

**Minutes of the Binnaway Community Consultation Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday 11th March 2020 commencing at 5.30pm**

---

**PRESENT:** Mayor Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Ray Lewis, Leeanne Ryan, (Director Development Services), Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services) Cornelia Wiebels (Manager Warrumbungle Water), Dr Margaret Anderson (Manager Community Services (MCS)/minutes), Bernie McBain, Danielle Meyers, Larry Tolmie, Malcolm Jones, Nick Kroh, Pam Southwell, Ron Gillies, Sally Edwards.

**APOLOGIES:**

Roger Bailey (General Manager), Cr Brady, Cr Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Margaret Haley.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Denis Todd welcomed attendees and introduced the Director of Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDS), Director Technical Services (DTS), Manager Community Services (MCS), Manager Warrumbungle Water (MWW).

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the Binnaway Community Consultation Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 21 October 2019 were tabled and discussed.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

MWW advised that the date on the draft minutes circulated should read 21 October 2019 not 1 April 2019.

**Dead Trees in the Park**

Noted they were removed.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**1. NSWSC legal proceeding 2018/00340246 – Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community**

Community member sought an update on the status of this matter. DEDS advised that there had been extensive discussion held at the last meeting. DEDS advised at least \$1M had been spent to date on legal fees, that the matter is proceeding; however no court date has been set. It was clarified that money is coming from Council general funds to cover legal costs.

**2. Grading intervals being changed to save money so the shire could be Fit for the Future (FfTF)**

The DTS clarified that the grading intervals for Category One was every 15 months; Category two was every 3 years; and, Category 3 was every 5 years. DTS advised that the budget allocation for road grading maintenance sits at around \$1.9 million. Discussion around targets and the reporting of same as a decimal figure .33 may have led to community confusion. Cr Capel clarified that the priority is determined by the majority of users on a road. DTS advised that he did speak with Mr. Jones in August 2019 about the matter at hand. DTS informed the meeting that a grader had been sold.

**3. Update on revote expenditure for February 2020 for roof repairs for Coonabarabran office for \$440,000**

DTS advised that Council has been to tender three times to replace the roof but have received no interest. DTS suggested that Council is reviewing how to develop a package to attract a tender with a budget allocation made. It was clarified that the old section is where the leaking is happening not the new roof and hence not accepted by our insurance company.

The meeting discussed the lack of project management under a previous administration.

#### **4. Proposed Binnaway sewerage**

MWW advised that a consultant had been arranged to facilitate an option assessment, that the identified site requires another assessment, and that a flood study to determine that there will not be a site elevation issue.

Community member advocated concern about the time delays in resolving this issue. MWW is examining Trundle and Parkes system to identify if their pressure system will suit resolution for the concerns experienced at Binnaway. MWS clarified the underlying safety concerns and the sourcing of external resources to resolve the matter. Cllr Capel advised that various state government agencies are involved and seek ongoing clarification during the planning, design, tendering, construction phases as each characterizes numerous assessment processes. This has contributed to the time delays.

The MWS clarified that the flood study will be for five of the Warrumbungle towns and should be about \$50,000 estimate in total. The EPA has issues with the current sewerage location in Binnaway, and Council cannot progress local works as the EPA seeks clarification of the elevation of the current site. The committee noted that no one is interested in selling land, and hence Council is threatened with a \$1,000,000 fine if works commence without consent.

**Action:** MWW will visit Trundle and Parks to review their system and provide feedback to the community of her findings.

### **COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

#### **1. Community financial assistance donations and Annual donations - form available**

DCCS advised there are two rounds of financial assistance grant programs. Application forms are available on the table and on Council's website. Submissions close 18th March for up to \$500; and that the separate Annual Donations applications close on the 27th March 2020. DCCS advised the latter covers a broader range of activities, such as events, rate wavering, e.g. 50% discount.

DCCS advised that Council have budgeted \$20,000 for the Financial Assistance Grants, and \$50,000 under the donations program. DCCS clarified that there is a range of requests for reimbursement for rates, sewer charges, waste collection charges, hall hire, or a monetary grant not defined; and/or the use of council plant. The meeting clarified if both PDF and word documents could be uploaded, with a view of moving towards an online fill-in process.

Residents were referred to the hard copy of forms available tonight or on the website, for more details.

**Action:** DCCS to investigate potential for an online form for donations applications.

#### **2. 2020/2021 Budget - DCCS informed that:**

- The 2020/2021 Budget will be available to the general public for review after the Council Meeting 16 March 2020.
- There is a Council workshop next week, and that September 2020 is the next local government election date. DCCS advised that the new Council will facilitate a new Community Strategic Plan and that the budget reflects the community need.
- DCCS explained the relationship of the 4 year delivery program which matches the term of the next Council also articulates the 10 year Community Strategic Plan and the one year operational plan that informs the budget.
- The public exhibition period of the budget is a good time for residents to make formal submissions for consideration of major community funding activities.
- Community surveys can inform what the community strategic plan may look like, and when the representation changes the level of advocacy for various projects and priority can change.
- The floor examined the rehashing of the plan and felt that they had to continually resubmit their

**Minutes of the Binnaway Community Consultation Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday 11th March 2020 commencing at 5.30pm**

---

same community expectations is a project or priority from the local perspective had not been addressed.

- DCCS reaffirmed the importance of ongoing community advocacy to maintain the favour of their priorities as external variance impacts.
- Council will upload the budget after the April 16th Council meeting and will accept submissions on any aspect on the budget or the budget process. Submissions close 28 days later in May 2020.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1. Roadwork** - Community member raised the concern of lifting up tarred road and leaving gravel. DTS agreed that a section of road that was to be rehabilitated is narrow, rough and deformed. Purpose of renewal is to extend the life of the road.

DTS informed the meeting that Transport NSW has requested a comprehensive list of road names for rehabilitation and will provide.

### **2. Dunedoo retirement village (Three Rivers Regional Retirement Community)**

The meeting sought clarification of the exit plan regarding this matter.

DEDS advised that no decision can be made until the court matter is finalised.

DCCS advised there is an amount of the original grant funds to be secured going forward.

Council is awaiting instruction from the courts.

### **3. Access is being denied to a Brocklehurst crossing by Dubbo Regional Council**

Discussion occurred regarding the frustration experienced by Community by being diverted at Brocklehurst.

**Action:** DTS to lobby Dubbo Regional Council for review of the detour instruction.

### **4. Bullinda Street** - Dead Trees located right at the sign there are two dead trees.

**ACTION:** DTS will investigate and action works as appropriate.

### **5. Cathead growth**

DTS agreed that there has been spraying at various locations in high traffic areas. Residents are encouraged to inform council of new areas.

**Action:** DTS has put it on notice.

### **6. Yarran Street dips in the road**

DTS clarified the location of concern and resolved that the curb and guttering of that location is on the maintenance list.

**Action:** DTS advised the Yarran Street area will be cleaned out.

### **7. Road**

Sought Cr Lewis had put a motion to Council regarding the trees overhanging roads.

### **8. Council Elections**

Cr Capel encouraged attendees to consider standing for the September Local Government Elections and give consideration to representing their local community.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Mayor Denis Todd thanked residents and staff for their attendance, and encouraged their involvement

**Minutes of the Binnaway Community Consultation Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday 11th March 2020 commencing at 5.30pm**

---

at the next Binnaway community consultation.

**Meeting Closed 6.45pm**