



KATHERINE SOUTH COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Held at the Katherine South Primary School Science Room

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Date: Monday 14 September 2015 – 5.30pm

Attendance: Mayor Fay Miller, Acting Mayor Donald Higgins, Alderman Lis Clark, Alderman Peter Gazey, Alderman Steven Rose, Alderman Toni Tapp-Coutts, Robert Jennings (CEO), Neroli Dickens (Director Works & Services/ Deputy CEO) and Claire Johansson (Director Corporate & Community Services)

Apologies: Alderman Robbie Phillips, Claire Brown (Director Lands Services and Development, Department of Land Planning and Environment (DLPE))

No. of public in attendance: Eight (8)

Name (this column is a best fit of the back and forth discussions)	Topic	Question / Comment	Response	Current or future Municipal Plan Actions
Annette Raynor	Hospital Relocation	The hospital relocation is a bigger issue than a transport hub due to flooding.	The KTC has identified the relocation of the hospital as a key project to the flood mitigation committee. The KTC has advocated for the relocation over a number of years. The land opposite St Josephs was gazetted for the purpose of a hospital in 2003. The major hurdle to overcome is the funding from both Territory and Federal Governments.	Continue to advocate for the relocation of the hospital away from a flood zone

	Hot Springs	Hot Springs is looking a bit shabby.	KTC is working with Tourism NT on a proposal to upgrade Hot Springs to a more accessible and enjoyable area for residents and tourists. Consideration of the infrastructure requirement and the preservation of the habitat and environmental are key features of the proposal.	Long-term planning for the redevelopment of the Hot Springs area with adequate community consultation
Jon Raynor	River Loop	Suggestion to look at having a picnic area on the river bank, and consideration of managing the area when inundated with water and the provision of shade (trees or shade structure).	Options are to seek expert advice on what sort of trees would survive water inundation, or use shade structure. Research the Murray River sites as they have water inundation and use movable toilets to avoid infrastructure damage.	Master Planning of the river corridor required in collaboration with other managers of the corridor such as the NT Government
	Short and long term housing	How well would the Port Augusta (SA) model of short term housing fit in Katherine?	The model for transitional housing would fit well in Katherine however, the accommodation was built by SA Housing and there is plenty of short term accommodation available to move into from the transitional housing. Katherine would need funding sponsorship from the NT Government to progress.	KTC to continue to lobby NT Government for short and long term housing (and to accommodate homeless people).
		Is it a viable option to use the empty Territory Government housing in Katherine?	The cost of refurbishment of the houses to an acceptable living standard is potentially prohibitive.	KTC to continue to lobby NT Government for short and long term housing

Andrea Wilson		Use of \$90K received by KTC to build an ablution block at Warlpiri Transient Camp may be a viable option for transitional housing?	Unfortunately KTC didn't receive the \$90K. The land is owned by Kalano. The land floods in the wet and there is a lack of interest in investing in infrastructure in a flood area, due to the damage of being inundated with water	
	Presentation by CEO	What are the details of \$1.338b GDP in the Katherine region?	Tourism, agriculture (pastoral and horticulture), and defence are the main contributors.	
		What's happening with research and development funding?	Investment in research and development is the responsibility of the NT Government	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required
			Vietnam market imports in cattle have increased by 9,000% in recent years	
Amanda Kingdon	Horticulture	Consideration of improving the market demand for fruit and vegetables, and mangoes in particular	Vietnam uses more chemicals than Australia in farming resulting in Australia being a preferred supplier to Vietnam. Mangoes are unpicked on trees in Pine Creek and other areas; it is cheaper to import fruit and vegetables from America than buy domestic products.	Work with the Department of Agriculture to support our agriculture, pastoral and horticulture industries.
	Solar Power Farm	What is the status of a solar farm for Katherine?	The CEO has had discussions with Power and Water who have apparently previously completed a positive feasibility study	Council will continue discussions with Power and Water
	New Low Level Bridge	Is the raising of the Low Level Bridge (Zimin Drive) a consideration?	This option is not an option under consideration	Other options to secure two high level bridges to continue

