

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 21 April 2021



Item 1: Minor amendment to Communications and Media Policy

At last month's Meeting, Council adopted a number of Policies and Procedures including the Communications and Media Policy. The Policy included the following clause on Page 4.

"Personal Statements by Councillors

This policy does not restrict Councillors from making statements or from responding to media enquiries, in their capacity as a Councillor about their personal opinion regarding a Council matter that has not been the subject of a Council decision. Should Councillors intend to make statements as above reflecting their personal opinion, such remarks should be clearly qualified accordingly."

This clause, as worded, is inconsistent with the "Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland" to the extent that Councillors personal opinions are 'not' restricted to a matter that has not been the subject of a Council decision.

Accordingly, it is recommended to amend the Policy by deleting the following words 'that has not been the subject of a Council decision' from the paragraph referred to on Page 4.

Recommendation:

That Council note the reasoning for the proposed amendment to the Communications and Media Policy and endorse the recommendation to amend the policy accordingly.

Item 2: Third Quarterly Operational Plan Review

As Council is aware, each quarter, progress on the implementation of the Operational Plan is reported to the next meeting. Accordingly, the plan to 31 March 2021 is attached for your consideration and noting. (Attachment 1)

Recommendation:

That Council note the quarterly Operation Plan for the period ended 31 March, 2021.

Item 3: Quarterly Hope Vale Communications Summary Report

See attachment 2. This report is recommended for noting.

Recommendation:

That Council note the contents of the Communications and Media Summary for the quarter ending 31 March 2021.

Item 4: Application for the establishment of a PCYC Program for Hope Vale.

The Council is aware of ongoing discussions in the community regarding the importance of ensuring youth are kept active after school hours and there is a suitable variety of interests to attract their attention to ensure their ongoing development as good citizens in the future.

In March, Council met with representatives on PCYC and the result being a mutually agreed position to work towards a fully funded and supported PCYC for the Community.

The Council has received correspondence which subsequently outlines the conditions and basis on which the Council would need to agree as the initial phase in requesting the State Government supporting this initiative for the community.

There are budgetary considerations as the terms of an agreement would have to be for a minimum 3 years. These budgetary considerations can be discussed and explained further at the Meeting.

Recommendation:

That Council consider entering into a three year agreement with the Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association for the establishment of a fully operational PCYC program for the Hope Vale Community.

Item 5: Hope Vale Street Numbering and Addressing System

This project has been undertaken by consultants, Cardno, under the direction of DATSIP, starting back in 2019. All existing dedicated roads within the HASC Area have been named and street numbers allocated. As required, this information was publicly advertised, and in March, through Councils Facebook and web site, submissions were invited from the public. One submission was received and will be assessed against the project criteria and feedback will be provided to the submitter on the outcome of that assessment.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the street names and numbering proposal and the CEO be authorized to make minor amendments, if required, prior to submitting to the State Government, for adoption, as the official street names and numbers for the community of Hope Vale. (Attachment 3)

Item 6: Road Opening Application for 20 Roads in Hope Vale

This Road Opening application is to open the roads over existing tracks and roads that have been used by the community and as such established the roads. Council has also been maintaining these roads in the past. Council will recall this was the subject of a briefing provided by DATSIP Officers last Month wherein it was explained the project has started back with the former Council and in consultation with Congress.

As Council has maintained these roads in the past, the road opening of the 20 roads does not have an additional financial impact or impost on Councils operations or budget into the future.

It should be noted the road openings can only be approved by the Department of Resources (old DNRME). Accordingly, RILIPO is requesting Council to consider 3 actions to formalise the process towards the road openings as recommended.

Recommendation:

That Council

- 1. make a decision not to object to the road openings and is in support of such a road opening as it will provide surety to the community and Council. (Attachment 4)**
- 2. Complete form C (DNRME form) as reflected in the application**
- 3. Forward the Councils decision and completed form C to RILIPO.**

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