the 28 day time frame set by Council. They suggested there be a "CCB Letterbox" for correspondence or access to TRIM to facilitate tracking of their correspondence. There is a need to improve communication and feedback from Council. A spreadsheet noting lack of responses to correspondence was provided.

Council

Mr Pigg explained that it would be difficult to provide access to TRIM and he always encouraged staff to respond before the 28 days. Council's current system of dealing with multiple responses (incoming correspondence on a range of issues requiring response from more than one area of Council) is dealt with corporately, with each part of the correspondence sent to the relevant area of Council for reply and then sent back to Finance & Corporate Services to provide one corporate response. Sometimes one of those responses will hold up the final letter for some time. Council will be improving the way multiple responses are dealt with and responses will be forwarded in a reasonable time. All correspondence is assigned by the Records Section and is distributed electronically to staff through TRIM "Due Trays". This is trackable and it flags when a response is not forwarded within the 28 days. Staff are encouraged to provide a quick initial response if a matter is going to take some time to complete. Overdue correspondence is tracked by the Group Directors and addressed through Team Briefs.

Mr Pigg advised he will liaise with the IT Section to attempt to implement a system similar to a "CCB Letterbox"

The meeting was advised that Council receives over 20,000 emails per week, besides those that are spam, and over 5,000 letters. It is an enormous amount for Records to get through but Council is striving to keep improving.

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association have attempted to refer matters to the General Manager but don't believe they are getting there. Is there a way to ensure that if a response is not received some senior member of staff is aware of it? Is there a way to ensure correspondence goes directly to the General Manager?

Council

Mr Pigg advised that if correspondence is sent in with a "cc" to the General Manager then he will receive a copy. The same goes for Councillors, if the public wish their letter to be seen by Councillors they just need to add "CC to Councillors"

Action: General Manager to liaise with IT regarding a CCB Letterbox.

Action: City Services & Operations, Strategic Planning & Infrastructure and Executive Support to investigate the spreadsheet noting lack of response to correspondence.

Action: CCBs to “cc” the General Manager if they wish correspondence to reach him.

c) Importance of CCB Issues & Reaction by Council Staff (*Red Head Villages Association*)

Community Comments

The Red Head Villages Association feel that CCB correspondence should have more weight/power than an individual's as they are corresponding on behalf of their whole community. It was advised that at a recent meeting with the Department of Planning, staff member Gordon Clark was also in attendance, they were advised that a submission from a CCB is the same as an individual's submission and the number of submissions is what counts. They felt that as they represent the community their submission should hold more weight. If this is not the case should they swamp Council with letters to ensure the matter is treated as a weightier submission?

Council

Mr Pigg explained that in his mind a CCB submission is a community based view and gives weight to it, the same as if it was a Business Chamber. It's a multitude of members not a single person. On a political level though numbers are a measure of public interest.

Mr Adams explained that it was not treated like a voting process. If comments are received on a parcel of land it is dealt with in a certain way. If the comments are on the broader environmental controls that it is treated differently too. Staff attempt to report each submission as faithfully as possible. Councillors will have their own views and there are no guarantees that what staff recommend will be agreed to by Councillors. It is not about the weight of the submission.

Action: Strategic Planning & Infrastructure to take into consideration that CCB submissions are a “Community” submission.

d) Clarification on CCB Status (*Lake Conjola Lakecare Association*)

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association enquired if the CCBs are a Committee of Council.

Council

Mr Pigg advised CCBs are various Progress Associations and Community Forums, individual and private entities. Council recognises they are a genuine representation of the community. CCBs are usually a good community based group with set channels of communication with Council but not a Council appointed Committee.

Community Comments

The question of insurance cover was put forward by the Lake Conjola Lakecare Association, in particular, are they covered if they are holding a general meeting in a Council owned hall? Can a clear Council communication on the issue be forwarded? When they attempted to hold their meetings in the Tennis Hut at the Lake Conjola Community Centre the Tennis Club advised that only the Tennis Club were allowed to use it.

Council

Mr Pigg stated his understanding was yes, they were covered. Mr Dun advised there has been some confusion regarding this matter as Council's Insurer specifically does not cover Incorporated Bodies. When an Incorporated Body uses a Council hall they are not covered by Council's Public Liability Insurance. Council is now prepared to take the risk as when it is just a meeting at a Council hall, as there is minimum risk and the Incorporated Body will not need to take out Public Liability insurance. If it is a fundraiser with games, or something similar is involved, then they're not covered and the Incorporated Body should check with Council if they have this type of event in mind.

