

MINUTES OF THE BINNAWAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT BINNAWAY HALL ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Cr Denis Todd (Mayor), Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Fred Clancy, Hilary Bult, Jim Larkin, Gary Andrews, Keith Rhynehart, Norma Rhynehart, Shane Bennett, Marg Haley, Lyn Petherbridge, Mr and Mrs Mounford, Jye Harrison, Carolyn Boaz, Pam Southwell, Larry Tolmie, Jim Hand, Sean Henderson, Chris Aylett, Matt Aylett, Bernie McBain, Damon Ciaglia, Matthew Colley, M Jones, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Anne Louise Capel, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Natasha Noakes

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 Binnaway on Monday, 19 March 2018 were discussed. Minutes were tabled at the May 2018 Council and are on Council's website.

BUSINESS ARISING

Residents thanked Council for painting Colliery Bridge.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

BINNAWAY DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Binnaway Swimming Pool – Opening Hours

Residents enquired about the possibility of changing or increasing opening hours at the pool. An example discussed was opening on Friday and Saturday from 4:00pm till 8:00pm Concerns were also raised about staffing of the pool. Acting Director of Corporate & Community Services advised that recruitment for lifeguards is ongoing.

Action: Report to be provided to Council on opening hours for pools.

Drought Communities Programme – progress of applications

Residents enquired as to the progress of ideas which were submitted to be considered as part of the Drought Communities Programme. The Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided an update on the programme indicating that Community Forums and a Community Survey have been completed and a report will be presented to the November Council Meeting.

Campground in Binnaway

It was requested that Council assist with the upgrade and repairs to the waste water system at the Camp Ground and also consider installation of a dump point. Director of Development Services Leeanne Ryan advised that Council is currently working on a solution for both these issues.

Action: Director Development Service to continue to work on issues at the Campground and provide an update to the Binnaway Progress Association.

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COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 2

Acting Director Corporate & Community Services provided feedback in relation to projects funded under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, noting that Binnaway will be receiving funding for works at Binnaway Bowling Club

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 reinforced the update on funding being provided under the Drought Communities Programme – Extension provided earlier in the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Len Guy Park

A question was asked regarding the erection of a back fence at Len Guy Park.

Action: Director Development Services to investigate and provide feedback in relation to this matter.

Box Ridge Road

Council were commended on their work on Box Ridge Road. Residents requested if works could also take place on Banksia Road and Mancers Lane. Numerous concerns were raised regarding these roads in relation to the state of the roads and also signage.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate concerns raised and take action, where appropriate.

Water

Concerns were raised by residents in relation to the town water supply following works on the water tower. An overview of works that took place was provided by the Manager Warrumbungle Water. The Manager Warrumbungle Water also discussed actions that are being taken to rectify issues with the water identified by Council. Residents were advised that regular testing of the water takes place and these results are available on Council's website. Works will continue to address any ongoing issues with the town water supply.

Dip In Road – Renshaw Street and Warrumbungle Way

Residents advised that the dip in the road is still causing issues. It was requested that additional signage be installed as well as additional road markings.

Action: Director Technical Services to discuss potential solutions with the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS).

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Swimming Pool Hours & Season Passes

Residents commented that if the swimming pool is not open for the hours it is advertised then residents don't want to pay full price for a season ticket. Director Technical Services advised that there has been trouble getting the pool staffed at the beginning of the season however now the pool should be open for the advertised hours.

Weights and Loads Working Group

Council was asked if they were still a member of the Weights and Loads Working Group. Council advised they are still a member and still utilise this service. The Director Technical Services advised that there is no a flat fee and Council is only charged for the services provided.

Mancers Lane

Concerns were raised about the trees on Mancers Lane restricting the ability to get trucks and large vehicles down the road.

Action: Director Technical Services to inspect trees on Mancers Lane.

Internet

A question was asked about getting suitable internet in Binnaway. The General Manager advised that Council has made a number of representations and submissions in relation to issues regarding the internet, as well as mobile black spots, to the Federal Government. It was suggested if residents have specific concerns in relation to the internet in Binnaway that they contact the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton.

Walking Path – Castlereagh Avenue

Residents advised Council that there are a large number of burrs along Castlereagh Avenue. Council were requested to spray the burrs.

Action: Council to investigate the spraying of burrs in Castlereagh Avenue.

Local Tip

It was noted by residents that they appreciate that the skip bins are back at this tip. Concerns were raised around the condition of the road to the waste depot, in particular after you cross the railway line.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate state of the road to the waste depot.

Town Sewerage

Residents requested an update as to where Council is up to with the town sewerage system. The General Manager advised that Council has made applications for funding to design a suitable system. Questions were asked about how the project will be funded, if implemented. It was discussed that the costs and funding model won't be known until the design has been developed, but that there will be costs for the individual land owners. Concerns were also raised about the current state of some septic systems in town.

General Manager

The General Manager was asked how he felt Council is going. The General Manager provided an overview of the current challenges being faced by Council as well as the opportunities currently on offer. It was noted that there is currently a large amount of additional funding on offer which is positive for local communities.

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Council Staff

The community thanked Council for the effort that the local staff put in to making the town look so good.

Burnt Houses

Concerns were raised regarding abandoned and burnt out houses. The Director Development Services advised the community that Council is aware of this and that, wherever possible, Council is acting on these issues. The General Manager advised that a motion regarding this matter was passed at the recent Local Government NSW Conference and Local Government will be lobbying relevant parties in relation to this issue.

Norman Street

Concerns were raised regarding the large trees in Norman Street and the damage they are causing to roadways, pathways, driveways and drainage.

Action: Director Technical Services to investigate issues being caused by the trees.

Dead Tree – Castlereagh Avenue

Council were asked to consider the removal of the large gum tree in Castlereagh Avenue which is believed to be dead.

Action: Council to consider removal of the large gum tree in Castlereagh Avenue.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:50PM
