



POLICY COMMITTEE

28 July 2010

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

I have to advise that a **Policy Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 4 August 2010 commencing at 5.00 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D J Sherley".

D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2010

1. 5PM MEETING COMMENCES
2. APOLOGIES
3. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - * Minutes - Policy Committee Meeting - 7 July 2010
4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
 - To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.
5. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS
 - * Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report
 - * General Manager's Report
6. GENERAL BUSINESS
7. DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS
 - * Development Application No. 2010/0629 – Telecommunication Base Station At Lot 1, DP 620110, 9 Ilumba Way Kelso. Applicant: Tci Ltd. Owner: Bathurst Masonic Temple Society Inc.
8. DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER
 - * Proposed Rowing at Chifley Dam
9. MEETING CLOSE

MINUTE

1 5PM MEETING COMMENCES

Present: Councillors Toole (Chair), Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, North, Thompson, Westman.

In attendance: General Manager, Director Corporate Services & Finance, Director Environmental Planning & Building Services, Director Engineering Services, Director Cultural & Community Services, Manager Water & Waste, Manager Technical Services, Operations Manager Water & Waste, Parks Operations Manager, Development Control Planner.

MINUTE

2 APOLOGIES

MOVED: I North SECONDED: B Bourke

RESOLVED: That the apologies from Crs Aubin & Morse be accepted and leave of absence granted.

POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4
AUGUST 2010**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 JULY 2010 (07.00064)

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 7 July 2010 be adopted.

Report: The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 7 July 2010, are attached.

Financial Implications: N/A

MINUTE

3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 JULY 2010

MOVED: G Westman SECONDED: R Thompson

RESOLVED:That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 7 July 2010 be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7 JULY 2010

5PM MEETING COMMENCES

1 MEETING COMMENCES

Present: Councillors Toole (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Morse, North, Westman.

In attendance: General Manager, Director Corporate Services & Finance, Director Engineering Services, Director Cultural & Community Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Acting Director Environmental Planning & Building Services, Manager Recreation, Manager Technical Services, Operations Manager Water & Waste, Parks Operations Manager.

APOLOGIES

2 APOLOGIES

MOVED Cr M Morse

and **SECONDED** Cr B Bourke

RESOLVED: That the apology from Cr Thompson be accepted and leave of absence granted.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3 Item 1 MINUTES - POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 JUNE 2010 (07.00064)

MOVED Cr I North

and **SECONDED** Cr G Westman

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2010 be adopted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

MOVED Cr I North

and **SECONDED** Cr M Morse

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report

5 Item 1 DELEGATIONS REGISTER UPDATE (13.00020, 41.00088)

This is page 1 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 7 July 2010.

MOVED Cr I North

and **SECONDED** Cr G Westman

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the change to the Delegations Register as tabled.

6 **Item 2 POLICY MANUAL UPDATE - DESIGNATED PERSONS (41.00089, 11.00002)**

MOVED Cr B Bourke

and **SECONDED** Cr G Westman

RESOLVED: That Council note the information and update the list of designated positions in the Policy Manual.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7 **PIGEONS 14.00009**

Cr Bourke – asked could Councillors be advised of any actions occurring.

8 **BERRY PARK & BRIDGE AREA 2010/0491**

Cr Bourke – asked when will work occur that has been budgeted for.

The Director Engineering Services advised money provided for works on townside of the bridge.

9 **HEREFORD STREET 25.00035**

Cr Aubin – advised that when rain occurs the road easily floods and covers footpath. Can we look at what could possibly be done to alleviate this.

The Director Engineering Services advised of process needed through fisheries to clean creek.

10 **ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 18.00105**

Cr Morse – asked does Council have a position on this.

The Mayor advised he will come back to Council with LG&SA proposal.

11 **HOLY FAMILY, MARSDEN LANE 25.00124**

Cr Westman – suggested may need crossings here, can we look at this?

The Director Engineering Services advised that the matter will be reviewed and advice will be provided to Councillors.

12 **SOARING CLUB 2010/0153**

Cr Westman – asked will we look at guidelines for use of site and what can occur.

The Manager Strategic Planning advised can look at this if there is an intensification of use at the site

13 **RENAMING OF KELSO 20.00059**

Cr Westman – advised a proposal has been received concerning the naming of areas in Kelso. What are we doing about this?

