



District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

*Working with our
Rural and Coastal Communities*

**Notes of the
Strategic Plan Review Community Meeting
held in the
Council Chambers , Cummins
on
Tuesday 2 February 2016
commencing at 7.35pm**

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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOWER EYRE PENINSULA

NOTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW COMMUNITY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CUMMINS ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.35PM.

PRESENT:

Councillors JK Low (Mayor), DB Millard (Deputy Mayor), DB Laube, WJ Holman, and PL Mitchell.

T Goldsworthy (Consultant), R Pearson (Chief Executive Officer), T Smith (Accountant), G Jutzen (Works Manager), S Hopewell (Manager Corporate Services) and M Low (Executive Assistant).

Trisha Habner, Terry Habner, Liz Mickan, Liz Blacker, Bob Blacker, David Mickan, Pauline Mickan, Stan Mckenzie, Milos Sulda, Robyn Wedd, Mick Howell, Claire Holman, Leith Holman, Judy Hurrell, Greg Hurrell, Brian Treloar, Warren Doudle, Geoff Holman, Josie Hammond, Yvonne Laube, And Tommy Fox.

APOLOGIES:

Cr JT Quigley, Roger Laube and Sue Ellis.

WELCOME

Mayor Low welcomed the community, Councillors and staff and introduced Mr Tony Goldsworthy, who would be leading the presentations.

Staff and Consultant presented information on the following:

- Strategic Plans;
- Overview of projects for future years in 2012-2021 plan;
- Overview of a typical Council budget; and,
- Community Survey results.

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Questions from the Meeting:

L Mickan: queried the priorities listed in the Council Survey, which were not considered as core business to Council.

RP: advised that Airports and Aged Facilities were not generally core business of Councils.

L Mickan: commented on the survey results in relation to the number of people indicating that they would be looking at retiring in Cummins and the lack of Aged Care accommodation available.

L Mickan: queried the progress with the Peelina Creek Road and Causeway project.

RP: advised that the survey work and modelling is to be completed soon and that the works will follow once agreement has been finalised.

M Sulda: queried the cost of the fish cleaning facility and process at Coffin Bay,

GJ: advised that the cost was due to the grinding machine that is used to liquefy the solid waste so it is suitable for the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS).

M Sulda: queried whether Council had looked into the use of the solid waste by companies, eg sell the waste.

GJ: indicated that the volumes produced would not be enough to warrant the collection by a private company.

M Howell: queried Councils dependency on Government funding,.

RP: advised that 48% of the Council budget is from rate revenue, that approximately \$2 million is from Grants, which include Flinders Highway Reseal, Proper Bay Road (S Bend) project, Cummins Airstrip upgrade and numerous other small projects.

M Howell: queried, what was Council planning to do in the future and asked whether we (Council) were viable? Do we need to get big or get out?.

RP: indicated that Council's are at the end of the food chain when it comes to Governments allocating funding.

Mayor: agreed that if the FAG's funding stops that Council's will be impacted.

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Questions from the Meeting:

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S McKenzie: indicated that he didn't mind if our rates increase as long as we get increased services and that the community can see where their additional rates are being allocated.

L Mickan: queried whether Council had plans to increase the township of Cummins as additional residential blocks would increase the rates collected, she felt that there was a need for aged care accommodation.

RP: advised that additional income from development is generally offset by the costs of providing services, but noted that this is not a reason not to pursue development.

T Fox: enquired as to the plans Council has for the footprint of Cummins as it is extremely difficult to obtain accommodation within the town and there appears to be no or very few blocks for sale and little scope to expand to the West with the Cummins Airstrip and to the South with Viterra. Is there a plan to expand the town?

RP: advised that Council had purchased land on the East side of the Cummins Township and Council is aware of the constraints with development to the West, North and South of the town. Survey and design work will be carried out on the parcel of land on the East side of Cummins and Council will need to decide the best outcome for this land and indicated that there is no set timeframe for this to be completed. Council also has land for development in Coffin Bay.

T Fox: indicated that we not only need to think of Aged Care, but the young people of the town and provide for the future of the area, noting that there is a number of people working in the town that live in other areas and drive to Cummins each day for work.

P Mitchell: agreed that Council has residential land in both Cummins and Coffin Bay, but posed the question – Should Council be a developer of land?

L Mickan: felt that developers need to be given the opportunity and that land needs to be available for this purpose.

T Habner: queried the number of blocks that would be available in the land on the East side of Cummins.

RP: indicated that there is 11 ha of land and estimated this may equate to 60 blocks, and that in the Cummins Township Development Plan Amendment October 2012 there was listed an Aged Care area marked to the south of the hospital, the issue is that there is various styles and forms of Aged Care accommodation.

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L Mickan: raised the topic of Industry and that Council should be proactive and encouraging industry in setting up their business in Cummins.

Mayor: advised that the Industrial Area is privately owned, while Council has also zoned an Enterprise Policy Area to the south of Cummins.

RP: Council try to support small to medium enterprise where it is able to do this fairly to achieve economic outcomes for the Council area.

R Wedd: suggested that Cummins would benefit from having a Social Hub area, a mall area or a meeting place area and suggested the area behind the Chemist/Bakery/Butcher. This could include some parking and access to these shops so the elderly don't have to worry about crossing Bruce Terrace which can be dangerous at the best of times.

T Fox: queried the option of including a Zebra Crossing in this area on Bruce Terrace.

GJ: advised that there was an item in the January 2016 Council Meeting relating to this topic and that investigation undertaken by Mace Engineering concluded that none of the crossing options would be supported by DPTI in this location. He suggested that Council carry out additional work on the southern side of the crossing to encourage people to cross there.

Y Laube: queried whether Council employed a trained gardener or horticulturalist?

RP: advised that Council doesn't currently employ anyone specifically skilled in horticulture, but had engaged a land consultant to provide a plan of the Cummins township with suggested areas of improvement and plantings. He also advised the meeting that Council is currently reviewing the structure of the Works Department.

Mayor: thanks people for attending.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.