

MINUTES OF THE COOLAH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT COOLAH COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM

PRESENT: Michael White, Jill White, Kathy Rindfleish, Noel Gilbert, Quinton Hutchinson, Leonie Hutchinson, Rodney Parker-Wright, Cllr Peter Shinton, Cllr Anne-Louise Capel, Katie Burgen, Elly Cook, Cllr Ambrose Doolan, Peorcina Martin, Mayor Denis Todd, Margaret Camilleri, Peter Camilleri, Sal Edwards, Dick Gardiner, Joan Schiemer, Ted Miller, Jenny Auld, Carol Richard, Sally Staniforth, A Staniforth, J Salter, R Williams, Greg Piper, Cllr Wendy Hill, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Fred Clancy, Cllr Ray Lewis,

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Denis Todd welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Coolah on Monday, 29 October 2018 were discussed. Minutes were tabled at the December 2018 Council meeting and were sent out to attendees of the October meeting as well as being available on Council's website.

BUSINESS ARISING

Swimming Pool Hours

Attendees raised concerns that it was discussed at the previous meeting around extending swimming pool hours in the school holiday's but the community didn't seem to this that happened. Director Technical Services (DTS) informed the meeting that there was a trial put in place with the change of swimming pool times which does extend the swimming pool hours but is a key access based trial.

Men's Shed

Residents were asked to make contact with Council before the action could occur. There was a letter handed in at the last Meeting and no action has occurred.

Jump the Stump

Contact has been made to Council and there has not has a response.

McMaster Park

Concerns raised that no action has been taken around the placement of signs on the service and entry gates of McMaster Park.

Action: Director of Technical Services will arrange for the signs to be placed correctly.

Water Quality

Concerns were raised if Council regularly tested the water quality in Coolah, then why did the boil water alert for E Coli contamination occur. Manager of Warrumbungle Water (MWW) advised that the boil water alert was to take precaution for the community.

Stand Pipe

A community member raised the concern of the accessibility of the stand pipe at the depot in Coolah. The issue was that it was too high to reach and it was very difficult to fill up from the Stand Pipe. Director Technical Services informed the community member that the stand pipe

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was not for the public to use by themselves. Members of the public wanting to access the stand pipe will need to make an appointment with a staff member at the depot for the staff to then provide the public water. The stand pipe is not designed for the public to use without a staff member.

Moorefield Road

Greg Piper requested to have a meeting with Director Technical Services regarding this road. **Action:** Director Technical Services (DTS) will make contact with Mr Piper about Moorefield Road.

Goddard Street

Question raised as the community are wanting to know if the footpath along Goddard Street will be extended. Director Technical Services (DTS) advised that there is no funding for the extension. Director Technical Services also advised that it was originally a 9m road so Council increased it to 11m wide. Therefore the scope of the project has changed, costing more than expected.

Extension of the Community Drought Funding

General Manager gave an update on the funding of these projects and informed the meeting that the Digital App costing \$58,000 did not meeting the criteria therefore Council will be asking to split that money across the already approved funded projects.

Cycle Way

The community requested for an update on the funding for the installation of the two sculptures along the cycle way. Council informed the meeting that Council was successful in obtaining the funding to install the two sculptures along the cycle way.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Jump the Stump Park Project

Snap shot on the community consultation from the jump the stump meeting - Happy with 89 responses - 100% wanted a skate park - Note feedback to InfoXpert
Bowen oval was the preferred location - Concerns raised about lighting, security and signage as it is not visible from the street. Hold discussion with Council about obtaining the land at Bowen oval.

Jump the Stump (Skate Park) Committee

An update on the Jump the Stump (Skate Park) Project was provided. Bowen Oval was flagged as the preferred locations for the development. Concerns raised around lighting, security and signage from the main street. A discussion needs to occur with Council around Jump the Stump obtaining the land at Bowen Oval for the development.

COOLAH DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Travelling Stock Route - New cycle track

Concerns raised around the travelling stock route along the new cycle track near the caravan park and the mess that is being made from the stock. A meeting with Manager of Urban Services did occur but the community is wanting to fence the cycle track off so livestock don't walk through that area.

Action: DTS will make contact with community members and involve the Local Land Services to resolve this issues.

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New Long Vehicle parking signs

The community would like to thank Council on the installation of the Long Vehicle parking. It is being utilised and is a great asset for the community.

RV Friendly Coolah

Community members want an update on how Coolah becomes an RV Friendly Town. Now that Coolah has a dump point and long vehicle parking they should be eligible to become an RV Friendly Town. The application was through the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee and the Community would like to know where the application is up to.

Action: Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDS) will investigate as to where the applications are up to and will be advised to be processed

Historical Records in Council possession

Community members are wanting to know who owns the Council records from Roy Cameron and can it be digitized. What is the policy with these records? DEDS advised that all letters from Roy Cameron belong to Roy and she is happy for them to be relocated if the community has a better place to store them.

Action: DEDS will investigate the copyright legislation and will be in contact with the Coolah Historical Society regarding this issue.

