

WOLLONDILLY UNITED CHAMBER

The Chambers of Wollondilly

Minutes – 15 September 2009

Appin House, Hosted by Appin Chamber

Present – Di Lange – Tahmoor, Ernie Ring – Appin, Leanne Zausten – Appin, Kwil Lan Ng – Appin, Sue & Kevin Fenton – Appin, Arleen & John Jones – Appin, Cr Judy Hannan – WSC, Cr Shane Read – WSC

Apologies – Jennifer Baldwin – Picton, The Oaks Chamber

Action List Update & Correspondence –

- Receive minutes from Picton Chamber
- Email out United Chamber minutes from 16 June meeting
- Email Chambers asking for feedback on Bike Rack requirements in each town
- Thank you letter to WSC for co hosting United Chamber meeting in June
- Letter to WSC re Footpath Patrols and enforcement of safe footpaths
- Letter to WSC re paraphernalia being put up over towns across the shire
- Letter to WSC re Roadside Trading
- 21 July email to Chambers with copy of letters sent to Council
- 21 July Email regarding Bike racks asking for existing locations, if more are required and numbers required and locations
- Wollondilly Tourism – after 5 invite for 17th Sept
- 9 September Emails to WSC to chase response to letters sent in July – letters reforwarded – reply requested prior to meeting 15 Sept
- Response Letters received from Council 11 September 2009

WSC Response to letters

1. Advertising Paraphernalia

- Council had comment in the Chronicle back in June 2009 that they were taking a tougher stance regarding this concern
- Letter asked for clarification on how this issues was being handled
- Letter received (dated 9 Sept) indicated that Council staff cover a large range of Environmental issues and those with the most significant environmental or social consequences must take priority
- Council state that the designated maintenance person in each town will be asked to remove signage on a daily basis
- Chambers are requested to advise if this is NOT happening in your town
- Council also advised that if they have been able to identify any one offending the Litter Offences Act that penalties had always been imposed.
- Question raised as to how well publicised this concern was. Need to get message out there via newspaper and alike to educate the people
- Appin advise there are issues with various places in the town where advertising is placed on road safety signs

2. CBD Footpath Patrols

- Council advised that they simply have no budget to cover the costs of production and installation of signage for the patrolling of footpaths
- Tahmoor Chamber in process of obtaining quotes for signage costs and Appin Chamber also have a problem with bikes on footpaths as does Picton (as previously advised)
- Diana to send artwork to Appin so they can also obtain a quote. If Chambers work together then perhaps costs can be reduced for sign production

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- United Chamber to write to WSC re ensuring that funding is set aside for 2010/11 budget for further signage as well as dedicated patrol/enforcement Moved – D Lange 2nd E Ring
- WSC advise random patrols have been occurring when resources permit

3. Roadside Trading

- The matter has been referred to Traffic Committee for investigation
- There is a concern that enforcing the actual sites will result in the problem moving elsewhere in the Shire
- Original letter did specify 2 particular venues but controlling this offence needs to take place across the Shire and not just in these 2 particular locations
- WSC advise that signage may need to go up prior to being able to issue notices
- Member advise that this occurs in Campbelltown and officers issue fine with no signage on the actual Council sites
- At present the issue at Tahmoor actually blocks the few picnic tables that are placed on Remembrance Drive for the public use
- It was mentioned that a number of years ago penalty notices were issued to offenders and the problem ceased to exist for a lengthy period of time

Over all it was suggested that with the 3 above Chamber concerns perhaps Council should look at a part time enforcement officer as it is felt that the amount of offences that could be issued may well cover the costs of another employee in this area.

Was also suggested that perhaps Council might be able to share a person between (for example) Camden, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly to fulfil an enforcement role for a number of Councils.

Cr Hannan has advised that the above options have merit and she will take to WSC Council on behalf of the United Chamber

Bike Racks in Towns

- Appin definitely in need of racks and will work out numbers and locations and get back to Diana with details
- Await reply from all other Chambers but understand that Picton do have requirements also – Diana to chase Picton for a response so all information can be collated
- Tahmoor have 2 privately owned racks but would be keen to have 2 in the Council strip on Remembrance Drive and one at Emmett Park in the CBD of Tahmoor
- Once info is collated Diana to forward letter to Alternative Transport Committee. Letter to be cc'd to Mayor Banasik as he indicated to Picton Chamber that there may be some funding available to assist with this project

General Business

- Was suggested that we should have a Council representative attend our meetings so questions can be answered quickly as well as it providing a point of contact for the United Chamber.
- Appin Chamber does have a website but needs updating
- Tahmoor Chamber has a very active website which is becoming very popular

Events

- January 10th for 10 days the Scout jamboree will be at Cataract Dam
- 2011 – Appin has its 200th Anniversary – November 18th 2011

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Next Meeting

15 December 2009

- Still looking for a Host Chamber for this date
- Diana to chase Chambers to see who can host
- NB - Economic Development group would be keen to present in future also. (Mr Mark Hardacre)

Dates - Meetings to be held on the 3rd Tuesday quarterly

All Chambers	Need to report back if any signage or marketing material is visible in your town on telegraph poles, shop fronts, etc etc so Council can be advised	Ongoing
Letter to WSC Diana	Letter to WSC in reference to Footpath Patrol letter. Asking for funding to be considered in 2010/11 budget as well as for dedicated officer for patrols	October
Roadside Trading Diana	Chase Choong prior to next meeting for update on roadside trade status	December
Artwork for Signage Diana/Ernie	Diana to forward artwork to Appin Chamber for quotes. Ernie to advise back once quotes received	October
December Host Diana	Chase all Chambers to find a host for the December United meeting	September
Appin Xmas party Invite Diana/Ernie	Contact Chambers to see if they are interested in attending a Xmas get together on 28 November at Appin House hosted by Appin Chamber. Liaise with Ernie and open to outside Chambers (C/town, Camden) if Wollondilly Chamber are not forthcoming. There will be a cost per head. Coordinate with Chambers that have an interest	October
Letter WSC Diana	Letter to WSC asking possibility of having a Council Representative attend meetings	December