

HUON VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 16 February 2017 at 3pm

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting for the Huon Valley Economic Development Advisory Committee held at the Huon Valley Council Chambers, Huonville at 2.30pm on Thursday 16 February 2017.

1. Present:

Chair: Commissioner Adriana Taylor

Members: Alan Duggan, Shirley Smith, Nick Bond, Scott Dufty, Sally Doyle

In Attendance: Polly Venning (Regional Development Coordinator)

2. Apologies:

Matthew Griggs, Martin Eaton, Michael Higgins.

Absent: NIL

3. Declaration of interest: NIL

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 8 December 2016, having previously been circulated confirmed and received as noted respectively.

RESOLVED

ALAN DUGGAN

SCOTT DUFTY

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Huon Valley Economic Development Advisory Committee held at the Huon Valley Council Chambers on Thursday 8 December 2016 as circulated, be confirmed.

5. Standing Items

5.1. Update on action items

5.2. Tabled Economic Direction Submissions from Committee

The committee proposed various potential submissions as out lined below in Items 6.2, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4

6. Business Arising

6.1. New committee member

The Commissioner formally welcomed new committee member Shirley Smith.

6.2. Huon Valley Council Project Submission

The Commissioner proposed the following projects be considered for submission to the State Government being of major benefit to the economic development to the Huon Valley region.

To request road improvements in the form of turn out lanes that currently experience or have cause to experience safety issues in relation to tourism.

A potential new business district for Huonville as a result of a bypass option

The development of Jeffrey's Track to connect the Huon Valley with the Derwent Valley

The Chair proposed that in discussion with stakeholders the Jeffrey's Track proposal could be presented in 3 stages. Those being:

- a) the upgrading of the road
- b) a feasibility study undertaken to determine economic benefit to both communities and
- c) apply for funding to have the road sealed.

The Chair went on to report that Derwent Valley Mayor was in support of this project and that the following economic potential could be realised.

- Potential transport route for products
- Travel time to the West coast would be cut by more than 1 hour
- Tourism potential by encouraging longer stays and
- The potential to increase a mobile work force

A committee member then suggested it could also be possible opportunity for the cable car proposal to consider the access route.

A committee member also suggested it would be a strong route for larger trucks transporting timber etc.

A unanimous agreement was reached that these three projects should be the forward focus as major projects to be submitted to the State Government.

7. Other Business

7.1. Grants available

A committee member alerted the committee to various grants available for economic development projects. The Chair reported that the Huon Valley council has now in place a formal Grants Committee that meet regularly to assess projects and better coordinate submissions that impact across the various parts of council. This streamlining of the process will mean that submissions would be prioritised and agreed upon. The Regional Development Coordinator noted that Council now subscribe to a grant alert system to ensure council is best positioned to take advantage of national grant opportunities.

7.2. Submission Suggestion

A committee member tabled a suggestion for consideration via email being walking tracks in Cygnet and the Channel Highway entry to Burtons Reserve including general clean up of the rea and include footpaths and seating. This submission was presented to the committee by the Regional Development Coordinator (see Attachment 1).

The Chair spoke of the need to ensure that such suggestions have community support and priority before Council will submit them for consideration in the budget process.

7.3. Flood mitigation

A committee member suggested a revisit with regards to the steps on flood mitigation and if we can request the outcome of the application made to TasWater and acknowledged in writing by CEO Mike Brewster (Sept 2016) for the following:

- a) staged dam for the purpose power generation for the region and;
- b) mitigate flooding in the Huon.

The committee member then produced copies of the letters from TasWater to present to the Chair for further investigation. The Chair agreed to look into the matter.

A Committee member noted that this had been a previous proposal and an area outside of the world heritage are had been selected for this project and perhaps council could consider the allocation of land for future tourism as part of the planning scheme submissions.

The Chair reported that the Executive Manger Infrastructure Services recently assessed the access road and reported it to be in very poor condition.

The Chair then reminded the committee of her recent successful discussions with TasWater and mentioned that properties affected by the Boil Water Alert were of a high priority with TasWater with Judbury soon to be removed from the list. The Chair also mentioned that the sewage pump station had been reported as having an offensive smell emanating from it and asked TasWater to investigate. TasWater has agreed to significantly bring forward their plan to replace the infrastructure.

7.4. Park and Ride

A committee member suggested that there existed a Park & Ride opportunity based at Grove Shop to support the parking difficulties encountered with various festivals held in the Huonville region. This might also provide a turning circle and safe disembarking from buses.

8. Other Matters

Final round table discussion and the Chair thanked all for the involvement and ongoing commitment to the community through their work on this committee.

9. Next meeting

Next meeting to be held at 3.00pm at the Huon Valley Council Chambers on Thursday 9 March 2017.

10. Closure

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

ACTIONS ARISING

	Minute item	Action	By Who	By When	Completed
1	6.2	Chair to proceed with the approved three submissions to State Government	Chair	TBC	
2	7.3	Chair to request the outcome of the application made to TasWater for the following with regards to: a) staged dam for the purpose of power generation for the region; and b) mitigate flooding in the Huon.	Chair	TBC	
3	7.4	Chair to investigate the possibility of a park and ride option located at Grove Shop.	Chair	TBC	
4		Regional Development Coordinator to organise meetings for new committee members with the Commissioner and to supply any historical information as required.	Regional Development Coordinator	9/03/2017	Done