Mr Pigg also advised that Council had resolved to raise the annual CCB subsidy to \$500 and hoped that the CCBs were aware.

Action: Finance & Corporate Services to ensure a clear communication is sent to CCBs regarding Insurance cover for the use of Council owned buildings.

Action: City Services & Operations to investigate the usage of the Tennis Hut at Lake Conjola Community Centre.

e) Progress – Draft Community Engagement Strategy – Workshop Outcomes
(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)

Council

It was advised that Council now has a six person community working party redrafting the Community Engagement Strategy and they are doing 98% of the work. They have held three meetings and are communicating over the internet. It is envisaged that there will be two more meetings before the document will be ready to go before Council and the community prior to closing and moving forward. Most things are running like the Draft LEP with a range of ways of community engagement.

f) Policy on Replying to Requests – Procedure and Timeline *(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)*

Community Comments

The Ulladulla & District Community Forum noted that most of these issues were covered in earlier comments but enquired what is the procedure for checking if matters are addressed following the initial response?

Council

Mr Pigg reiterated that Group Directors check these on a monthly basis, TRIM tracks correspondence and Managers track as well, the system is fairly robust.

Mr Paterson did note that if a staff members signs off on a matter the system assumes the matter has been dealt with. He is also training his staff to advise the public of dates, wherever possible, instead of "it will be dealt with".

Mr Pigg took the opportunity to advise the CCBs of a couple of Policies going on Public Exhibition as follows:

1. Council Members – Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities Policy – discussions have taken place and amendments have been made. The policy will be out shortly for comment. CCBs may have noted the recent media reactions on this matter. Submissions close 9th September 2011.
2. Foreshore Reserves Policy – Mr Neil Southorn is dealing with this Policy. Council is reconsidering the principles relating to the community maintaining foreshore areas. The catalyst to the direction of Council was brought about by comments made by the public regarding staff stipulating how maintenance is to be done and the community saying Council is not recognising historical works. There is some conflict in various areas where land owners are mowing more than specified. Councillors have taken the view reflecting different areas. In some areas Council will be going on-site to consult with the wider community. An on-site meeting is currently scheduled for the end of the month at Honeysuckle Close in Burrill Lake. Mr Pigg advised that there a range of legislative issues and the matter is not as simple as some community groups think. There is not a lot of understanding of the Fisheries Act, the Native Vegetation Act and Council is trying to improve the communities' knowledge and work a way through. Mr Southorn is trying to roll this Policy out.
3. Private Wharves & Jetties – Mr Southern is working on this policy as well. Council has proposed to change the Policy to allow private jetties on Public land as there are some in this area that are in breach of the old Policy and this was the catalyst that prompted Councillors to address the issue. The intention is to free up the jetties for more use, this will be something new and if the community are in agreement Council will have to start to identify what Reserves will work.

3. FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

a) Holiday Haven – Funding Opportunities for the Community (Lake Conjola Lakecare Association)

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association advised they had forwarded a submission to Council on the management of the Entrance Reserves at Lake Conjola dealing with issues that they believe are not managed satisfactorily. As the area is directly affected by intense tourism activity the effect this has on the community and the environment should be compensated by the Holiday Haven Tourist Park. It was stated that if the Holiday Haven Park was not there land rates would be higher.

The CCB want a Masterplan on Coastal Reserves particularly the heavily used tourist park and the dunes and believe that a representative from the CCB should be an ex-officio member of the Trust Management (Resources & Reserves Committee). It is believed that the process where Council issues approvals 'in house' is not transparent and that 'movable buildings' is a farce as cabins are as permanent as houses and should have a DA. The CCB ask that Council look at the Section 68 system and work with the CCB on this process. The CCB has looked at the 2007/08 Financial Report that

stated that of the \$1.8m earned by the Holiday Haven Park, \$660,000 was spent on other Reserves within the Shoalhaven. They believe that with the environmental impacts, such as the degradation of the foreshore, there should be a trade off and the community should reap the benefit through infrastructure improvements to the area.

It was stated that the CCB has looked at the Legislation and in some area the community is part of the Trust that manages the Reserves.

