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What happened at the Council Meeting in March?

A summary of issues considered at the Council meeting held on 4 March 2014 at the Mitta Valley Sports Complex, Eskdale is provided below:

Walwa Odour Issue: Council considered a petition from Walwa residents in relation to an odour that has been noticed in Walwa. North East Regional Water Authority officially took over the operation and control of the Walwa Sewerage Scheme on 3 February 2014. At that time a public meeting was held in Walwa to inform residents of the change. North East Water is aware of the issues reported by residents and has conducted a full door knock and investigation.

Goats in Mitta Mitta: Council also considered a petition from residents of Mitta Mitta in relation to the removal of goats in the Mitta Valley. Council was advised that Local Law No 2 defines the requirements of keeping small animals on land of less than one hectare. After considering the report various options were offered to the owner of the goats.

Walwa Wastewater Charge: As construction of the Walwa Wastewater Scheme has been completed Council will now commence the charging of the Special Rate (previously determined by Council in 2008). Approximately 70 households will be offered the option of a once off payment or payment by instalments. Affected households will receive information from Council by the end of March 2014.

Audit Committee Appointment: The Audit Committee is a committee of Council that reviews Council processes and advises accordingly. The Committee is comprised of three external independent persons and the Mayor. Following the end of term for an external member, Mr Peter Haysey, the position was advertised. Mr Haysey has continued on the Committee pending a replacement. Council considered a report that recommended Mrs Narelle Klein be appointed. In considering the report, Council resolved to appoint Mrs Klein to the Committee. Council expressed their thanks to Mr Haysey and accepted his retirement with immediate effect.

The above information is a summary only of the Council Meeting business. Copies of Council Minutes are available from Council's website www.towong.vic.gov.au, Council Offices and all townships within the Shire (either the Post Office or local store). Should further information be required please contact Diana Snaith on 02 6071 5100.

The next ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 April 2014 at Council's Tallangatta Office commencing at 10.00 am with Open Forum.

Council Meetings are public meetings and all are welcome to attend.