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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

15 October 2024 – Meeting 26

Attendees

Brianna Baggow

Ash Dowd

Carolyn Fritz

Angela Petersen

Michelle Pole

Amanda Raymond

Melissa Westcott

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

Apologies

Vaughn Abrahms

Declan Baggow

Jasmine Cadd

Guests

Cr Kelly Veava, IRC Mayor

Cale Dendle, IRC Chief Executive

Robyn Grigg, BMA Review

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 12.12pm.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 25 were moved by Carolyn Fritz, seconded by Michelle Pole and approved by all.

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AROUND THE GROUNDS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- BB congratulated MP for the comedy show last weekend, which was brought to Moranbah through grants, raising money for the MSHS P&C. General conversation that it was good for the soul, and an excellent event for mental wellbeing.

ACTION LIST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Database is sitting at 327 subscribers, after an audit.
- Website traffic is up over the past two months, with a spike indicating the Transformer distribution.
- Engagement highlights included the NQPHN Regional Health Assessment, two Regional Housing Alliance monthly meetings, a Stakeholder Advisory Meeting for the Regional Transformation Strategy, meetings with the MDSS and the IAHT, and the GW3 METS diversification strategy launch.
- MW gave feedback about the GW3 decarb strategy being too high-level for one to two person businesses, sparking further conversation about the need for training to learn the exact requirements.
- September's local media featured the YAC, while October's provided an update on the Outback Futures program (Dysart only).
- Actions from previous minutes:
 - Mayor Kelly Vea Vea to present at meeting – done.
 - MI to investigate options for a further ST Connectivity project to support and publicise the planned NBNC0 upgrades – ongoing.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity – MI gave a brief NBN update. KVV said there could be an opportunity for any new renewable projects to contribute to connectivity improvements.
- Childcare Leadership Alliance – 32 new teachers are now in place. MW said a new home daycare has also opened up and the CLA is offering support.
- Volunteering Project – the videos are being watched, especially those posted by the Bowls Club – agenda item.
- Dysart Community Wellbeing – MI gave a brief update on the project. CF asked about the medical situation in Dysart. General conversation about Dr Sunday working long

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hours in Dysart and Sonic Health in Moranbah not yet having renewed their upcoming contract to provide doctors to Moranbah. MI said conversations are ongoing with Mackay PHN. AD said “the noise” around the social issues in Dysart is calming down. “It appears to be making a difference.”

- Further general conversation of concerns relating to the Decarb requirements and the impacts of the new policies and strategies available for small businesses. CF and MW told the meeting they are especially concerned. CF: “It might stop people going into business.”
- Youth Skills & Training (YAC) – agenda item.

BMA SMART TRANSFORMATION REVIEW – Robyn Grigg, BMA Review (via Zoom)

- Robyn Grigg presented her findings regarding the Smart Transformation review.
- MI also said it will be discussed but not resolved at the November meetings, and go from there.

HOUSING PROJECT – Kelly Vea Vea, Mayor Isaac Regional Council and Cale Dendle, CEO Isaac Regional Council

- KVV thanked the STAC for having her speak and introduced CD to speak initially.
- CD spoke about the data: Isaac is a unique place of 60,000 square kilometres with a reasonably unique real estate market that can at times be volatile.
- Resident population is 22,046 but on any given night it’s FTE of 32.862; the region is accommodating people “who effectively have two homes”.
- The outlook is for 10% growth over the next 20 years, which equals a need for 800 new dwellings over that time, which is 40 per year, but we are not building that many.
- Council owns 205 properties across the region.
- KVV said Council has just applied to build some townhouses in Nebo. “It is our intention to drip feed some more staff housing into that stock.” CD said Council also has a role to play in stimulating housing stock as an employer. He gave a brief history of the Isaac Affordable Housing Trust, which MW is currently the chair of now.
- CD said the Mills Ave builders have moved onto Bushlark Grove, where a new project of 22 properties is starting, for people “who aren’t earning the big wages”.
- CD: “The Trust is part of the solution but its contribution is finite. It’s not going to be a solution for everyone.”
- IAHT is 100% dependent on grants funding at the moment.

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- KVV advised companies could contribute to IAHT to enable housing for supporting workers to support their workforces, including renewable companies.
- KVV said that it's good the Council is pressuring some of the companies. KVV said it's important to "set a standard". CD said it's important to increase the density.
- KVV said it would be great to have student accommodation, down the track.
- CD: "We shouldn't pretend that it (resolving the housing challenges) is simple because it's not."
- KVV advised IRC is awaiting BHP's Housing Strategy which they expect soon.
- KVV invited the STAC to Nebo on 28 November for a "conversation about renewables". KVV will send info through for MI to distribute (*see Actions*).
- KVV thanked the STAC: "Thanks so much for having us, I really appreciate it."

VOLUNTEER PROJECT UPDATE

- MI congratulated AD for funding the TV commercial for five months. It ran 421 times over seven channels, which is a great result.
- MI also quickly summed up that the feedback from the Moranbah clubs on the Volunteer Project videos was really positive.
- MI and AR met with MDSS; they are looking at a new social platform for all the clubs to build volunteering. They have someone to manage it and it sounds like it will be fairly self-sufficient but MDSS will manage it for a little while.

YAC+ UPDATE

- MI reported on the YAC's successful trip to Brisbane in September, and said it was hugely successful.
- MI said the kids were a great bunch and he was super proud of them.
- MI: "It is one of the most fun parts when you see the kids get into this stuff, and the lightbulb goes on. I was so proud of them when they went into BHP. They'd prepped their questions and they were great."
- MI also briefed the meeting about the YAC classes at the high school.
- MI told the STAC about the survey results showing that participation in the YAC had increased the students' awareness of jobs of the future.
- MI said he'd send the STACs the information because "it's just great" (*see Actions*).

NEW PROJECT DISCUSSION

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- MI told the STAC he'd be in touch to talk about new projects in the lead-up to November (see *Actions*).

ACTIONS – MORANBAH

- KVV invited the STAC members to Nebo on 28 November for IRC's event to spark conversations about renewables. KVV will send info through for MI to distribute details.
- MI to send the STACs the results of the YAC survey showing that participation in the YAC increases their awareness of 'jobs of the future' and they also spread that information to other classmates.
- MI told the STAC he'd be in touch about a new project relating to the IAHT before November.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday 26 November, 12pm.

Meeting closed at 2.08pm.

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