Council welcomed everyone along and Councillors and Executive Management Team was introduced. Apologies – Mayor, Cr Hutton, Cr Belot

An update on Council’s progress since the last community meeting was provided and included:

- Corporate Plan and operational Plan are now both adopted by Council which inform and link to the budget
- Large capital works program - $60m ($190M over next 3 years with some 430 individual projects not counting the insurance claims works)
- Focus on long term financial sustainability, intergenerational equity, managing debt and ensuring cost of running council is as efficient as possible
- Currently exploring smart technology and how that can benefit the community from a liveability as well as economic development perspective
- Second Alternative Learning Space has been opened in Emu Park, to complement the one in Yeppoon. Accommodates children who struggle to integrate into the traditional school system. Waiting lists now exist for both.
- Extension and refurbishment of the Emu Park Library and Customer Service Centre now complete.
- Work is due to commence on the next stage of the Barmaryee Sports Complex. Six hard surface and eight grass surface netball courts and an amenities building for netball and rugby league.
- New planning scheme expected to be submitted to the State for its review in October 2015. Public notification of the scheme is expected in early 2016.
- Council has secured funding for 1.5 fulltime positions to assist with the social recovery of the shire and with the continued strengthening of community resilience. These positions will continue through to 30 June 2017.
An overview of the 2015/2016 budget was provided which included:

- $32.5m for Roads, Pathways, Transport Infrastructure and Bridges - of this a total of $500,000 is for gravel maintenance and resheeting of Stanage Bay Road and maintenance work to the track that leads up to the tower
- $14.4m improvements to Amenity and Tourism and Economic Development Projects
- $4.4m Water, Sewerage & Waste Management Infrastructure
- $2.3m Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements
- $4.0m Beach Restoration and Rehabilitation
- $2.0m Sport and Recreation and Communities
- $0.6m New cemetery and improvements to Open Spaces

Issues raised by Residents

**Issue**
The new fish dump bin system is not working – the lids only work a certain way and you can’t hold the lid up and throw your scraps in – scraps are now being thrown on the ground again. There is a sea of maggots under the lid – when the frames were on the ground the flies and birds ate them out and it was clean.

**Response**
Council suggested it can revert back to the old system if the township wants it. Pathway Request #396863

Resident suggested if it goes back to old system, dig the hole on an angle so that the water runs off to allow the frames to dry out.

**Issue**
Residents advised that the new transfer station is now working really well – however it does take some regulation which is done by volunteers in the community – but it is operating alright – had a bit of difficulty containing the lose stuff but within the compound it is generally clean.

**Response**
Council thanked the volunteers who regulate this

**Issue**
Library operations are good but there is still no internet connection at the Library. Also the library program is really archaic - just an excel spreadsheet. Can it be updated/upgraded.

**Response:**
Council librarians are visiting the outer regional libraries in the near future to discuss any issues in regards to operations. Council will log this request to ensure the officer is aware of this issue before arriving – Pathway request # 396878
Issue:
Residents asked if Stanage is getting a pontoon at the boat ramp – we’ve been trying for 18 years to get one. We have been advised that we are a priority in stage 2. Residents advised that they do have a petition which they would be happy to share with us.

Response:
Council advised that this is a Queensland Transport issue, but it will send a letter to them and include the petition in support of the request – Pathway Request #396887

Issue:
Resident advised that the stormwater drains and culverts are completely full of debris around town and they aren’t sure if they have ever been cleaned out. When the wet season hits the water build up stays around for a long time.

Response:
Council advised that it’s rarely been done due to the costs involved. It added that if you clean the inlets and outlets they will then tend to clean themselves out. However Council will look into it and maybe consider doing a few lower sections drains in the hope that the rest will then clean themselves out. Pathway Request #396883

Issue:
Resident advised that the kerb and channel is also coming away with the drains being blocked – seems to be a bit of it broken around town – Jacaranda Drive area the worst.

Response:
Council advised it will look at this on the way out and will log a request – Pathway request #396886

Issue:
Residents advised that Endeavour park needs management and structure. At this time of year the park is full – with large caravans, buses and boats now coming up the park can fill up very quickly as these take up so much room.

Response:
Council agreed that the park needs more structure and management but as its unallocated state land and not a reserved camping ground there isn’t a lot Council can do. Native title is moving forward and Council will keep promoting this.

Issue:
The Township would like a camping register printed up as per discussions from last meeting.

Response:
Council advised that it can’t be responsible for the register but it can fund the register and the sign for the township to implement.
Issue:
Resident raised the issue of the Mobile Telstra tower – they have emailed all levels of Government
for support – not sure where it should go but it has to be positioned so that the majority benefit
from it. There is a new round of black spot funding and they need community support to keep
fighting.

Response:
Council advised that it has 25 black spots across the shire. It can identify and submit these to
Telco but they will still do their own surveys. Council added it is difficult to get a business case to
get a $750,000 tower in this area. It’s not a through access which is a major factor when Telco
consider areas.

Community question: What business case do we need to build then?

Response:
Council advised that it has spoken to Telstra about mini towers but are only short distance. It has
also spoken to the military and is pushing as hard as it can on all fronts. Council can do a risk
assessment as part of building the business case as well gathering of information including age of
visitors and residents and the outlying islands that rely on the township. IT Help Desk Job #10510

General Discussion

Resident thanked council for their sponsorship of the Matthew Flinders Sign

Council asked the community for feedback regarding Seniors Week in 2016 in regards to activities
that could be held in Stanage during this week eg internet workshops, craft workshops etc.