



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

13th March 2007

MM6	MEETING WITH BELLBROOK COMMUNITY GROUP
SUPP.	FILE: * EAG {Folio No. *} }

SUMMARY:

Reporting on meeting with Bellbrook community group.

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DESCRIPTION:

Meeting with Bellbrook ratepayers on Thursday 15 February 2007. Well attended by local people.

Issues raised included: -

- Water, both quality and continued use of carted water. Concerned at costs to council and future guaranteed safe water supply from River. *(Prior to meeting I had had discussion with the Director of shire services who had advised that testing was continuing on the bore recently sunk near the bridge and that the results were not as yet conclusive) Further if the results were not good another bore may need to be sunk.* This information was passed on to the residents.
- Concern at a notice on a church property stating that it was a contaminated site. For follow up.
- Question as to reason for local person not being able to continue mowing and general grounds maintenance at Cemetery. *Discussion with Director of shire service identified that the person concerned was looking at this as an employment proposal.*
- Problems with communications reception at Bellbrook. They are looking at possible solutions.
- The community had had further discussions with Country energy re power to the barbecue area. Also the barbecue had been purchased and was thought to be at our works depot.
- Looking at developing a festival for the village queried the insurance requirements for using horse drawn carriages, to use as an attraction.

- Concern that heritage plaques not yet in place very close to heritage week.
- Concern re blocked drains on Armidale road.

Very positive comments on work being done by civic maintenance team and other Kempsey shire staff working in the area.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental:***

Follow up on issues raised will assist to improve the environment.

Social:

Communication with different villages and towns within shire increase community cohesion and wellbeing.

- ***Economic (Financial):***

Nil

- ***Policy or Statutory:***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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MAYOR