

**MINUTES OF THE COOLAH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT
COOLAH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2020
COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Ambrose Doolan, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Fred Clancy, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services), Cornelia Wiebels (Manager Warrumbungle Water), Ken Stratton (Manager Regulatory Services (MRS)), Margaret Anderson (Manager Community Services), Kira Alexander (Minutes), Lisa Grammar (COVID-Marshall), Carol Richard, Ted Miller, Greg Piper, Margaret Vale, Rodney Parker-Wright, Richard Tanner, Sal Edwards, Quinton Hutchinson, Leonie Hutchinson, Simon Goddard, Jill Arnott, Jarrod Bennetts, Diane Macarthur.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Peter Shinton Cr Ray Lewis, Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment Development Services (DEDS), Kathy Rindfleish.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), the Manager of Warrumbungle Water (MWW), the Manager Regulatory Services (MRS), the Manager of Community Services (MCommS), the Minute taker and COVID-Marshall.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2020

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Community member stated that on Pg. 2 of the Action List- Garden in front of library building in disrepair- buildings have been mixed up as the action is listed for the Council building garden.

Action: Action list will be adjusted and status back to in-progress

2. Greg Piper asked about Pg. 2,3,4 of the Action List – Fire risk on eastern side of town.

DTS gave an update on the lands:

- Most of the land is private property with small amount of crown land.
- Bushfire management committee looks after the crown land and is not a Council committee (Cr Shinton is the chairman and the committee includes farmers, NPWS and Fire & Rescue, Crown Lands and Local Lands Service).
- They are responsible for risk management plan and meet twice a year.
- Issues raised have been referred to the committee and mitigation work was done as a result.

3. Sal Edwards referred to Pg. 5 of the Action List number 8 - Old Turee Sign- Status says completed but needs to be in-progress.

DTS advised that the sign is not something Council can control unless approval from traffic management.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Public toilets in carpark at rear of Council require cleaning

DTS advised that the cleaning of the toilets will commence over the next few weeks one day per weekend, most likely Sunday.

2. Security Cameras in the Main Street, police unable to gain footage

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GM advised that the security systems have been checked and working. Access at police station have been down due to an electricity circuit going down.

3. Central Road Plastic Barriers on Binnia St not finished.

Action: Repair work to damaged central median island be completed

4. Eat Out Promotion, more consultation with participating businesses required

Action: Manager of Tourism and Economic Development to consult with businesses to prepare for a more effective future promotion.

5. Technology within the Warrumbungle Shire, issues with streaming Council meetings

GM advised that Council have been working through problems with Wi-Fi issue in the chambers and microphones interfering. Business papers can be accessed online and be used to follow the meeting.

6. WSC Community consultation process with regard all community developments as earlier community consultation should be sought.

GM advised that was subject to direction of Council. They decide on how we act and how far do you go to consult on things.

7. MOU Consultation Process, request to view previous versions with changes.

Action: MCommS to provide progress sheet to Community Development Groups.

8. What is WSC policy on outsourcing small/ large projects?

GM advised that there was no policy that talks about outsourcing, only purchasing policy and decided on an issue by issue.

9. Road safety issues, two accidents this week - signs need refreshing, potential right-hand turn sign into Werribee Road and unbroken lines before the intersection needed.

GM advised that the accident was nothing to do with signage.

Action: DTS to investigate right hand turn sign into Werribee Road.

Action: DTS to take suggestion of the unbroken lines before an intersection to the Traffic management Committee.

10. Road Damaged areas near Rec ground

Action: DTS to investigate repair of road outside Rec grounds

11. Perceived opinion that WSC is too Coona centric equipment wise and job hours reduced at stores.

GM advised that Council has placed a lot of equipment in Coolah. A number of jobs reduced in Coonabarabran as well, as across the LGA.

12. Road issues across the Shire especially dirt roads including Moorefield Road

Action: DTS to investigate the slippery section on Moorefield Road and look into repair.

13. McMaster Park Coolah maintenance of heritage light pole

Action: DTS to organise bracket to be made up for light shade.

14. Cameron Place Cul-de-sac drainage issues

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Action: DTS to look into stronger surface work at the cul-de-sac.

Action: MRS to inspect drain blockage that was filled in at 4 Cameron Place

15. Update on Renovation of King Togee sign on Neilrex Road

DTS advised that Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Land Council trying to get funding to replace the sign.

16. Request for update on renovation public toilets at car park rear of Library building

DTS advised upgrade has \$30k in the budget and he is investigating structural issues and other issues around the men's toilet.

Action: DTS to take on board suggestions on how to best use the \$30K

17. Road blisters especially those outside both hotels - not visible at night - need reflectors.

DTS advised that they will be repainting islands on the beveled edge with glass beads for reflectivity

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Evacuation Centres

DTS advised evacuation centres for Coolah are listed on Council website with other information on emergency planning. Sports Club, Local school and CYCC potential evacuation centres. Police are auditing numbers due to COVID.

Action: DTS to raise Rec ground as a potential evacuation centre with LEMC.

2. