

6.3. NOTICE OF MOTION - RECONFIGURATION OF FACILITIES DIWAN CLINIC

COUNCILLOR: Cr Terry Melchert

NOTICE OF MOTION:

I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2016:-

“That Council resolve to:-

(i) Confirm approval for the Cow Bay Clinic to be relocated into the main Community Facilities Building at Diwan, with the Community facilities and internet access facilities being relocated into the existing Clinic annex adjacent to Community Facilities building,

(ii) Approve building modifications, including the installation of ceiling insulation material to facilitate the immediate location of all clinic facilities into one building, with all required relocation works being funded by Queensland Health.”

BACKGROUND:

On 11th May 2015 the Friends of the Foundation wrote to Council requesting the relocation of all Clinic facilities into the Community Building at Cow Bay on the basis the community facilities, including internet services, would be relocated into the current Clinic annex.

On 11th January 2016 Councillor Clarke and I visited the area North of the Daintree to me with residents, ratepayers and small business owners, and while visiting the Clinic found that Council approval is still being awaited to finalise the rearrangements.

The current situation is the whole project is in Limbo awaiting a response from Council and this is the reason for the submission of the Notice of Motion.

The letter sent for the attention of the CEO and Councillors (although I cannot recollect having received a copy) is attached for information.

OFFICER'S COMMENT:

Upon receipt of correspondence from Friends of the Foundation, enquiries were undertaken by Council staff with Queensland Health to confirm relocation requirements. As these works were of a minor nature, approval in principle in writing was issued to Friends of the Foundation and Queensland Health on 8 July 2015.

In mid-December 2015, staff received the formal proposal from Queensland Health of the modifications/relocation works to be undertaken and approval has subsequently been issued in January 2016 for this work to commence.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Letter received from Friends of the Foundation



Friends of the Foundation, Cow Bay

c/o PMB 3

Cape Tribulation

Qld 4873

Douglas Shire Council
Front Street, Mossman
Qld 4873

11th May 2015

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

The Friends of the Foundation, Cow Bay would like to support the Cow Bay Primary Health Clinics request, to move the Clinic office into the Community room at the Diwan centre.

This room is presently used by the community for Broadband for seniors program and we feel Michele and the visiting Medical staff need more room to offer us the very best of health programs, which is achievable in a larger room.

We also request this office exchange, as we see that all medical services would be on one side of the building, so security for our Nurse and staff would be improved.

We seek your approval for this movement to occur as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mary Strother

Secretary, Friends of the Foundation, Cow Bay