

Mission Statement:

To support and develop a sustainable, thriving and resilient community through leadership and partnership.

HELD: Tuesday 12 July at 6.30pm

LOCATION: Sandy Creek Hall

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS: 10

Councillors	Senior Managers	Community members
Ali Pockley - Mayor	Brendan McGrath - CEO	Graeme Allsop
Bernie Gaffney – Deputy Mayor	Robert Uebergang – Manager Assets	Vin O’Neill
Peter Croucher	Greg Pinkerton - GM Corporate Services	John Wright
Barbara Murdoch	Scott Landells – Community Strengthening Officer	Damien Ley
Peter Graham	Mark Florence – GM Sustainable Communities	Lindsay Jarvis
Larry Goldsworth		Don Nevin
Vic Issell		David Shields
		Luke Mulcahy
		Teresa Wright
		Anthony Lonergan

ITEM NO	ITEM	ACTION
1.0	Welcome	
2.0	Apologies	
3.0	Community Strengthening Project – Update	
	<p>Scott Landells gave an overview of the Community Strengthening Project which has been developed with significant State Government funding for community strengthening and bushfire recovery purposes. It is about recognizing and then building upon the unique strengths of each of the Shire’s many communities, putting locals at the heart of decision making, and providing them with the framework and the means to collaboratively design the future of their own communities.</p> <p>Central to Community Strengthening activities is the formation of a Community Plan (eg Sandy Creek Community Plan). This Plan will contain ideas for local projects both large and small, across a range of interest areas.</p> <p>Some of these ideas will involve the whole community, whilst others will be of interest to more specific groups. Some of these project ideas may already be underway. Assembling these ideas in a plan, however, can greatly increase the level of support for them, increase the chances of receiving funding, and speed up a projects implementation.</p> <p>The Indigo Shire’s Community Strengthening Project Officers will soon be making contact with community groups.</p> <p>Scott Landless also advised that there will be a Volunteers Expo held in Rutherglen on 13 November 2011.</p>	

4.0	Flood Repair Work	
	<p>Robert Uebergang gave an update post floods in 2010/2011 advising that Council has recently let a contract for the repair of flood works to roads and bridges in the western part of the Shire. Council has also tendered on flood works for the eastern side of the Shire, however this came in very high so Council is retendering.</p> <p>A list of flood affected roads/bridges etc that are in need of repair has been compiled as part of this tender process.</p> <p>A question was raised as to whether there is Government funding for these repairs. Robert Uebergang responded that there was State emergency grant funding for these repairs and the compilation of flood affected roads/ bridges was a necessary part in the process to secure this emergency grant funding from VicRoads.</p> <p>Cr Gaffney questioned if the Sandy Creek Road was on the list and Robert confirmed it is.</p> <p>It was highlighted that culverts in Sandy Creek road require attention. Robert Uebergang will speak with community members one on one to ascertain full details.</p> <p>A question was asked as to if there is any Federal funding available for these flood affected works and Robert advised there is not.</p>	<p>Robert Uebergang</p>
5.0	Council's 2030 VISION	
	<p>Mark Florence provided an overview of Council's 2030 Vision advising that Council has a Council Plan which includes projects within the Shire over a four year period. The purpose of the 2030 Vision is to provide some direction or vision for the Shire beyond this period. Council staff will be having conversations with groups at various locations over the new few months, and will also be providing a creative way for input through short story competitions and an opportunity for visual arts.</p>	

6.0	Your say	
	Cr Croucher advised that Tangambalanga had a recent hard waste collection and wanted to make community residents aware of this service. Cr Croucher also commented on the Gold Trail sign which has recently been erected.	
	Cr Gaffney raised the issue of the Land Use Strategy and questioned where this is at. Mark Florence responded that a draft will be going to the August Meeting of Council and advised that there is no significant change to the current situation at Sandy Creek. Council's Strategic Planner will be meeting with individuals and groups after the August Council Meeting particularly those who had made a submission to the Draft Strategy. A workshop will also be convened for an opportunity for the public to provide feedback. The Strategy will then go back to Council for final adoption.	
	Mr Wright asked what chances people have got on building on less than 100 acres? Brendan McGrath advised that it is a case by case basis and that the farm zone is set by State Government which forms the Planning Scheme for Council to enforce.	
	Mr Jarvis raised safety concerns at Simpsons Road . Cr Pockley advised that Council is meeting with Graham Freestone in the coming weeks and will raise this matter with him.. Cr Graham advised that this is a VicRoads matter and Council is supporting the community in advocating for this. Andre Kompler has suggested that community members contact their local member Bill Tilley and also the Upper House of Parliament to advocate for this.	Donna Rupp
	Safety issues were raised at the Lockhart Gap Road intersection.	Robert Uebergang

Mr Ley raised funding for solar panels from Sustainability Victoria. Mark Florence responded that Indigo Shire Council is one of seven Council's that received funding from Sustainability Victoria to support bulk purchasing programs to install photo voltaic panels on residential and commercial premises.

Mark Florence advised that registrations have been open for a number of months and expressions of interest have closed. A panel including Mark Florence will review this together with finance company options who will also make a submission which for individuals will be somewhere around 2% lower than the standard rate.

Meeting Concluded: 7.55pm