The Manager Strategic Planning advised zoning of area etc is being looked at. It is preferable that renaming awaits finalising of this process.

14 **BIKE PARK PROPOSAL 20.00117**

Cr Westman – spoke to recent trip to Mt Stromlo re bike facilities and thanked staff for their assistance.

15 **SUCCESSION PLAN - MACHATTIE PARK & KINGS PARADE 04.00012, 04.00039**

Cr Carpenter – advised that issue of what trees will be used for replacement needs to be considered. Can Council develop a succession plan.

16 **STREET BEAUTIFICATION PLAN 20.00019**

Cr Carpenter – requests Council review the CBD Beautification Plan and the possibility of planting more trees in this program.

17 **ONE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL 18.00105**

Cr Carpenter – spoke to proposal and recent vote by the Shires Association to form one association.

18 **AUTUMN COLOURS PROGRAM 23.00060**

Cr Hanger – thanked the Visitors Information Centre staff for work put into this program.

19 **GET KNOTTED PROGRAM 23.00133**

Cr North – thanked the staff for the work they put into this project.

MEETING CLOSE

20 **MEETING CLOSE**

The Meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(21 July 2010)**

MINUTE

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

MOVED: I North SECONDED: R Thompson

RESOLVED: That the following Declaration of Interest be noted.

Cr Hanger

Discussion Forum - DA Submissions - Telecommunications Base Station.

POLICY COMMITTEE
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT
4 AUGUST 2010

**DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT TO THE POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2010**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

1 REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (07.00096)

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: At the meeting held on 17 July 2009 Council resolved to appoint the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and two independent members to its Audit and Risk Management Committee. The Committee has now met on two occasions. A copy of the minutes of the 31 March 2010 Meeting are shown at **attachment 1**, minutes of the 1 July 2010 Meeting are shown at **attachment 2** for Councillors information.

Financial Implications: Funding for this item is contained within existing budgets.

MINUTE

5 Item 1 REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MOVED: R Thompson SECONDED: G Westman

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

2 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009 (GIPPA) - PUBLICATION GUIDE (02.00035, 41.00088)

Recommendation: That Council:

- (a) note that Council has, as required under Section 22 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 sent a copy of the Publication Guide to the Office of the Information Commissioner.
- (b) delegate authority to the General Manager to adopt the Publication Guide for Council as this is an operational matter.
- (c) following adoption of the Publication Guide, place it on the Public Document sections of Council's website.

Report: As Councillors would be aware, the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) came into affect on 1 July 2010. One of the requirements of this Act is that Council must adopt a Publication Guide. Section 20 of the GIPA Act describes the information that must be kept in the Publication Guide including:

- (a) the structure and functions of the Council
- (b) the ways in which the functions of the agency affect members of the public.
- (c) information specifying any arrangements that exist to enable members of the public to participate in the formulation of the agency's policies and exercise of its functions.
- (d) identifies the various information held by Council.
- (e) identifies the kinds of information held that Council will make publicly available.

Section 22 of the GIPA Act 2009 requires Council to forward a copy of its Publication Guide to the Information Commissioner before adopting or amending it, and Council has done this. (The Draft Publication guide is shown at **attachment 1**). The Information Commissioner then may require Council to consult with the Information Commissioner on the proposed Publication Guide to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Act.

The adoption of the Publication Guide would appear to be an operational matter and not one that Council would be required to formally adopt by resolution. The GIPA Act states that an agency must adopt its first Publication Guide within six months after the commencement of this section and must review it every 12 months after. As this document is basically operational in nature, it is recommended that Council delegate the authority to the General Manager to adopt the Publication Guide.

It is recommended that Council:

- (a) note that Council has, as required under Section 22 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 sent a copy of the Publication Guide to the Office of the Information Commissioner.
- (b) delegate authority to the General Manager to adopt the Publication Guide for Council as this is an operational matter.

- (c) following adoption of the Publication Guide, place it on the Public Document sections of Council's website.

Financial Implications: Nil.

