

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HOSTEL COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 5.15 PM**

**PRESENT:** Tony Conway, Bev Purtill, Peter Lawler, Gen McConnell (Hostel Coordinator), Helen Edmonds, Cheryl McFarlane, Mia Zaffina, Cr O'Halloran, Terri Bilske (DCCD)

**APOLGIES:** Simon Coelli, Michal Kitzelmann (General Manager)

### **Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Following review it was agreed the minutes from the previous meeting should be accepted as a true record.

### **Business Arising**

1. Transportation of the residents to appointments through Better Living. Council has been informed that the Bidgee Haven is not eligible. It was agreed that Council should obtain a copy of Better Living's Policy/Protocol.
2. Kitchen Upgrade – completed.
3. Irrigation system – Council is waiting for the 3 quotes. It was suggested that if the irrigation system cannot be rectified then a tank with a 5ml delivery and 25m pump should be installed.
4. Independent Living Units – DCCD reported that valuations of the units have been obtained and have been reported in the end of year financial report. The Committee would like Council to provide its stand on the purpose of the existing units and its policy.
5. Council has applied for fund to build a dementia wing.
6. The Part-time administration staff has been re-advertised.
7. Cr O'Halloran reported that the Council meeting with the Minister for Aging at Broken Hill was worthwhile.

### **Director of Corporation & Community Development Report**

The DCCD and the Committee congratulated Gen McConnell on receiving the award of the Public Service Medal.

### **Financial Report**

The report was tabled and accepted.

### **General Business**

1. Change the name of the "Bidgee Haven Hostel" to the "Bidgee Haven Aged Care".

The DCCD will make enquiries whether a change of name would have any implications on funding etc.

2. Bidgee Haven Council Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act

The Committee strongly believes that this Committee is under Section 355 of the Local Government Act. In 2017 the Committee was informed that a workshop would be arranged by Council and that the Committee members must attend. To date the workshop has not been arranged. A copy of Council's Hostel Committee Terms of Reference is attached.

3. Traineeships at the Hostel

The Committee suggested that a letter from Council be sent to the Balranald Central School advising Council would be interested in providing traineeships. The letter should outline the different areas available eg. Hospitality, Carer, Administration, Maintenance.

Next meeting date – Monday 8 April 2019 at 5.00 pm at the Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

### **Financial Report**

Report was tabled and accepted.