Council

- # Mr Dun explained that Council is governed by the legislation. Council has been appointed the Trustee under the Crown Lands Act for the 100 plus Crown Reserves within the Shoalhaven and all revenue, minus expenditure, is to be reinvested in the Reserve the income comes from, unless the Minister approves that the income can be spent on other Reserves within the City. Council has forwarded submissions for many years to allow spending on other Reserves. Mr Dun also stated that the Shoalhaven has the 2nd lowest rates on the whole South Coast because we have Holiday Haven. Mr Dun provided a copy of Page 137 of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2011/12 wherein the estimated income and expenditure from Crown Lands is shown (copy attached). It was explained that Council spends \$994,146 more than what was earned on maintaining and operating Crown Reserves.

It was advised that some Council's have returned their Reserves to Crown Lands because it is 'easier' but in the Shoalhaven its part of the attraction for Tourism because of the beautiful area. If CCBs want more input on the matter they can make deputations to the Resources & Reserves Committee when these matters come up and also through submissions to the Delivery Program & Operational Plan.

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association stated that they were aware that a resolution to this matter would not happen overnight but they have no confidence in the management of the Lake Conjola Reserve and invited Peter Dun to come and see the difficulties particularly with the road through the Tourist Park.

Council

It was advised that in response to a letter received from the Lake Conjola Lakecare Association, Council will be addressing the issue of maintenance on the road through the Holiday Haven Tourist Park. City Services & Operations maintain the road up to the gates of Holiday Haven but now engineers are costing short and long term repair of the road including issues such as drainage. Resources will need to be identified but things are moving ahead.

Community Comments

The Red Head Villages Association commented that money needs to be spent on the headland to alleviate the degradation. The CCB cleans the area twice a year and asked if Council would liaise with them on this issue. They too believe the funding for this should be derived from the Holiday Haven facility.

It was advised that the Cabins were situated in the middle of the foreshore and the concrete blocks were a dangerous hazard. CCBs felt this made the foreshore virtually unusable by the community.

Council

Mr Pigg noted that better coordination between Council Groups and the CCBs would be beneficial.

Action: Finance & Corporate Services, City Services & Operations and Strategic Planning & Infrastructure Groups to address issues and liaise with CCB's

4. FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES/DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

a) Policy – Signature Display on Public Documents (Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)

Community Comments

The Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum advised they had written to Council in 2009 voicing their concerns that signatures attached to submissions were displayed on Council's website. It was suggested that council remove the signatures before the letters appear on the Internet.

Council

Mr Dun explained that in the past the matter was determined by the FOI (Freedom of Information) Act. The FOI Act has now been replaced by the GIPA (Government Information Public Access) Act. The GIPA Act prescribes certain information that must be made available to the public (including submissions related to DA's). The Office of the Information Commissioner has recently released a guideline for local councils that sets out what information can be published on council website.

Mr Papworth advised the CCBs that a signature is not mandatory and if people have concerns on this issue they should not sign their submissions but just print their name.

Community Comments

The Red Head Villages Association asked if Council intended to have the Draft SLEP submissions on the website.

Council

Mr Adams advised that was not the intention and he would take on notice the concerns voiced on the matter. He stated that summaries of submissions would be prepared

5. DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

a) Progress Update/Completion Dates – Woolworths & Target Developments (staff)

Council

Mr Papworth advised the meeting that construction of the Target development in Ulladulla would be completed and the store open by November 2011 in time for Christmas. The Woolworths construction is intended to be completed and the store open in February 2012 before Easter.

Mr Pigg explained that Council considered it should wait till the two developments were complete before addressing the traffic problems in Boree Street. It was explained that access from the Target development will be on to the highway and also through the Boree Street Carpark.

It was noted that the Woolworths development would provide approximately 200 car parks and the Target development approximately 150.

Community Comments

The CCBs agreed that would not be sufficient car parking spaces. It was also advised that cars parking in Boree Street were limiting sight lines from people trying to exit the car park. Concerns were also raised over the Dolphin Court car parking situation with cars queuing on Boree Street and blocking the traffic and it was suggested that Dolphin Court be disabled parking only.

Council

Mr Pigg advised that car parking was a city wide problem and the communities wish to have no parking in Boree Street would be taken into consideration.

Mr Adams advised there will be other impacts if there was no parking in Boree Street and requested the community wait and see how things go when the developments are up and running.

Mr Pigg asked the CCBs if they still want to go ahead and stop parking in Boree Street.

Community Comment

The CCBs were in agreement that they wanted the matter of Boree Street addressed now.

Action: SP&I to take into consideration that the local community want no car parking in Boree Street and investigate issues raised with parking in Dolphin Court.