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6 Item 2 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009 (GIPPA) - PUBLICATION GUIDE

MOVED: I North SECONDED: B Bourke

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (a) note that Council has, as required under Section 22 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 sent a copy of the Publication Guide to the Office of the Information Commissioner.
- (b) delegate authority to the General Manager to adopt the Publication Guide for Council as this is an operational matter.
- (c) following adoption of the Publication Guide, place it on the Public Document sections of Council's website.

Yours faithfully



R Roach
DIRECTOR
CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE

POLICY COMMITTEE
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
4 AUGUST 2010

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4
AUGUST 2010**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

**1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED 1 JULY 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2010
(07.00088)**

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: Council's Code of Conduct requires at Clause 12.33 the following:

"The General Manager must report annually to council on code of conduct complaints. This report should include, as a minimum, a summary of the:

- (a) number of complaints received*
- (b) nature of the issues raised by complainants, and*
- (c) outcomes of complaints"*

Code of Conduct complaints - 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, present the following profile, as referred to in Clause 12.33 of the Code of Conduct.

Number of Complaints Received: 67

Nature of Issues Raised by Complainants:

- Councillor payments
- Response times to a complaint
- Amalgamation costs
- UMCC matters
- Mayoral Election
- Code of Conduct Committee Procedures
- Financial irregularities
- Debate in the Chamber
- Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest allegations
- Notices of Meeting and meeting procedures
- Legal judgements
- TV interviews
- Shopping Centre Development
- Electoral Signage
- Auditors Reports and Declarations of Interest
- Councillor Obligations
- Parking permits and signage
- Traffic Committee reports
- Management Plan submissions
- Pensioner rebates
- Safe Working Environment and other staffing matters
- Failure to give notice at meetings

- Issuing of Notices and Enforcement

Many of the complaints have created a drain on Council resources. The complaints are often repetitive and have displayed behaviour that clearly falls within the indicative triggers of various behaviours including:

1. Unreasonable persistence (eg persisting with a complaint where dealt with, inability to accept final decision, reframing complaints, making issues out of anything)
2. Unreasonable demands (eg insisting on outcomes that are unattainable, making unreasonable resource demands, demanding outcomes where no reasonable basis exists) issuing instructions and making demands as to how a complaint should be handled
3. Unreasonable arguments (eg holding irrational beliefs, holding a conspiracy theory unsupported by evidence, interpreting facts in an unreasonable way)
4. Unreasonable behaviour (eg confronting behaviour- threats)

Outcomes of Complaints:

Complaints, when they are assessed by the General Manager and Mayor, have regard to the following grounds in accordance with Clause 13.1 of the Code of Conduct:

"The General Manager or Mayor, in the case of a complaint about the General Manager, will assess a complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct to determine if the matter should be referred to the Conduct Review Committee/Reviewer. In assessing the complaint, the General Manager and Mayor will have regard to the following grounds:

- (a) whether there is any prima facie evidence of a breach of the code of conduct;*
- (b) whether the subject matter of the complaint relates to conduct that is associated with the carrying out of the functions of civic office or duties as General Manager;*
- (c) whether the complaint is trivial, frivolous, vexatious or not made in good faith;*
- (d) whether the conduct the subject of the complaint could reasonably constitute a breach of the code of conduct;*
- (e) whether the complaint raises issues that require investigation by another person or body, such as referring the matter to the Department of Local Government, the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission Against Corruption or the NSW Police;*
- (f) whether there is an alternative and satisfactory means of redress;*
- (g) how much time has elapsed since the events the subject of the complaint took place;*
- (h) how serious the complaint is and the significance it has for Council;*
- (i) whether the complaint is one of a series indicating a pattern of conduct."*

In accordance with the above criteria, over 50 complaints were found to fall within the parameters of 13.1(c).

It is noted that two of the 67 complaints finalised were referred to Council's Conduct Committee. All others were either handled by the General Manager or Mayor, as appropriate.

Financial Implications: The cost of dealing with Code of Conduct matters was in excess of \$45,000.

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7 Item 1 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED 1 JULY 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2010

MOVED: G Westman SECONDED: G Hanger

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

Yours faithfully



D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

POLICY COMMITTEE
GENERAL BUSINESS MINUTES

MINUTE

8 AGED CARE STUDY 09.00006

Cr Thompson – asked could Council advise where we are at with the Study.

The Director Cultural & Community Services advised discussions occurring with CSU in September.

