Dinner Plain Advisory Committee **Meeting: 25 September 2014**

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DINNER PLAIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Minutes of the Dinner Plain Advisory Committee Meeting held at Rundells, commencing 10:00am

1. WELCOME

Present:

Members: Shelley Holah, Lee Rourke, Colin McDonald

Public: Jo and Doug McDougall

In Attendance from Council:

Clayton Neil – Manager Economic Development

Elaine Burridge – Dinner Plain Co-ordinator

2. APOLOGIES:

Dave Barry, Heather Green, Leona Turra and David Chlebna

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from DPAC meeting 31 July were accepted.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MIINUTES:

(1) DPAC Membership:

Recommendation from DPAC to approach MHSC – Belinda Trembath re: membership. Suggestion that a representative/stakeholder from Hotham should be considered in the first instance. It is important to continue in building relationships between the villages of Hotham and Dinner Plain. Should there be no interest from MHSC in membership, then a

recommendation was made that food and beverage operators be approached as there is currently no membership from that sector.

- Action: CN to approach Belinda Trembath re: membership. Should Belinda not be interested in membership, then EB is to approach food and beverage operators.

(2) Signage – Advertising:

Discussion regarding real estate signage continued from last meeting. Clayton to check what/if any jurisdiction Council has relative to (1) the amount of "for sale" signage in the village and (2) signage that remains on a property after it is sold. Council can remove signage that is placed inappropriately (ie nailed to trees or should signage impede safe pedestrian access). Other registered organisations from within the village, DPRBOS and the Chamber of Commerce are encouraged to write a coordinated letter to agents requesting that agents abide by regulatory requirements as per: REIV and Consumer Affairs and consider limiting the number of signs. There was also discussion regarding the fallen "for sale" sign on the block next to Dickens Office on the roundabout. Local Laws to follow up with the owners to ensure that the sign is either taken away or re-erected. Other consideration for removal are builders signs no longer trading in the village.

- Action: Clayton to check Councils jurisdiction (as above). Organisational groups to write letters to real estate agents regarding removal of signage overall to unclutter Dinner Plain. Local laws to remove any signage nailed to trees and to organise the re-erection or removal of the "for sale" sign on the block next to Dickens. EB to audit "other" builders signage and contact owners for removals.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

Clayton Neil on behalf of Heather Green:

Master Plan:

The revised draft should be available for wider community input shortly. The next stage of the project is for the consultants to cost up projects, seek consultation from rate payers to prioritise projects. Hotham are also undergoing a Master Plan project (details provided to members pre-meeting via e-mail from Peter Hagenauer (MHRMB Board member). Both Master Plan consultants have been communicating with one another to ensure "no double ups" in projects for either village.

Project funding:

Clayton explained how (Dinner Plain property) rates are utilised to fund projects for Dinner Plain annually. Clayton explained grant funding and that there is quite the process to go

through to secure state or federal funding. There is fierce competition for funding. State government provides Regional Development Victoria funding of approx. $700,000 per year to distribute to projects across regional Victoria. It's important to remember that any funding provided to Alpine Shire is shared across the Shire based on prioritised projects and projects that meet criteria.

Council:

Clayton provided a brief on the resourcing restructure currently underway at Council, including the Dinner Plain function proposed to fall under the direction of the Manager of Economic Development (Clayton), reportable to Director of Sustainable Development (Heather). A 10 year financial plan is also being developed across Council, this will be critical in planning out projects.

East Gippsland Water (whole of water management plan – "WOWMP":

This project, funded by state government, is to identify the current state of play with water in Dinner Plain and identify best options for water into the future (use of, reuse, stormwater capture and disposal). The project team are hopeful to share insights into the project and seek feedback from community in the coming months with a view to the project (identification of final options) being completed by the end of March 2015.

Elaine Burridge:

(1) Projects:

Update on progress of Gravity Park & Adventure Park projects:

(1) Stage 2 of snow making programmed to commence at the end of the ski season (beginning of November) and be completed, by end of February for 2015 ski season;

(2) Tender is out for ski slope lighting – closes mid October;

(3) Tender is out for tennis court refurbishment – closes mid October;

(4) Installation of fitness stations to occur during November;

(5) MTB trail works and plans being discussed with Nick Vlahandreas, Planning;

(6) Tracks and trails works being planned and underway;

(7) Tender preparation underway for tubing supply and installation and awaiting Parks Victoria to release the EOI for the tube tow, a part of the tubing project.

(2) DPTV: What does the village need? What does the guest want? What options are there? Recommendation from DPAC: Council not to extend current contract arrangements nor tender for the service as is, provided currently. Identification of "options" providing a service that is value to the guest and be explored. Investigation into Foxtel services to be explored pre-meeting 27 November. There was discussion

that should there be no option available, fitting within the budget and value to the ratepayer, that the $25,000 currently allocated to the DPTV service be allocated to Marketing.

Action: EB to explore costings of a Foxtel style option.

(3) Cleaning of public shelters: Tender closed 25 September;

(4) Maintenance to public buildings: Tender out for submission, closing 9 October with works to be completed prior to Christmas.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Confidentiality:

There was discussion regarding items of "confidential" nature and agreement that any items required to be kept confidential to DPAC members, these items would be highlighted and that any discussion required at DPAC meetings would be discussed in a "closed" meeting prior to the scheduled DPAC meeting (prior to the 10:00am start). DPAC meetings, otherwise would be open for the public to attend.

Action: EB to ensure that confidential items are highlighted and any discussions to occur are scheduled into a separate meeting to be held prior to the DPAC open meetings.

MHSC:

Belinda Trembath provided an update on MHSC business, including MHSC looking at options on how to keep the Onsen open year round; MHSC exploring opportunities (ie solar) as a power option for the Onsen that would allow the facility to be open. Current horrendous running costs of the facility inhibit it being open over the "green" season. Discussion regarding MHSCs involvement with the projects in Dinner Plain and ASC should give consideration to trampolines as an option for things for kids to do – this could assist Mount Hotham Free Ski with their program over winter as well as provide alternative activities for kids who have outgrown the playground. Trampolines would be suitable for year round use and there could be funding available through Sport & Recreation (Katie White).

Belinda discussed the relationship between Hotham and Dinner Plain strengthening as a result of the projects underway in Dinner Plain and the open line of communication.

Meeting Closed: 1:00pm

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