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What happened at the Council Meeting in March?

A summary of issues considered at the Council meeting held on 1 March 2016 in Tallangatta is provided below:

Corryong and District Memorial Hall – A masterplan for the Corryong and District Memorial Hall was finalised in 2012. Various improvements were prioritised in the Masterplan including the replacement of the hall roof. Whilst the Committee has secured small grants to resurface the front steps and upgrades to blinds, air conditioning and security doors, roof restoration has now become a high priority. The Hall Committee has been developing a business plan for the upgrade and redevelopment the Memorial Hall. Council has approached the Committee with a view to preparing an application under the Stronger Communities funding program for the replacement of the roof. Council resolved to contribute up to \$25,000 to the project.

The Hall is used by a variety of groups within the local and regional community, including a basketball club, school of dance, school productions, debutante balls, local and regional choirs and drama productions, sports presentations, indoor bowls and art shows.

Tallangatta Community Integrated Community Centre – Child Care Fees – The Tallangatta Integrated Community Centre, currently under construction, will provide a venue for the delivery of a range of early childhood services, including kindergarten and long day care. Council has now adopted a schedule of fees and charges for child care services in the Centre. The fee schedule is competitive with similar services. A full breakdown of prices is available by contacting the Customer Services Department at the Tallangatta Council office on 6071 5100.

Waste to Energy Options – The New Energy Jobs Fund is a Victorian government initiative offering competitive funding rounds for both feasibility studies initiated by community based organisations and the implementation of commercially ready projects. The funding supports innovative projects with long term economic benefits including job creation, increased renewable energy uptake and build Victoria's energy technology capacity.

Council resolved to submit an application to the New Energy Jobs Fund to carry out a feasibility study to identify possible opportunities for waste to energy initiatives which have the potential to benefit Towong Shire communities and the sectors that make up our economy.

Town Maintenance Contracts – Council resolved to enter into new town maintenance contracts for Bellbridge, Bethanga, Eskdale, Dartmouth and Mitta Mitta. The Contracts will commence from 1 May 2016.

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 5 April 2016 at the Mitta Valley Sports Complex commencing at 10.00 am with Open Forum.

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