



KATHERINE EAST COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Held at the Katherine High School Gymnasium

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Date: Monday 15 June 2015 – 5.30pm

Attendance: Acting Mayor Higgins, Alderman Lis Clark, Alderman Gazey, Alderman Phillips, Alderman Steven Rose, Alderman Tapp-Coutts

Apologies: Mayor Miller, Ms Neroli Dickens, Ms Claire Brown

No. of public in attendance: 8

| Name | Topic | Question | Response | Future Municipal Plan Actions |
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| Dennis Mangan | Family Advocacy Youth Advocacy | Can Council advocate for home care for children as well as general advocacy support for youth? | Council responded in the positive and noted that planning for youth was something that Council could and does take on indirectly. It was noted that Council did support youth through one-off events, the YMCA building and through the construction and maintenance of high quality playground facilities. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure planning includes youth 2. Look at youth issues in Katherine as a priority 3. Advocate to support youth needs 4. Facilitate youth involvement with sport, maintain facilities 5. Partner with other agencies with a youth focus e.g. NT Sports and Recreation, YMCA, Drop In |
| | Signage | Could Council provide more visible street signage for the initial streets coming off Giles? | Council noted that the street signage on Cox Crescent and Cameron Street will be reviewed. | A CBD signage audit was recently undertaken; the required works are in various stages of completion – these items shall be added to that program. |

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| Craig Baxter | Family Advocacy | Does Council have a facility available for Childcare workers? Could the former childcare facility be used? With the tightening of legislation, it is getting harder for facilities to be financially viable. | Council will look into the issue of childcare, including how to advocate for greater availability of affordable childcare services. | Options: 1. Assist a RTO to set up as a training provider for child care (Casuarina Street or Step Out) |
| | Weed Management | What is being done about Neem and Mahogany weeds in the river corridor owned by Council? | Council continues to work collaboratively with the local NT Weeds Branch, the Department of Natural Resources and other entities such as Landcare, for the protection and maintenance of the river reserve; industry initiatives, programs and regional collaboration remain focus ideas for Council's environmental team. It is worth also noting that upstream residential and pastoral activities often pose a detrimental impact to those concerted efforts within Council's limited area of responsibility along the Katherine River Reserve – appropriate environmental management remains a constant on Council's agenda | Options: 1. Partner with NT Government to find a solution for NT Government controlled areas and KTC controlled areas. |
| | Finances | Management of increasing expenditure | Response to submission to be provided as part of Municipal Plan responses | |

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| Margaret XX | Community Leadership | Would Council consider honouring Doctor James Scattini upon his upcoming resignation | Council did consider this to be appropriate and suggested some options, including the Mayoral Ball, the Citizen of the Year and even a special event. | Liaise with other services e.g. Department of Health (hospital), GYRACC etc to hold an event (morning tea) and Council to honour Dr Scattini. |
| | Hot Springs | Should the VIC be sending visitors to the Hot Springs, when the signage warns of crocodiles? | It was explained that the signs were a duty of care responsibility | |
| Bruce Francais | Town Planning | Is Council aware of why the houses on Casablanca Estate were not in conformance with the flood levels? | Council responded that the houses elements currently under construction were to be raised to become the first storey | |
| | Environmental Advocacy | Commend Council for endeavouring to obtain a moratorium on fracking and advocating for the Department of Defence to support the matter. | Noted with thanks | |
| | Signage | I understand that it is not Council's responsibility, but at the low level park, why is there no indication of distance on the sign that points to the Hot Springs? | During 2015/16 Council intends to redevelop the "Riverside Loop", notionally between the Katherine Low Level and High Level bridges on both sides of the river, into a 'destination path' – all existing advisory signage shall be reviewed as part of this development process. | |

Meeting closed at 6:30pm