

MINUTES OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT RURAL TRANSATION CENTRE ON TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Nea Worrell, Adrian Worrell, Irene Worrell, Jean Henley, Bob Cutts, Cr Peter Shinton, Janet Fitzgerald, Ian McNaught, Lorraine Condon, Don Walton, Lauren Harris, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Ambrose Doolan, Rick Crawley, Peter Munns, Cr Denis Todd (Mayor), Brendon Pickette, Jennifer Hotchkiss, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate & Community Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Anne- Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Ray Lewis, Liz Cutts, Ted Hayman

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for the Community Consultation Meetings were provided to attendees. Terms of Reference have been endorsed by Council.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Baradine on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 were discussed. Minutes were tabled at the May 2018 Council and are on Council's website.

BUSINESS ARISING

A resident enquired about the placement of the bin at the Baradine Swimming Pool. Council advised that the bin location was inspected and relocation was not recommended. The current location is out of the way of the gathering area near monument, and locating further away would only result in bin not being used.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Baradine Pool

Concerns were raised regarding a perceived shortage of lifeguards across the Shire and the potential affect of this on Baradine. Director Technical Services advised that at this stage there is no changes planned for the opening hours at Baradine pool, however all pool opening hours are dependent on staff and other things and hours could potentially change at short notice. In relation to lifeguards, Council is hoping that more people will apply to be lifeguards in November now that some students have finished school or university for the year.

Pool Shade

A question was asked in relation to where Council is up to in relation to the erection of shade over the main pool. Director Technical Services advised that Council is waiting on further information, in relation to this, from the Baradine Progress Association. The Director Technical Services advised that the budget allocation for \$40,000 is still in Council's budget.

Grand Stand – Heat Resistant Steel

Concerns were raised regarding the grandstand at the Baradine pool, and the risk of getting burnt when sitting on the grandstand during the day. Director Technical Services advised he wasn't aware of any issues in relation to this but will investigate.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate concerns regarding the grandstand and implement suitable solutions.

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Recycling Service – Businesses

A resident asked questions on behalf of themselves and another rate payer about the recycling service for a particular property. Director Development Services indicated she would look in to the matter.

Action: Director Development Services to investigate the request for a recycling service.

BARADINE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Disability Parking

Council were asked if they would consider moving the existing disabled parking space closer to the local supermarket. Director Technical Services requested that a letter be written to Council in order for this matter to be raised at the Traffic Committee Meeting. Further discussion took place regarding other locations where a disabled parking space could go in Baradine. It was advised that for any proposal a letter would need to be written to Council in order for the matter to be raised at the Traffic Committee Meeting.

Footpath Committee

Concerns were raised around the footpaths in Baradine, in particular in the main street. Local residents reported a number of people have fallen recently, or sustained other injuries. It was requested that a representative from Council inspect the issues with representatives from the local community.

Action: Director Technical Services to inspect footpath issues with representative(s) of local community.

Local Council Jobs

Concerns were raised regarding perceived threats to Council jobs in Baradine. The General Manager advised that Council has been implementing a new structure in relation to Warrumbungle Water and there has been a reallocation of tasks within this team. The Director Technical Services advised that there are still four (4) locally employed staff in Baradine and there are no plans for this to change.

Private Blocks – Car Wrecks

Residents raised concerns regarding car wrecks being stored on some house blocks in Baradine – and the risk associated with this. Residents asked Council if they had a policy in relation to this. Director Development Services advised that currently there is no policy on how many car wrecks are allowed in the yards but it comes back to an environmental problem.

Action: Director Development Services to look in to the development of a policy to deal with this issue.

Narren Street Property

Concerns were raised regarding an overgrown block in town. It was reported that the block is extremely overgrown and there are animals coming from the block into surrounding properties.

Action: Director Development Services to look in to this matter and contact the owners if appropriate.

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Development Applications

Concerns were raised about the requirement for development applications to be submitted when applying for certain grants. It was fed back that a number of community groups are seeing this as a barrier to putting in grant applications. Director Development Services said this issue has been raised with Council and a solution is being considered.

Action: Director Development Services to consider how Council can assist with the requirement for development applications for funding applications.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Stronger Country Communities Fund

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided feedback in relation to projects funded under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, noting that Baradine will be receiving funding for the construction of the Baradine Skate and Activity Park. The potential location of the facility was discussed. Director Technical Services advised that a tender document is being prepared at the moment and construction is, at this stage, expected to commence in March / April 2019.

