



Date: Thursday, 15 September 2022

Time: 5:00pm

**Location: Council Chambers
Cnr Camp & Weddin Streets
GRENFELL NSW 2810**

AGENDA

Late Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting 15 September 2022

**Noreen Vu
General Manager**

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11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

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File Number:	C3.1.1
Author:	Director Corporate Services
Authoriser:	General Manager
Attachments:	1. Questions with Notice - Cr Cook
CSP Objective:	Culturally rich, vibrant and inclusive community
Precis:	Cr Cook has submitted questions with notice regarding agenda item 11.1
Budget:	\$ NIL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr Michelle Cook submitted a Questions with Notice on 12 September 2022. Attachment A provides the request and background information.

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Therefore, I ask questions on

1. When is Community Consultation Scheduled to occur
2. Why the Council Tourism committee has yet to meet, since the election of the new council
3. When will a Tourism Meeting will be scheduled to a "more suitable date?"

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES RESPONSE

Question 1: When is Community Consultation Scheduled to occur

Report 11.10 is not a Council project, Council would not be responsible for community consultation. However, in the instance that the Grow Grenfell Inc wished to work with Council on a community consultation process prior to lodgement of a development application, we will work with them, when the time comes. In the instance that a development application is

lodged and where neighbour notification is required, this will be done in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* requirements.

Question 2: Why the Council Tourism committee has yet to meet, since the election of the new council

The Council Tourism committee does not relate to the Agenda Item. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

"3.13 A Councillor may, by way of a notice submitted under clause 3.9, ask a question for response by the General Manager about the performance or operations of Council.

3.9. A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by Council at its next Ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing of the approved form and must be submitted at least eight (8) business days before the meeting is to be held."

Question 3: When will a Tourism Meeting will be scheduled to a "more suitable date?"

The Tourism Meeting date does not relate to the Agenda Item. In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, clauses 3.13 and 3.9 above apply.

Commentary from the General Manager

As the Questions with Notice also relate to items not registered in the Agenda Item and/or Business Paper, we can provide a more comprehensive answer at the October Ordinary meeting to comply with the provisions set out in the Code of Meeting Practice.

However, may I remind Council of the Code of Meeting Practice provision 3.14:

3.14. A Councillor is not permitted to ask a question with notice under clause 3.13 that comprises a complaint against the General Manager or a member of staff of Council, or a question that implies wrongdoing by the General Manager or a member of staff of Council.

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QUESTION on Tourism Committee and Meetings of that Committee:

I would like to ask a question in regard to the Grenfell Tourism Committee

I was appointed to the Tourism Committee in February 2022

To date, there has not been a meeting of the Tourism Committee, for the time I have been a councillor – from February 2022 to September 2022.

My question then is if there should be scheduled meetings for a council Committee and if there are a minimum number of meetings required in a given year? Or maximum time intervals between such meetings?

SUPPORTING COMMENTS:

A meeting was suggested by Claire McCain for Thursday 4 August but was cancelled by the Director of Finance, Michael Chalmers by email on 2 August. I was advised and did receive a phone call from Audrey Osbourne on the 4th August, that the meeting was cancelled.

Michaels email on 2nd August states “I am making the decision to postpone the meeting to a more suitable date”

As yet, I am not aware the meeting has been rescheduled, and it is now the 12th September.

There seems to have been significant developments under the Tourism umbrella, including the new website, logo and rebranding in that time.

I also note, that I requested permission to attend the Regional Tourism Conference, that was held in Orange, but received no response to my request.

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Thank you

Clr Michelle Cook

12 September 2022

