



District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

*Working with our
Rural and Coastal Communities*

**Notes of the
Strategic Plan Review Community Meeting
held in the
Airport Administration Building,
North Shields
on
Wednesday 3 February 2016
commencing at 7.32pm**

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

NOTES OF THE PUBLIC STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING HELD IN THE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7:32PM

PRESENT:

Mayor J Low, Cr Millard, Cr Holman, Cr Laube,

T Goldsworthy (Consultant), R Pearson (Chief Executive Officer), S Hopewell (Manager Corporate Services), A Douglas (Director Works & Infrastructure), G Jutzen (Works Manager).

Public: P Bartley, D Bartely, D Smith, J Moxey, L Murray, J Hyde, R Dixon-Thompson, P Knife, M Knife, P Theakstone, S de la Perrelle, G Mayhew, B Weaver, B Calderwood, R Tiffen, R Chilman, N Pope, L Fuller, S Janssen, T Pedler

APOLOGIES: NIL.

Staff and Consultant presented information on the following:

- Strategic Plans;
- Overview of projects yet to complete in 2012-2021 plan;
- Overview of a typical Council budget; and,
- Survey results.

T Goldsworthy asked those present to indicate priorities they would like Council to consider in the revised Strategic Plan.

Questions from the Meeting:

Pope: Is there benefit if locals lobby groups like Lions etc to supply some of the playground equipment?

AD: Yes, outlined North Shields Progress Association recently secured a grant of \$15,000 for a playground. Council then diverted unallocated playground funds to contribute to the installation and purchase of additional equipment.

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Questions from the Meeting:

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Pope: Has Council considered a waterless toilet for the public conveniences at Fisheries / Farm Beach?

AD: Unsure of what has been considered, will pass suggestion along to the building manager.

Hyde: Questioned why all rate payers are contributing to skate parks at Coffin Bay and Cummins?

Mayor: Skate park at Coffin Bay has proved popular.

Williams: Wakelin Road had been in previous plan as being undertaken in 2017, now 2020/21, how is this justifiable when roads with 5 or 6 residences are being sealed ahead of Wakelin?

AD:

- Indicated it has been listed as 2020/21 while he has been employed with Council, however will check previous Strategic Plan.
- Explained why Council sometimes need to defer projects (cost higher than expected / other projects become more urgent).
- Noted that Council was discussing its Road Network Strategy next Friday to determine how it would set priorities for sealing etc, outline a methodology for consistency.

Calderwood: Noted there is no income from the Airport in the presentation

RP: Explained the airport is treated as a separate business, however provides a 2% return to rate payers(i.e. rates would be 2% higher without it).

Public: Did Council apply and receive funding for the Cummins Pool?

RP: Council provides an annual contribution to the Cummins pool, however it is not run or owned by Council but by community volunteers.

Public: Does Coffin Bay Caravan Park break even?

RP: Yes, however a small debt is held by Council currently for the ablution blocks.

Tiffen: What involvement do other stakeholders at the airport have in the Strategic Plan.

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Questions from the Meeting:

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Mayor: Outlined there is a separate Masterplan over the airport wherein land use strategies related to the airport specifically are discussed with the businesses /stakeholders of the airport.

Hyde: Road maintenance is where the priority should lie, indicated he is keeping his own survey of when the road in front of his place is graded and stated he undertakes maintenance on the road due to lack of action by Council.

Mayor: Advised that a Road Network Management Strategy is being developed by Council to provide methodology to our road maintenance priorities.

AD: Outlined Council have recently assessed the level of service we are providing in detail, down to hundreds and particular roads and notes that the graders spent time where the traffic / demand was higher. Council acknowledge grading / maintenance practices need to improve and are changing the structure of our outside workforce to try and be more proactive, however, while Council responds as quickly and practicably as possible, it is not always able to respond as quickly as some would like.

Mayor: Noted our graders are now fitted with tracking devices so we can see where they have graded.

Chilman: Width of roads has diminished over time, Council is proactive with vegetation which is great.

Murray: Regarding the \$1million question, need to look at how we get \$1million as looks like we are curtailing the works program. Noted the motion on the table re investigating structural reform and suggested that Council should get on with it.

Tiffen: Would hiring in graders be more cost effective than purchasing?

Mayor: Council consider this periodically, and does hire in graders seasonally as an additional resource. Money is set aside in reserve to turn plant over regularly.

Dixon-Thompson: Road in front of electrical substation (Pound Lane) is terrible, needs to be addressed and fixed.

Hyde: Regarding AD's previous comments on priority roads, 20,000 people a year go to the tourist farm yet it only gets 2 grades a year.

Pope: Grain trucks are a big causes of road failure, the government have taxes for heavy vehicles, can't Council get a portion of these monies?

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AD: No, Council is allocated Financial Assistance Grants (FAGS) and it is always a challenge for a rural council.

Pope: Fuel tax was meant to go to roads, do we receive a fair share?

de la Perrelle: All have a road that we think should be better, is there a system in place to let Council know about these?

AD: Ring Council, system in place to record and address these issues, talk to a councilor.

Tiffen: School bus routes should be a priority.

Calderwood: Provided the following comment:

- Does not support 60km zone at North Shields.
- Realignment of Gun Club Road unnecessarily impacted on private property. Too much money spent at Coffin Bay and Cummins
- Port Lincoln Flying Club should be given assistance.
- Council should be proactive for ratepayers and not loose coastal land. (Coastal Conservation Zone reference)
- Council should not back mining, decimating the area
- Dorward oval asked for subsidy for water, was refused.
- Can't get rubbish bin picked up.

Mayor: Noted that Council are not able to support every request that comes in, however Dorward oval received \$14,000 for cricket nets.

Hyde: Noted that when ETSA cleared trees from side of the road, they were pushed to side of road and left there, grader came by and pushed it to the fence line.

Bartley: Council should look at Power, solar, wind.

Theakstone: Re-assured that roads are the highest priority across the district. Can a ratepayer ring up and find out what is happening on their road this year? Seems that the same people are at these meetings complaining about the same roads which implies nothing is being improved.

Calderwood: Council spend too much in Coffin Bay and Cummins.

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Mayor: Council has 1300kms of roads and it is not able to please everyone, but acknowledge, improvement and change is being pursued in this area.

Dixon-Thompson: Feel sorry for Council staff, have always found staff cooperative and willing to discuss your issues.

Pope: Appreciates the efforts of Council.

Meeting closed at 9.33pm.