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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

14 November 2022 – Meeting 15

Attendees

Royce Bailey
Chris Cowan
Liz Fox
Brianna Jahnke
Glenn Kirkpatrick
Sandy Moffat
Cheryl Perry
Jacqueline Smith
Seamus Taylor
Richelle Toshack

Apologies

Jasmine Cadd
Rhiannon Rowe

Guests

Gavin Deeprose, GWI
Neil Glentworth, GWI
Sharon Jansen, Careers Navigator
Jonathon Pavetto, AEC

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)
Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.07 pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 13 were moved by Sandy Moffat, seconded by Chris Cowan and approved by all.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- There was good growth recorded in the database in October, and this trend is expected to continue during November as the Housing Summit working groups are formed.
- A new YouTube search engine campaign for the Smart Transformation Attraction and Retention videos began on 02/11/2022 and has resulted in an increase in views and website traffic.
- New free articles have been published in The Coalface, the Dysart Diary and the Moranbah Community News.
- In November's free media, the subject matter is the YAC, and in December we will be publicising the Innovative Futures project.
- Prof. Pierre Viljoen has resigned from his Future Work role within CQU and will be taking up a new role with CQU in Indonesia in January; MI wrote him a thank you note on behalf of the STACs.

HOUSING SUMMIT – OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Mitchell Innes facilitated the following discussion before introducing Jonathon Pavetto:

- 40 representatives from local government, industry, developers, real estate agents and the community were in attendance; the mood and discussions were very positive.
- STAC member Richelle Toshack opened the event with a speech.
- Sandy Moffat said it was a good conversation, particularly the comments from real estate agents and developers about what they think the roadblocks are; a rep from the Premier's Dept was also there; Sandy's description: "It was an honest day."
- Richelle Toshack said everyone had feedback and all attendees were very respectful of the discussions.

Jonathon Pavetto from AEC then spoke via Zoom:

- The summit was attended by 40 people from mining, Council and construction sectors.
- Discussions focussed on a lot of issues and their possible solutions.
- Next stage is for AEC to produce a short summary of the outcomes which will help to drive a series of working groups, which will each contribute towards an Action Plan.
- Some of the major issues include:
 - The banks requiring much higher 30% deposits (higher than other towns/cities) for property purchases or construction loans in Dysart.
 - The valuation process, including under and over valuing properties which in turn has an impact on accessing finance.

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- The high number of vacant homes.
- Rising prices making properties less affordable since the recent boom.
- Limited residential development currently underway, affecting confidence.
- Quality of housing stock currently available.
- AEC will now look at issues of demand, land use and planning, including ways to encourage more land development and housing construction on the available land, as well as overcoming finance barriers.
- There is also the consideration that traditional owner-occupiers might not be the most appropriate model to drive housing growth in Dysart and Moranbah.
- AEC also looking at ways to encourage people to move to the areas, not just for jobs.
- AEC has already received some nominations from attendees to participate in working groups, to resolve particular issues and increase supply and affordability.
- Getting a handle on demand was the number one issue that came out of the summit.
- Bank valuation issues are the second biggest issue out of the summit.
- Discussion among STAC members re finance being a big issue for any regional areas that aren't near the coast.
- MI commented that the summit was well-attended by State Government representatives, which was a positive from an advocacy perspective.
- Housing will remain a key part of the ST strategy.

GUEST PRESENTATION – INNOVATIVE FUTURES PROJECT – Neil Glentworth and Gavin Deepro from GWI

- Innovative Futures Project is looking at economic development opportunities with 20-30 timeframe. GWI drafting report of which community and family are the focus.
- The idea behind this research is to not let these communities of Dysart and Moranbah get blindsided or left behind by new technologies.
- There are a series of technologies that will impact here: 5G, IOT, AI and ML, Cloud and Edge computing and Robotics.
- Automation is not a threat, it's an opportunity to drive different jobs and different options.
- Main themes from stakeholder engagement were: community, leverage existing industries and assets, appetite for courageous and bold civic leadership, collaboration, innovation.
- Opportunities for thinking and planning for the bright future are absolutely enormous.
- GD's action plan: 1) current state, 2) technology prioritisation, 3) stakeholder engagement, 4) innovative futures action plan.
- GWI's brief was to look into the looking glass, but you also need real actions.

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- Brief was to make it about the region - it's about Moranbah and Dysart and the things that make these communities individually excel.
- Draft report will be available shortly for review by steering committee and STAC members.

GUEST PRESENTATION – CAREERS NAVIGATOR, STRATEGIC PLAN – Sharon Jansen

- Feedback on this strategy requested from QRC by this Friday.
- MI to send strategy to STAC members later today and request for extension to deadline.
- Sharon said she understands the complexity of the Moranbah community.
- 12 weeks in position, brand new role, no tracks to run on so her first task was a career advisor strategy.
- Draft format will go to steering committee at end of the month, feedback on strategy would be appreciated by this Friday (note deadline to be requested).
- Concentrating on Moranbah and Dysart high schools but also to collaborate with other high schools.
- Position aligned with Qld Government workforce strategy 2023.

FUTURE PLANNING WORKSHOP 3

- General ongoing discussion regarding updated Terms of Reference for 2023.
- Glenn Kirkpatrick suggested a 10-word summary be added to the head of the document, describing more simply the purpose of the STACs.
- STAC members agreed a summary was needed, for example:
- “The purpose of the STACS is to help future-proof our communities of Dysart and Moranbah and make them sustainable.”
- A final ToR will be presented at the first STAC meeting of 2023.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES – REPORT CARD 2022

- Youth Mental Health – new project placemat presented – there is a lot to do, but work has started. Cheryl Perry confirmed Dysart State High School enrolment numbers for 2023 are expected to be between 197 and 211.
- There has been major progress on every single project during 2022.

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ACTIONS

- Dates for next year to be provided by MI as soon as they become available.
- Housing summit working groups to be formed and finalised in conjunction with AEC; MI to send working group options to STAC members so they can decide how they'd like to contribute.
- Strategic Plan for Careers Navigator to be distributed by MI for feedback.

DISCUSSION

- Royce Bailey especially liked seeing the progress for the year presented in the Community Roadmap report card.
- Cheryl Perry invited everyone to a stakeholders breakfast at the Dysart State High School on 2nd December.
- Feedback from Glenn Kirkpatrick: Glenn said he left the last meeting thinking how proud the STAC members should be, looking at what they've set out to achieve and how much they've done. "You should be enormously proud of yourselves; I can't imagine what you're going to achieve next year. Spirited conversations is the only way to get things done! Well done."

NEXT MEETING DATE

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 8.08pm.

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