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Draft Meeting Minutes:

Project: Community Consultation Project for the Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road

Subject: Minutes – Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting No.7
1:00pm – 3:00pm, 27 February 2008, Whitsunday Shire Council Boardroom

Meeting opened by Mark Fenton at 1:10pm

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Attendees:

1. Marc Turner – Tourism Whitsundays (TW)
2. Faye Chapman – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
3. Dr Mark Fenton – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
4. Arwen Rickert – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
5. Jim Jarvis - Community member
6. Peter Jennings – Whitsunday Way Advisory Committee (WWAC)
7. Cr Mario Demartini (WSC)
8. Pat Aprile – Department of Main Roads (DMR)
9. Jan Clifford – Community member
10. Robin Salmon – Community Member
11. Cr Tolma Camm - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
12. Cr Steve Muller - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)

Guests:

Paul Smith – General Manager, State Wide Planning, Department of Main Roads (DMR)

Lindel Ryan – Acting Principle Advisor, Office of the General Manager, Department of Main Roads (DMR)

Apologies:

1. Jillian D'Urso – Department of Main Roads (DMR) on telephone for start of meeting
2. Rebecca Andrews – Whitsunday Development Corporation (WDC) present for start of meeting
3. Mary O'Flynn - Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
4. Jim Wort – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
5. Cr Keiran McCarthy - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
6. Lyn Gregson – Adelyn Retail
7. Danielle Seymour – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 Minutes from PAC 6

The minutes from PAC meeting number 6 held on 14 February 2008 at the Whitsunday Development Corporation Boardroom were confirmed with amendments to wording for Whitsunday Transit presentation.

Agenda Item 3: Consultation Update

3.1 Communications

No media releases or other project communications have been placed in local newspapers since the last PAC meeting.

3.2 Consultation

No further public consultation activities have taken place since the last PAC meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Vision Statement

4.1 Finalisation of Vision Statement and guiding principles

Version 3 of the Draft Whitsunday Way Vision Statement and Guiding Principles, as circulated to PAC members prior to the meeting, was projected on the screen for review by PAC members. This version incorporated comments received from PAC members following the last meeting held in Cannonvale on February 14. PAC members reviewed the version and minor amendments were made to the electronic copy projected on the screen. All PAC members present agreed to the changes. The version 4 of the Whitsunday Way Vision attached to these minutes is thus considered the finalised Draft for presentation to Whitsunday Shire Council and release to the public for comment. It will be designed into a brochure format by a graphic designer before release to the public.

A public consultation period will be held on the Draft Whitsunday Way Vision whereby the community will be invited via notification in the media and the project website, to provide comment to the Draft Vision. The PAC deemed it not necessary to go to public display on the vision, as the general community would be more interested in seeing plans.

Whitsunday Shire Council noted the status of the draft vision at its recent Council meeting however Council wants endorsement from the PAC before considering the vision. Now that the PAC has finalised the vision, Council will formally consider adopting the vision at its next meeting (11th March). It would be desirable for the Minister and local member to then launch the draft vision for community comment.

The PAC agreed that the planning horizon for the vision would be 20 years, with review every 5 years.

The PAC agreed that EBC should examine the appropriate mechanisms and protocol for making the vision binding on the necessary parties (Main Roads, Council, Ergon etc). This may be in the form of an MOU. Mechanisms for integrating the vision with IPA and the Council Planning Scheme, and Main Roads planning programs would also be investigated. Initially the first step would be to get the CEO's of both the new Whitsunday Regional Council and Main Roads to sign-off on the Vision. It would also be necessary to integrate it with Priority Infrastructure Projects, the WGMI. It may also be able to be integrated with any long term corridor strategy that Main Roads may develop for major transport routes.

The new Whitsunday Regional Council may also wish to investigate formalising the name "Whitsunday Way" by purchasing it as a brand name.

4.2 Preparation for Information Sessions

The next major step in the consultation process will be the information sessions. Maunsell's traffic modelling will be available for presentation and Arwen has made contact with GHD regarding the status of the Airlie Streetscape project. Sign design consultants 'Entica' have also been engaged by Whitsunday Development Corporation to develop a signage/entry statement plan. An initial meeting for this has been held. Representatives for each of these projects will be invited to the next PAC meeting to bring the PAC up to speed with progress and findings, and to discuss preparation for the information sessions.

Agenda Item 5: Other items

Unable to be addressed to due to lack of time. Will be held over until next PAC meeting.

Meeting closed: 3.15pm

Next meeting: To be advised (anticipated to be held late March).