6. CITY SERVICES & OPERATIONS

a) Storm Debris – Koolyn Drive (Sussex Inlet Community Forum)

Community Comments

The Sussex Inlet Community Forum informed the Committee that there was debris down everywhere in the area, not just Koolyn Drive, from the high winds a few weeks ago.

Council

Mr Paterson explained to the CCBs that there is still storm debris from the Fathers Day storms all over the city. Millions of dollars have already been spent in the clean up and that matter has stretched Council's resources.

The priority was to clean up anything dangerous and then start the basic tidy up. The tendering process to engage contractors to undertake the work has been long and subject to delay due to excessive bid submissions.

b) Cycleway/Pathway – Cudmirrah – Replacement of Signage (*Sussex Inlet Community Forum*)

Community Comments

The Sussex Inlet Community Forum advised that the sign for the shared pathway had disappeared and rumour was that Council had removed it. They had sent a letter on this matter to Council.

Council

Mr Paterson advised the CCB to use the Council Hotline for any defects identified and requested Hotline number cards to be sent out with the Meeting Notes. Mr Pigg advised this was the best way to ensure matters are addressed quickly.

Action: CS&O to address the matter of the missing shared pathway sign.

Action: Executive Support to ensure Hotline Number Cards are sent with copies of the Meeting notes.

7. CITY SERVICES & OPERATIONS/STRATEGIC PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE

a) Feedback on Works in CCB Area (*Lake Conjola Lakecare Association*)

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association want to be kept informed of works planned for their area and they also want to be able to provide Council with what they think should be done. It was advised that the maintenance done on the Aney Street Boat Ramp was poor and the drainage and pavement quality is poor. CCBs need to give feedback and have a say on how things are done. What was done there increased the siltation in the Lake and it was a waste of community funds, and the CCB want to work with Council in an appropriate way.

Council

Mr Adams explained the difficulties in keeping the CCB up to date as the works are planned for the whole financial year. All the documents are available on line and all the programs are listed. Asset Management Plans are on the new website and with Plans of Management these occur when they are funded. Martin Upitis can assist CCBs with this matter and an on-site meeting with the Lake Conjola Lakecare Association may be beneficial to look at the roads and infrastructure. The matter needs to be prioritised and the drainage issue in Thorn Street needs designs and plans that may be able to be worked into the short term, next year. All the drainage programs are set for this year.

Mr Paterson questioned whether it was Council who had undertaken the works at the Aney Street Boat ramp and would check on that aspect.

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association stated it would be a learning experience to work with Council and hoped there would be better lines of communication as this would be beneficial to both CCBs and Council.

Action CS&O to meet on-site with the Lake Conjola Lakecare Association to discuss the Aney Street Boat Ramp, and infrastructure.

b) Update – CBD Beautification (*Sussex inlet Community Forum*)

Council

Mr Uptis advised that designs had been completed to replace the concrete footpath with pavers as this was cost efficient. It was hoped to commence the project in October with completion before Christmas

Community Comments

The Sussex Inlet CCB suggested that it would be nice to have covers for the street litter bins and the Mens Shed have been approached and are willing to assist in this project. Other issues of concern include the drainage in Elmoos Avenue and the Entrance to Gordon Street needs cleaning.

Council

Mr Paterson stated these projects will be addressed

c) Lake Conjola Boat Ramps (*Lake Conjola Lakecare Association*)

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association explained they had a very good meeting regarding the Entrance Road boat ramp with Michael Strachan. The CCB would like to see a new boat ramp facility constructed at Havilland Street to improve access to deep water and take some of the loading of the lower grade informal ramps. Another meeting is to take place on 5th September and Michael Strachan advised the alternative to a new facility would be a possible upgrade to the existing ramps but the CCB would much prefer a new one. The current facility at Sandra Street is potentially a dangerous site. The CCB would also like signs advising of boat size limits at the boat ramps.

Council

Mr Pigg advised that a meeting with Waterways would be advisable.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE

a) LEP Progress (*staff*)

Council

Mr Adams explained to the CCBs that the Draft LEP was currently on public exhibition for 13 weeks which is three times longer than the statutory period. He advised that Council's website would help the community in navigating through this very complicated document. There are quite a few things in place to help understand the document such as interpretative documents, a hotline anyone can call, there are drop in sessions planned throughout the City and lately they have been responding to special requests for extra sessions. Staff are available to explain what the LEP does or doesn't do or the environmental effects the document will have. It is understandable that a lot of groups have issue based concerns and Council is attempting to help everyone.