Financial Assistance Donations

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services advised attendees that Round One Councils 2018/19 Financial Assistance Donations are now open with applications closing on Friday, 23 November 2018.

Drought Communities Programme – Extension

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided an update on funding being provided under the Drought Communities Programme – Extension. Concerns were raised by members of the community about the Community Survey. It was noted that the Community Survey closes on Saturday, 3 November 2018, and a proposal will be considered by Council at the November Council Meeting being held on Thursday, 15 November 2018.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sewerage Pumping Station

Council were advised that the sewerage pump station is starting to smell again.

Action: Manager Warrumbungle Water to investigate smell at the sewerage pump station and rectify as soon as practical.

Kenebri

Concerns were raised regarding two (2) blocks of land in Kenebri. Further concerns were also raised regarding the general appearance of Kenebri including the oval and the old school buildings. Director Development Services advised that Council is aware of the blocks in Kenebri and has taken action in relation to these. Director Technical Services indicated that the oval and school would need to be looked in to.

Action: Director Technical Service to look in to oval and old school building in Kenebri.

Weeds

A resident raised concerns regarding weed control around the area. It was requested that all agencies responsible for weed control consider what needs to be done and implement a solution.

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Action: Director Development Services to raise concerns regarding weed control around the area with Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.

Rubbish around Baradine

Residents advised Council that they felt that there had been an increase in illegal dumping around town. Residents reported numerous locations where rubbish is being dumped. It was requested that Council remind residents of hours of operation of the tip as well as distributing information regarding illegal dumping, including the fines and consequences. It was also requested that signage regarding illegal dumping be considered.

Action: Director Development Services to distribute information regarding tips time and illegal dumping, as well as consider compliance activities.

Stock water – Councils Policy

Council's was asked if there is anywhere in the Shire where residents can get free water for stock. General Manager advised that Council isn't supplying free stock water. Water can be purchased from Council Depots.

Water Rates

Council were asked about the rise in water rates. General Manager advised that the increase in water rates was required as the costs for providing the service had increased. Provision of water services by Council needs to be run on a cost recovery basis.

Swimming Pool Tickets

Concerns were raised about the pool fees – in particular the costs of a Season Pass for a family.

Baradine Water – Fluoride

A question was asked about whether or not Baradine has fluoride in their water. Director Technical Services advised that fluoride is not currently being added to the water due to ongoing issues in relation to the equipment required to add the fluoride. Residents were advised that it is the same issue that is affecting Coonabarabran, as well as other Council's across the region. Director Technical Services advised that Council is working with NSW Health in relation to this but unfortunately there was no timeframe for when these issues will be resolved.

Town Water

A resident raised concerns about the drinking water, commenting that it smells like chlorine and is yellow. General Manager advised that the water meets drinking water guidelines and Council regularly monitors the quality of the water. It was requested that member of the community contact Council when there is something wrong with the colour / odour of the water so Council can investigate the problem when it occurs.

New Bridge

Concerns were raised regarding the new bridge which reportedly already has tar lifting which requires patching.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate the cause of the tar lifting on the bridge.

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New Road Names & Emergency Services.

A resident asked whether or not emergency services will know where they are if their road name changes. It was also reported that a number of properties still belong to the locality of Terridgeri. Director Technical Services advised that when a road name is changed it is changed with, for example, the Geographic Names Board as well as other government agencies.

It was noted however that emergency services may use their own system. It was requested that residents raise their concerns in relation to this with Council in order that Council can then raise these concerns at the Local Emergency Management Committee.

CWA Baradine

Members of the CWA advised Council that when it rains it becomes flooded in front of the Baradine CWA hall. It was noted that Council has filled it with dirt before but that is no longer working. It was requested that the areas be filled with gravel.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate whether or not this area can be filled with gravel or if an alternative solution should be considered.

Budget Submissions – Response

It was requested that both successful and unsuccessful external budget submissions receive responses. It was indicated by Council that this will happen in the future.

Electricity Poles

Concerns were raised about the safety of electricity poles around Baradine. Council advised that they were unable to assist with these concerns.

MEETING CLOSED: 7:25PM