Rural Road Maintenance and Consultation

Request by community members for Council to consult with the property owners along the rural roads regarding problem areas and issues, prior to works commencing on the rural roads.

Community also requested more Social media around local road working coming up.

Action: Director Corporate and Community Services will look into communicating the works program with the communities.

Director Technical Services (DTS) advised that it is not feasible for everyone who lives along a rural road be contacted prior to work but contact can be made to a few house hold owners along the road.

Action: DTS will investigate this process.

Traffic cones at the northern end of Main Street

Orange traffic cones placed around the northern end of the main street. The community is wanting to know why they are around that tree? Community wanting the orange cones to be changes to a concrete round corner similar to the southern end of the main street. DTS advised that the orange cones were put in as a trail as there were community concerns around that intersection as a crash point.

Action: DTS suggested that Council will take down the orange pillars and mirror the Martin street end of the main street and install a low concrete as a semi circle.

Community raised concerns around the pavement outside of Sally's shop and that is has sunk. Requested if they are added to concrete turning circle at the end of the street can Council fix the pavement outside the front of Sally's shop.

Action: DTS will investigate.

Ramp into Coolah Council Building

Community Members are wanting an update around the proposed ramp out the front of the Council in Coolah. DEDS advised that this project is in the budget and the project will be going

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ahead. Council is also working with the black stump design for the front and the quotes for the ramp are being sort.

Tree Replacement along side Old Bank Building

Request to replace tress where the pine trees were removed near the long parking. DTS advised that Council is looking at placing Grape Myrtle's his financial year. Community suggested for Bottle Bush trees to be placed there.

CCTV Coolah

Community was wanting an update on the proposed CCTV for Coolah. GM advised that Council has received funding for CCTV in Coolah and Coonabarabran. Council will bundle up the CCTV and WIFI into one project and will aim for the project to be completed this financial year.

Recycling facilities at Bowen oval

Request for recycling at Bowne Oval During major events. Currently there is no recycling option Bowen Oval. The community would like to see the option to recycle at the Oval. Location of the recycling bin would be at the side of the canteen. Request to have a bin with a hole in the lid to only fit recycling through the hole.

Action: DTS and DEEDS will look into yellow lidded bins for Bowen Oval and Investigate the option of a bin with a hole in the lid.

Recreational cycle way to the recreational ground

The shared path way that joins up with the Cycle way goes over the railway. The community is wanting to join with Council to put in an application to send a letter to the Minister for Transport to gain a lease over the railway so that the cycle way can join the rec ground.

Action: Greg will make contact and send details to the General Manager. .

Extension of the shared pathway

Development around town to extend the existing pathways. Does the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan still get referred to for proposed works. Are Council seeking grants for these pathways. DTS advised that Council is apply for grants to extend and maintain footpaths shire wide.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

New Business Ideas Workshop

The DEEDS spoke about the New Business Ideas Workshop being held at Coonabarabran Council Chambers on Wednesday, 10 April 2019. The Workshop will discuss tendering and new projects. Speakers include a representative from Inland Rail to discuss business opportunities that will be available to the community, and the requirements of engagement, eg licenses and insurances.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

Round 2 of the 2018/19 Community Financial Assistance Donations is currently open. Application forms were circulated.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Disabled Parking in CBD

A new Doctor has set up in the Coolah CBD but the parking arrangement doesn't suit patients so the community is requesting to have disabled parking on the same side of the road as the Doctors. Request from the community for business owners to not park in the main street.

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Action: DTS to investigate the possibility of adding disabled parking on the same side of the road as the doctors and will raise it with the Traffic committee.
Development Group and Chamber of Commerce to advised business owners to park else where.

New Sewer Treatment Plant (STP)

Community member raised the concern of a new STP being build near the tip. Manager of Water advised that the STP will need to be upgraded and needed to investigate an alternative sight. Preliminary information was taken to the recent Council Meeting but Council will not be moving the STP as of yet, this report was just investigating an alternative sight. The Community will be consulted and resident will be advised if the STP is being moved.

Public Toilets behind the VIC and Library

The Community would like to see an upgrade on the public toilets as the old toilets are not suitable for the elderly and the toilets need better ventilation.

Action: DTS will Investigate the possibility but the alternative will be to upgrade them and then they will have to be close them at night time or have CCTV on them due to Vandalism. This has be placed as an External Budget submission for the 2019/20 Budget.

Private Property Flooding

There was flash flooding through Lot 1 Campbell Street Coolah in the January Rainfall event. The owner would like it to be investigated and the storm water to be re-routed.

Action: DTS will start an investigation into the occurring and provide feed back later this week.

Seeding of the oval and poor drainage

If it rains the community members would like Council to turn the sprinklers off so it can dry out. The oval becomes very wet and it dangerous for sporting events and training.

Action: DTS will Investigate and take it on board.

Town Water

Concerns raised around the calcium in the town water. GM advised that Council has indicated they will need to wait for funding.

Youth Hall

Concerns raised as to why Council didn't investigate the building and how did Council estimate the cost of the building. Why wont they take over the youth hall. GM advised that Council is not in a good financial position to take on an old building.

MEETING CLOSED: 7:30PM
