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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

22 August 2022

Attendees

Royce Bailey

Jasmine Cadd

John Crooks

Liz Fox

Brianna Jahnke

Cheryl Perry

Jacqueline Smith

Richelle Toshack

Apologies

Sandy Moffatt

Glenn Kirkpatrick

Secretariat

Guests

Jeff Stewart-Harris (via Zoom)

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.12 pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 12 were moved by John Crooks, seconded by Cheryl Perry and approved by all.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Youth Advisory Council (YAC) visited Sondella Abattoir - Students really enjoyed it and saw that technology is changing everywhere, not just in the mines; the students also discussed looking at the future, and the good examples set by the Angus family, who have seen opportunities for change and become successful from them.
- The big news this month was of course the Mining Awards win, which significantly improved database growth; the win was an acknowledgement by industry that we have achieved the objective that we set out to achieve.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity
 - This project is “in a great space”, with all sites selected and work progressing well; the project is scheduled to be finished in H1 2023.
- Youth Skills and Training
 - The Careers Navigator position has been filled; the employee starts the role Wednesday 24th August and will be coming to Dysart High School for face-to-face meetings twice a week.
- Housing Summit
 - Staff from the Mackay office of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet have expressed interest in helping; a date is still being finalised but could possibly be the end of October.
 - Isaac Regional Council have sent the STAC a letter some eight months after we sent them information; Council now wants to make a presentation to the STAC regarding Council’s work on housing. STAC members agreed that would be beneficial and the Secretariat will suggest some dates to Council.
- Childcare
 - Dysart High School has lost staff because they couldn’t access childcare; Astute Early Years specialists have announced plans to nominate for the Childcare Alliance.
- Dysart Transport Project
 - Negotiations are proceeding with Greyhound, with the company currently looking at the complex issues of timetabling and how to collect fares.
- Innovation Study

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- GWI is taking away numerous ideas from the recent LeadIn Conference , and the next steering committee meeting is being planned.
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- Community Wellbeing
- Brief discussion of plans for a new hospital for Moranbah.

FUTURE PLANNING WORKSHOP

General discussion regarding the STAC Purpose Statement, as now is an opportunity to review the wording and make changes if members feel appropriate.

STAC members agreed:

- What is needed is sustainability of community, therefore the word 'sustainable' needs to be added to the vision and/or purpose.
- These ongoing issues around community wellbeing must be addressed.
- Discussion of the addition to the STAC Purpose Statement of the words:
“...by enabling sustainable communities” and/or
“...by enabling positive opportunities for community growth.”

GUEST PRESENTATION – Jeff Stewart-Harris from Isaac Regional Council

- IRC CEO Jeff Stewart Harris joined the meeting via Zoom to inform the STAC of a meeting that day with Central Highlands Regional Council, to formulate and discuss three resolutions to take to the Local Government Association conference in October.
- Both Councils are together putting forward resolutions calling on the State Government to facilitate discussions for a Statutory Regional Authority to support mining communities.
- Jeff said federal and local governments are not equipped to manage the changes affecting the mining industry; “there needs to be something with planning and statutory teeth to help communities plan through this.”
- The intention is to try to clearly picture what’s happening in the Bowen Basin, and make it meaningful to other communities.

The three motions relate to:

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- 1) Calling on the State Government to properly resource the regulators of mining projects; we are facing the challenges of four to five mines coming to an end in the next five to 10 years.
- 2) Overhaul of approval processes for mining and renewable solar, for example what are the end-of-life conditions on wind farms; there is a good argument for a contemporary model from a community and social impact.
- 3) The impacts of decarbonisation on the mining industry; there is a risk that regional communities will bear an undue part of the burden for global gain.

After further discussion of adverse impacts for local and regional communities, Jeff reiterated that there needs to be a form of statutory authority that includes all local, state and federal government representatives, as well as industry and community members, to support mining communities through this transformation.

The three resolutions will be presented as a package at the LGA conference, to try and secure the best interests of our communities into the future.

Jeff also said Council has completed a major reset of its purpose and goals and values, changing from a focus on 'economies' to 'pursuing long term sustainable futures for Isaac communities' and adding 'now and for the future'.

Jeff said it would need to be bi-partisan, multi-government level and inclusive of industry and community. The Council hasn't yet formulated a manifesto but is doing research.

ATTRACTION/RETENTION VIDEO REVIEW

There was very positive feedback for the video shown showing lovely vision of Dysart and the lifestyle that can be enjoyed here.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to John Crooks, who is finishing up his time with Smart Transformation. John is planning to spend more time with his family. Dan Iliffe has also resigned his role on the Dysart STAC.

NEXT MEETING DATES

10 October, 14 November.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm.

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