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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

22 August 2022

Attendees

Brianna Baggow

Jasmine Cadd

Ash Dowd

Anthony Edwards

Carolyn Fritz

Michelle Pole

Amanda Raymond

Melissa Westcott

Apologies

Sean Milfull

Richard Engel

Secretariat

Guests

Jeff Stewart-Harris (via Zoom)

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 12.11pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 12 were moved by Carolyn Fritz, seconded by Ash Dowd 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. Mitchell Innes reminded the STAC that the entry was made as a Communications and Engagement strategy, but it's had a hugely positive outcome for our database.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity
 - It's hoped that this project can be "switched on" at the end of the year, with the current timeline for Dysart to be completed by the end of the year and Moranbah in the first quarter of 2023. Discussion that this is great news for the region.
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- Youth Skills and Training
 - The Careers Navigator starts this week; the employee will work two days a week in Moranbah and two days a week in Dysart; funding was provided by BHP/BMA and it's hoped that she may attend and report at the next meeting.
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- Housing Summit
 - There will be a project meeting with representatives of IRC tomorrow.
 - Discussion of Isaac Regional Council sending 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.
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- Childcare
 - Discussion of agreement with BMA and Astute to oversee the Childcare Leadership Alliance from July 1.
 - Work is progressing on the Alliance becoming an incorporated body, setting it up; next week is a strategic planning day: Alliance has created attraction and retention pillar, training pillar, industry and community pillars.
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- Dysart Transport Project

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- Negotiations are proceeding with Greyhound, with the company currently looking at the complex issues of timetabling and how to collect fares.
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- Innovation Study
- This study has close links with the LeadIN conference last week; a fantastic event with high level speakers and YAC students in attendance.
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- Community Wellbeing
- Brief discussion that advocacy here can refresh after the Housing Summit.

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:

- 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. Populations will decline, plus there are unenforceable conditions on the end of the Glencore mine.
- 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.

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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 summed up by saying the discussions with Central Highlands Council were very productive. He said no one is looking at the impacts on local communities.

FUTURE PLANNING WORKSHOP

General discussion regarding the STAC Purpose Statement; the STAC has grown and the Purpose Statement has to grow too.

STAC members discussed:

- Keeping what we have in the Purpose Statement and building on it.
- The need to 'future-proof' our volunteers, not-for-profits and community organisations as a wellbeing issue.
- Perhaps Education becomes a point in the Purpose Statement? Or perhaps it becomes a Roadmap Project?
- Discussion whether 'the safety of our towns' becomes a Roadmap Project.
- Everything we do as a community is attached to a not-for-profit of some kind.

MEMBERSHIP

Richard Engel has resigned his role on the Moranbah STAC.

NEXT MEETING DATES

11 October, 15 November.

Meeting closed at 2.12pm.

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