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9 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS 16.00021

Cr Thompson – asked what is the status of this matter.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services advised will go to a Council Working Party in September or October.

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10 SIGNAGE INTO BATHURST 23.00045

Cr Thompson – asked can we address the signage as part of the Economic Development Strategy.

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11 BATHURST HEALTH COUNCIL 18.00035

Cr North – asked currently a member of the Council. Pleased with processes occurring which have been positive.

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12 LIGHT STANDARD, CNR HOWICK & WILLIAM STREETS 25.00006

Cr Bourke – referred to letter in media regarding this light standard. If anything is done, can this come back to Council.

The Mayor advised the status of the matter.

MINUTE

13 CENTROC SUMMIT - JULY 2010 07.00017

Cr Carpenter – Congratulations on a great event that promoted Bathurst. The precinct around the Mount has had a lot of development. There is a need to look at the area for plantings, etc. Can Council look at this.

Meeting suspended till 5.15pm for Discussion Forum, DA Submissions.

POLICY COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

**DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS TO THE POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2010**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

**1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2010/0629 – TELECOMMUNICATION BASE
STATION AT LOT 1, DP 620110, 9 ILUMBA WAY KELSO. APPLICANT: TCI LTD.
OWNER: BATHURST MASONIC TEMPLE SOCIETY INC. (DA2010/0629)**

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: Council has received a Development Application for a telecommunications base station facility at 9 Ilumba Way, Kelso, described as Lot 1, DP 620110. A location plan is provided at **attachment 1**.

The site currently contains a single storey brick commercial building and hall.

The proposal involves the erection of a 21.315 m high monopole with panel antennas and a ground based equipment shelter at the rear of the existing building. Plans of the proposed development and the Statement of Environmental Effects are at **attachment 2**.

The proposal was notified to adjoining owners in accordance with Council's Notification and Advertising of Development Applications DCP. The Development Application was initially notified for a period of 10 days but was later extended to 22 days from 10 June 2010 to 2 July 2010.

During the notification period a total of 16 submissions and a petition with 320 signatories were received (see **attachment 3**).

Issues raised in the submissions included:

- Impacts of electromagnetic emissions of residents health;
- Devaluation of property;
- Why tower is to be built in residential area;
- Visual impact the tower will have;
- Impacts on residents during construction; and
- Proximity of the development to Kelso High and other sensitive land uses.

Following this Discussion Forum a report will be prepared for the August Council Meeting.

Financial Implications: Nil.

MINUTE

14 Item 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2010/0629 – TELECOMMUNICATION BASE STATION AT LOT 1, DP 620110, 9 ILUMBA WAY KELSO. APPLICANT: TCI LTD. OWNER: BATHURST MASONIC TEMPLE SOCIETY INC.

Cr Hanger declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took part in discussions.

Reason: Teacher at Kelso High School

Discussion Included:

Rodney Fairbrother (47 Miriyan Drive)

Main concern is health issues. Literature from overseas shows there is a great possibility of diseases. Spoke to his submission made to Council. Telstra has not convinced residents there are no problems. Request another site be chosen. Also understands other carriers could set up on the tower. The area is sensitive with aged care, school and residents nearby. Feel high impact tower and worried information is being concealed.

Christina Munns (Kelso resident & Homeopath)

Spoke of how the body works and electromagnetic fields. Exposure is a real problem. Does Council feel electromagnetic fields will not be impacted by tower? Will Council protect its residents? Can Council postpone DA and establish a consultative committee to examine the proposal, will sit on this committee. Other sites need to be examined away from people.

Michelle Gooley (57 Miriyan Drive)

This will impact on two nursing homes, schools and residents. The more items put onto the tower will cause greater effects. What is the exposure level when additions go onto the tower. Studies overseas show health risks. e.g. India. It is too close to Keith Sheehan's place. There is no proof there are no health risks, needs more studies to be done. Main concern is health. the information pack from Telstra is contrary to proposal with respect to height.

Keith Sheehan (3 Ilumba Way)

The tower is only 30m from my dining room table. There is a perceived real health risk. Telstra needs to prove they do not create injury. Spoke of schools, aged care facilities, tower should not be near it.

Lou Lucarno (46 Miriyan Drive)

Telstra have other options. Putting it here as it suits Telstra's bottom line. Will Council back the ratepayers or Telstra.

