

**QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
QUEANBEYAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2008 12.30 PM**

Present: Ian McNamee, Craig Harris, Paul Walshe, Peter Williams, Michael Doherty, Bill Baker, Chris Gibson, Simon Mitchell-Taverner

Also Present: Gary Chapman, General manager Queanbeyan City Council

Apologies: Lydia Teodorowych, John Walker, Maurice McCormack, Loyd Perin, Ken Ineson,

1. **Welcome from Chair** – Ian McNamee welcomed attendees especially Council General Manager Gary Chapman

2. **Matters arising from Meeting 19 August and Executive Meeting 30 September** –
 1. **Googong Pipeline** – Craig Harris advised that the letter has been sent.

3. **Comments by QCC General Manager** – Mr Gary Chapman, General Manager, Queanbeyan City Council, outlined the proposed changes to Council meeting timings and the formation of a Planning and Development Review committee and a CBD Redevelopment Committee. These would be Committee's of Council with delegated powers which would allow decision making to occur. This would result in more time for assessment of applications and a more efficient consideration process by Council. The Planning and Development Review Committee would meet monthly and the CBD Redevelopment Committee would meet on an as required basis.

The GM indicated that the Council and Councillors were looking at a range of developments for the CBD including use of the river bank area and development of a lifestyle precinct. New staff are being employed to assist in the Googong and Tralee developments approvals and processes. Mr Chapman then discussed a range of issues relating to road options for the developments and the city region in general and problems associated with them. QBC indicated that they would pursue, support and promote those options which were the best options for Queanbeyan from the modelling and not necessarily those promoted for political expediency. The GM indicated that the water situation has been resolved and the agreements would be available on the website shortly.

4. **Water, Roads & Infrastructure Update** – including report on Meeting with Dr Mike Kelly (IMcN/ CH). Covered in item 3 above.
5. **Membership Renewal update** - Chris Gibson advised that two new \$500 Memberships had been received in the past week including the local Telstra franchise and ... and that additional Memberships were expected shortly. 2007 2008 Platinum members Country Energy and Australian War Memorial are expected to respond shortly. Follow up of renewals will be undertaken over the next month.

ACTION: CG

6. **Scholarship Program** – Chris Gibson and reported that further contact had been made with CIT regarding the Tourism Hospitality Centre proposal for a Queanbeyan student, however no response had been received to date. Queanbeyan Australian Technical College is fine-tuning its selection process. The next Executive Meeting will be held at Queanbeyan High School Trade School. It is expected that QHS will present a proposal at this meeting. Simon Mitchell-Taverner

ACTION: CG/SMT

7. **Queanbeyan ACT Light Rail update** - Craig Harris reported on discussions with Canberra Business Council, noting that Queanbeyan's inclusion was not included in ACT's submission to federal government. Resolved that QBC write to Infrastructure Australia.

ACTION: CG/CH

8. **QBC web page** - Chris Gibson has taken over the operation of the QBC web page. He advised he is keen to make improvements and requested feedback from Members.

ACTION: CG

9. **General Business – Nil**

Meeting closed 1.50 pm.

Next Committee meeting – Tuesday, 11 November at 12.30 pm at VIC

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 28 October, at 12.30 pm – Queanbeyan High School Trade School.

November Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 25 November, at 12.30 pm – venue tba