	Truck speed in town	Recommend that trucks travelling through town have a speed limit of 20 kph	Speed controls are not within council's authority.	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required
	Trucks turning off Katherine Terrace	Blocking off access for trucks to turn off Katherine Terrace	Katherine Terrace is not within Council's authority	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required
	Pedestrian Crossing on Katherine Terrace	Greenery is impacting on the visibility of the pedestrian crossing	Katherine Terrace is not within Council's authority	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required.
	Pedestrian Crossing from Ryan Park to Railway Terrace	Option to consider a pedestrian crossing from Ryan Park to Railway Terrace	Victoria Highway is not within Council's authority	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required. This strategy is part of the Ryan Park Markets review.
	Economic Development/ Katherine East Development	Note that increased housing is becoming available in Katherine East. What other considerations are occurring to increase retail in the area?	A Land Use Management plan was developed 2 1/2 years ago, which included an area of land on the highway for retail, this was not supported. The flood mitigation committee is again considering this as an option. The KREDC has identified the key areas of focus for economic development / drivers for Katherine are - transport, tourism, and defence. Other areas can be considered for a second stage focus.	Continue work with KREDC, DLPE and Flood Mitigation Committee to support economic development for Katherine.
		Semi-permanent road access for heavy vehicles to the current Katherine East development. Dual lane for the road	It is probable that the semi-permanent access road for construction will remain. Consideration of the road being dual lane will depend on the construction requirements.	

		Red dirt impact on residents of Casuarina Street during construction - is the contractor going to be required to clean roofs, etc.	Casuarina St has been covered in red dirt during construction, the developer is aware of the issues, and KTC have been in the communications loop between the developer and the residents. The development is not a KTC responsibility, rather the matter is between the developer and Lands and Planning	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required. We have forwarded the matter to DPLE generally.
	Tourism Plans	Tourism is low in Katherine what plans are there to increase tourism?	Discussions have occurred with Tourism NT about a redevelopment of Hot Springs. A recent visit by delegates from Vietnam has indicated an interest in holiday activities in the area. Tourism is one of the key focus areas for the KREDC	Continue to focus on Tourism as part of KREDC and review Hot Springs development carefully through consultation
	Tourism	Katherine doesn't have a welcoming page in social media		Update the KTC website to be user friendly and relevant
		Parking signage	Area of note is Lindsay Street, where people travelling in Maui Vans, Caravans, and Mobile Homes etc. are unaware of where they can park.	Continue signage review of KTC signage.
		Website	Include on our website information for visitors on where to park.	Update the KTC websites to be user friendly and relevant.
		Street signage on left hand side of road	Low level of visibility for left hand side road signage.	Continue signage review of KTC signage.

		Petrol Station and Caravan entry and exit	The Shell petrol station and the Riverview Caravan Park are high traffic areas for entry and exit of RVs, which is of concern for road users.	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required.
		TBLs	The Temporary Beat Locations have been successful in creating a safer environment. KTC is currently lobbying to continue the TBLs on a permanent basis.	Retain benefits of TBLs
	Water	Where will the extra water come from for farming?	Protection of aquifers is a high priority. Suggestion: - What about a dam?	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required.
	High Level Bridge – light and river cam	Will the council put a light on the bridge and reactivate the river cam?	There is a small amount of funding with NT Technology for this work however; an issue of legal liability was raised as people relied on the river cam rather than official warning. It was recommended that a disclaimer be placed on the river cam web view. Noted that tourists view the river cam.	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required.
	Aged Care	What is happening with Aged Care Facilities?	Mayor Miller is on the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Senior Territorians, and a Federal advisory committee. A key focus is to meet the need for retirement villages. Private ownership of retirement villages is generally modelled around building strata title unit that	Discussions and advocacy with appropriate stakeholders as required.

			can be bought and sold. There is a need for Government funded retirement villages.	
	Little Athletics Oval Upgrade	The second bore on the oval has a hole in it which has been there all season. Is there a facility available for a second oval for Little Athletics as membership is growing?	There is a Sportsground Advisory Committee that develops a draft master plan for the sporting facilities in Katherine. Representation from the Little Athletics Club is most welcome at meetings.	
	Increased rates for major supermarket retailer.	Request that consideration be given to rates costs to equate with the % of retail trade sales.		Rate setting equity is considered in future Municipal Plans
Dennis Mangan	Increased rates	Lack of explanation as to why the increased rate changes.	Requested more explanation generally as to why rates are increasing, e.g. old infrastructure. The anticipated costs to ratepayers for the handover of streetlights, and rural roads will be an additional significant expense.	Continue significant consultation with community in Municipal Plan preparation.

Next meeting is scheduled for 14 December in Katherine North, noted that it should be considered changing the date to a November timeframe. This will required a resolution by the October meeting of Council.

Meeting closed at 7:00pm