Resident

Real Estate Agents has said house values will decrease 10 - 20% if tower located here. Concern at impact on wildlife. Have concerns for grandchildren and family members who live near the area. The main issue is health, at a lesser value is value of properties.

Bruce Blatch (resident)

Live straight across the road from the tower. The area is beautiful to live in and now with a small area of land left, a tower is to go up. This is disgusting.

Noeleen Mitchell (resident)

Has just moved into the area. Did not buy in Orange due to transmission lines. Have grandchildren with special needs, have health concerns. The area is lovely, do not want to see this happen.

Vesna Greig (Telstra)

A need has been identified for Kelso. The object is to improve 3G system. Spoke to facility provision needs in the area, which the proposal is intended to address. Held community information sessions in July and over 450 invitations were sent out. The facility will operate within national standards which take into account guidelines from groups such as the World Health Organisation. The facility will operate at less than 1% of the standard. Spoke to alternative sites in the area, e.g. water reservoir, these did not offer adequate coverage. The facility has been designed to limit visual impact. Thanks to Council for opportunity to speak to the matter.

The following questions were asked of Telstra:

Lou Lucarno

Telstra have looked at several other sites, if site at Hall was not available, then would have had to look elsewhere. Safety is only what we know now, look at asbestos.

Telstra

Site selection was based on servicing the area. Mount Panorama has reached capacity, now need to put in additional smaller towers within areas to provide service. The Masonic hall caters for 3 sectors.

Keith Sheehan

When pack was sent to residents, there was not one photo of his house, why? Recently in Darwin and saw a new tower, could not get access from Tower within 50 meters.

Telstra

Services will work within 50m of tower. Photos taken to show street view.

Resident

Have a commodore, cannot park it near towers due to impact on remote control. What will the tower do to remote controls, e.g. television, car etc.

Telstra

Spoke to band width licence within which Telstra must work.

Michelle Gooley

On information night asked can Telstra guarantee safety and guarantee properties will not devalue. These questions were not answered.

Telstra

Telstra will comply with standard and if it changes, Telstra will comply with this. Proposal will operate at less than 1% of standard.

Resident

Have had sufficient information on radiation, do not know what future effects will be.

POLICY COMMITTEE
DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER

**DISCUSSION FORUM OTHER TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4
AUGUST 2010**

General Manager
Bathurst Regional Council

1 PROPOSED ROWING AT CHIFLEY DAM (32.00005)

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: As Council is aware, NSW Rowing has approached Council to discuss the potential of initiating and developing rowing at Chifley Dam.

NSW Rowing have inspected locations at Chifley Dam, both on and off the water, with a view to establishing a temporary area to store boats ready for use, and secondly a permanent location and buildings for rowing, east of the power boat restricted area.

A location behind the two end cabins (yellow rectangle mark on map) is the proposed site (refer to **attachment 1**). Rowing NSW have advised Council that they could undertake to complete the required earthworks to the selected area and also supply and erect the proposed storage facility to Council's requirements.

A copy of the Rowing NSW Business Plan is at **attachment 2**.

Council has several issues to consider, including but not limited to the following:

- Whether the area is appropriate
- Whether security and liability issues regarding the storage of boats are appropriate
- How conflicts between different user groups will be managed
- Identifying suitable sharing arrangements and dates for event specific closures, with perhaps a maximum number of days per year
- How requests from other user groups for similar storage will be managed

Council has met with NSW Rowing and has indicated its in principal support for the proposal. Letters have been sent to user groups advising them of the public discussion forum. Interested individual recreational users of Chifley Dam will be advised via public advertisement of the meeting and invited to attend.

Financial Implications: Nil.

MINUTE

15 Item 1 PROPOSED ROWING AT CHIFLEY DAM

Discussion included;

Mr Renford, (CEO NSW Rowing)

Spoke to proposal for rowing on Chifley Dam. Noted accessibility to water is a prime consideration; have had ongoing discussions with Council and the community. Raised logistics such as getting boats to water, storage needs. Seeking feedback on the proposal.

Bruce Weal (Water Skiing)

Does not have a Club or Association. Seeking clarification on what areas will be utilised, when and how often etc. What is the impact on their "spot".

