

Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date

3 October 2012 at 6.30pm

Venue

Wagait Shire Council Chambers

Attendance

Chris Tyzack, Lorna Manning, Kim Dye, Nick Barclay, Geoff Handicott, Peter Clee, Ian Hinchliffe, Barry Demasson, Fred Gillis, Karen Duncan

Apologies

Trish McIntyre

Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 13 August 2012 agreed.

Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

Wagait Council CE Geoff advised he is still trying to make contact with Telstra or Optus Action still to follow up.

Chris to speak with Chief minister and others regarding new "welfare member" still outstanding

Committee details list and resource list circulated at meeting for final amendment before circulating. Chris to identify if local radio station operational and if so include in resources. Chris reminded members to help NTES gain numbers for local directory as this is very useful for both response and recovery activities.

Chris to update full plan when new census data available for area.-outstanding

General Business

- An Emergency recovery scenario was discussed at the meeting. In discussing issues about donations of goods and money it was considered reasonable to look to having a register for goods exchange rather than goods being delivered to council. Kim suggested a web page similar to "gum tree". Members were asked to think about who they knew in the community that had web design or IT skill that we could ask to volunteer if the need arises.

Karen mentioned that often companies would donate goods and issues of who should receive these can be difficult. The committee will need to determine some method of needs analysis should this occur.

Regarding money donations it was generally thought that the committee would suggest people donate to any major donation system that was set up rather than try to manage this locally. The donation of money carries a large degree of accountability and it is very difficult to ensure equity of distribution.

When discussing the availability of a large grant from Government the committee considered that 2 important recovery projects to consider are the upgrade of the sports ground facilities and an increase in capacity of the cyclone shelter.

Communication to the community about what the committee is doing and information to be distributed should be through the chair and council president.

Next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be Wednesday 14 November at 6.30.

Meeting closed at 7.45