Community Comments

The Red Head Villages Association asked how the submissions to the LEP were being analysed and should they make a submission on a Clause or based on a Topic. The CCBs wish to have a structure to form their submission by. The Red Head Villages Association want to see changes made to the document and wish to make their submission meaningful. They would particularly like a drop in session staged at Manyana or Bendalong before 24th September 2011 as that is when they conduct their own information session with the local community.

Council

Mr Adams advised they will respond as best they can and that other groups too are wishing to have drop in sessions in the smaller villages. It was advised that information would be forthcoming to the Red Head Villages Association regarding the way to structure their submission.

Community Comments

The Red Head Villages Association also requested information about Part 3A applications, relating to Manyana/Bendalong, as to where they were sitting now. In particular was the Kylor matter put aside or mapped in the LEP? If this application is continuous will it roll into the LEP and if it's a new application will the draft LEP take effect?

Council

Mr Papworth advised that no 3A applications had come back to Council as yet and that most of them were Regional Applications. He advised he will investigate the matter and pass the information along.

A check has revealed that no 3A applications have yet come back and there has been no advice from the Department as to how the process is going to work as yet.

Mr Adams advised that if it arrives and is a DA type matter it would be considered under the existing LEP and any exhibiting LEP. Council had a number of rezonings incorporated into the draft LEP as Council had decided that should be looked at. It was a staff recommendation to Council that also recommended that any applications that come during the draft LEP process be dealt with after the LEP is final. If there are major changes to the draft LEP from the exhibition process the document may need to go out for further exhibition. There is a clear intention to map the heights and Council may say adopt the LEP, otherwise we may never come out the other end of the process.

Action: SPI to consider scheduling a drop in information session on the LEP in Manyana or Bendalong.

Action SPI to advise the Red Head Villages Association on the way to structure their submission to the LEP.

Action: Mr Papworth to advise the Red Head Villages Association regarding 3A Applications. – included in minutes

b) CCB Input into the Draft LEP (*Red Head Villages Association*)

This matter was addressed in the previous item, 8 a).

c) Kerb & Guttering – River Road (*Tabourie Lake Ratepayers & Residents Association*)

Community Comments

The Tabourie Lake Ratepayers & Residents Association stated that they have been requesting kerb & guttering in River Road for 15 years. In March 2009 the road was covered with pools of water and this is the only road into Lake Tabourie and 45% of the town resides on that road. Much correspondence has been back and forth over the last few years concerning fixing the road, incorporating a shared footpath/cycleway etc but the problems remains. The CCB want the Road fixed as their main priority.

Council

It was advised that the matter was not listed in the budget for 2011/12 and according to Policy, kerb and guttering is generally ratepayer funded.

Mr Upitis advised that Lake Tabourie is on the priority listing for kerb & guttering but Council has allocated less this year for kerb & guttering, (\$1m last year and \$100,000 this year) and has directed more money to assets. Council also decided that all money for footpath/cycleways be directed towards community based projects (where the community do the work) so funds are constrained. Mr Upitis acknowledged that the CCB has been for waiting years but there are other communities that have waited longer and are listed above Lake Tabourie, unfortunately not good news.

Community Comments

The Tabourie Lake Ratepayers & Residents Association stated that the matter was now a safety issue, being the only access to the town and they have been put off for years. It is the only thing the CCB has asked for in years.

Council

Mr Adams admitted there were major holes in Council's long term financial plan and it will impact many areas. Mr Pigg explained it highlights Council's dilemma with not enough funding for existing infrastructure let alone new works. Council will keep searching for solutions and applying for whatever funding is available even though levels of State grants are down too. Mr Pigg agreed it isn't good news

d) Coastal Reserve Management – CCB Representation on the Board/Trust
(Lake Conjola Lakecare Association and Red Head Villages Association)

This matter was addressed in a previous item, 3 a).

e) Progress Update – Ulladulla Civic Centre *(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)*

This matter was dealt with separately later in the meeting.

f) Progress Update – Ulladulla Harbour Walkway *(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)*

This matter was dealt with separately later in the meeting.

g) CCB Involvement in Committees/Boards *(Red Head Villages Association)*

Community Comments

The Red Head Villages Association advised they have had discussions with the General Manager on the matter of early involvement of CCBs in varied issues. It was stated that Council was not getting any “bang for its buck” where tourism is concerned. If CCBs were involved from the front end they could advise Council what’s good and what’s bad, what will work and what won’t. CCB want to help Council by having early involvement in development applications as well.