Mr Renford advised looking at area near cabins and utilising area (north) up the dam. Expect limited usage initially. The sport is used to working in shared areas eg Lake Jindabyne. The timing will be most likely mornings and afternoons mid-week; does not feel there will be major conflict.

Mick Dunn (Water Skiing)

Asked, will there be a permanent course set-up?

Mr Renford advised No. Spoke of temporary infrastructure used.

Mr Booth

Ben Chifley Dam is not really big and so can cause a problem; Jindabyne is not a good example. He feels dam very small and conflicts will occur.

Mr Renford spoke of areas such as Parramatta River, with multiple uses and conflicts that exist and how to deal with them.

Ben Thomas (Water Skiing)

Asked, has consideration been given to use of Lake Wallace?

Mr Renford advised Yes. Consideration has been given and some use has been made; currently suspended; has looked at other water bodies.

Rob Strange (Central Tablelands Rowing Club)

Primary use is for training and development rather than regattas and competition. Length of waterway at Chifley is a major attraction. Only see 1 to 2 days per annum for competition needed.

Linda Hurford (Bathurst Ratepayer)

Love to use dam for other things besides water skiing. Excited to hear Rowing Club may start up. Would be great to have another sport on the Dam.

Bruce Weal (Water Skiing)

Do not want to exclude anyone. Rowers have used Dam previously. Not sure what the proposal is concerning the shed; skiers want to know what are full details of the proposal. When 20-25 boats are on the dam, area is not large. Need to think about access to the Dam from back of the dam over private property to water speed restricted areas.

Mr Renford

Investigating further options. What is being proposed is an initial stage to get rowing up and going.

Steve Hill (Skier)

Have family day at Chifley Dam and lots of people go out. Will have problems when areas are restricted due to rowing. There are many children and safety is an issue. Cabins are used mainly by skiers and fishermen. Want to use Dam safely; most people want flat water. Need more signage at Dam to say operate anti-clockwise.

Mr Renford

Not proposing any more restrictions and are not closing down the dam.

Terry Rowling (Fishing Bathurst)

On weekends bottom of dam is chaos; why not use top area of dam? Go through private property.

Mr Renford

Will look at options.

Hamish Croucher (Kinross Wallaroi School)

During week rowers are finished by 7.30 am. On weekends need to work with all groups to come to an arrangement. Would like to come to Chifley Dam.

Terry Jones (RSL Fishing Club)

This is notified trout waters. Spoke to fish being stocked and future proposals. Infrastructure needs to be looked at and the competing interests need to be addressed and get common areas established. Needs a management plan put in place. Perhaps look at shared facilities. Spoke of ramps, pontoons etc. Council should work with NSW Maritime and Fisheries. It is a great idea; will not conflict with slow boats. Spoke of use times by fishing groups.

Denise Hall (Skier)

What is the timeframe for this? Can skiers be kept in the loop? Happy for everyone to use the dam.

Mr Renford

Spoke to timeframe and working with schools. Would like to be on dam ideally in September to get going in summer. Trying to get kids interested.

Les Bingham

Have used dam for 25 years. Used to be a Sailing club; there was never a problem when they operated. Spoke of fishing use of upper reaches.

Brett Hurditch (Water Skier)

Safety is an issue due to dam size. Restricted where can operate due to area's skiing needs. This needs to be taken into account. Skiers operate anti-clockwise; need to be careful that accidents do not occur as do not want dam to be closed.

Ben Thomas

Ten to fifteen years ago a local group tried to start a ski club and Clubhouse and this was knocked back. This seems to be promoted by out of towners.

Mr Renford

Wishes to work with Council and users. Rowing NSW here to grow accessibility of the sport.

Steve Allan (Water Skier)

Rowing is great fun. If wish to expand rowing, need to be aware of conflicts. If everyone is out there at once, then there will be problems.

Catriona Roach

Most people do not begin in sculls. There will not be too many boats; conflict can be controlled.

Bob Trimming

Issue seems to be conflict with high powered ski-boats. Cannot have dam tied up with one or two sports. Need management plan to maximise usage.

Bruce Weal

Water skiers try not to be elite fast boat operators. Want to share facilities; need to be aware of dangers. It is a small dam and size needs to be taken into account.

MINUTE

16 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____ **(18 August 2010)**