Council

Mr Pigg advised that others felt the same way and this was being shown within the Community Engagement Strategy workgroups. It is becoming obvious that CCBs want input before draft documents are adopted for exhibition

h) Response to Request – Borree Street Traffic & Parking Issues *(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)*

This matter was addressed in a previous item, 5 a).

i) Response to Request – Borree Street Toilets *(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)*

This matter was dealt with separately later in the meeting.

j) Progress Update – Burrill Lake Entrance Management Strategy *(Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)*

This matter was dealt with separately later in the meeting.

k) Cycleways/shared Paths Proposal *(Lake Conjola Lakecare Association)*

Community Comments

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association stated that the Footpath/cycleway plan for Lake Conjola hasn’t gone anywhere and at that they were just flagging with Council that they have a modified proposal for the village with a safe cycleway from the village to the highway with future provision for Conjola Park.

Council

Mr Pigg noted it will be a challenge as other villages are doing the same thing. Mr Adams advised Woollamia have already started a project and for these types of works there must be a project in place, an agreement for the community to do the work and if all is successful then Council should support the project.

It was advised that the contact for community based projects is Brett Williams, who replaced John Freeman and his number is 4429 3631.

l) Awaiting Response – Roadways – Public Road Through Holiday Haven (Lake Conjola Lakecare Association)

This matter was addressed in a previous item, 3 a).

m) Progress Update – Ulladulla Civic Centre (Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)

Community Comments

The Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum expressed their frustration over how this matter is being progressed. There are differences of opinion on what is needed. The consultants have to work with the dilemma of having \$5m allocated against \$12-13m in requests. Councillors adopted a brief wish list but what can be done with \$5m and Councillors differing opinions on what needs to be included. The progress has been so slow, people are getting anxious and funding opportunities were missed in February.

Council

Mr Pigg advised that planning needs to continue as the Government promised that grants would be announced by July but as yet nothing has been heard. The last round of funding was diverted to the Queensland flood disaster. Mr Adams stated this project is ready and should be accelerated. Council has a better perspective of the criteria for the funding after round 1 and it is important we get as much as possible out of the funding.

Mr Pigg mentioned that Ulladulla is the busiest looking town in the City with the two main developments, Target and Woolworths, under construction

n) Progress Update – Ulladulla Harbour Walkway (Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)

Council

Mr Papworth explained that DA11/1729, the Ulladulla Harbour Walkway, was a complex issue particularly where ownership is concerned. The land owners are unhappy over the effect on parking and staff are working with the designers. If the CCBs wish any further information about the walkway they should contact Peter Johnston on 4429 8955 or johnstonp@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au . The DA is lodged for the first stage and further stages are shown notionally to show the intent.

o) Response to Request – Boree Street Toilets (Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)

Community Comments

The Ulladulla & District Community Forum advised that there always seems to be something wrong with the toilets in the Boree Street Carpark such as taps broken and water pooling. They asked whether the cleaners report the problems when they encounter them. They also advised that the toilets under the viewing platform were great.

Council

Mr Paterson advised that works had been allocated to repaint and re-level the pavement and that this would commence soon. It was advised that the cleaners do report any faults and explained that those amenities were extremely heavily used and also suffer heavy vandalism.

p) Progress Update – Burrill Lake Entrance Management Strategy (Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum)

Council

MR Adams advised that Council was in the middle of the Flood Risk Management Plan for Burrill Lake and that it was important to understand the entrance conditions. Council has recently signed off on a questionnaire for the residents of the area on various options for the lake as there are many properties affected by the lake levels. Community input will be sought from individual property owners, particularly on the foreshores, it will be a challenging process. The intervention levels to open the lake to the ocean are set lower prior to the high tourist seasons and Council's most recent intervention was quite successful. The rock channel was full of sand and this assisted the entrance to remain open and as a trial Council may fill the channel first next time to see if creates a successful opening again.

Community Comments

The Sussex Inlet Community Forum advised that Swan Lake was currently at its peak and the newly constructed pathway was under water as the intervention levels were raised. Residents are currently driving over water.

Action: SP&I to liaise with the David Tarbert, from the Sussex Inlet Community Forum, regarding the intervention levels and current flooding at Swan Lake.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Lake Conjola Lakecare Association thanked Council for the opportunity to voice concerns at the CCB meetings and also complimented Council on the On-line presentation and maps for the LEP.

The Friends of 2538 thanked Council and advised the meeting that Milton didn't have any problems and residents were very happy with Council.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 12.55 pm

Russ Pigg
CHAIRPERSON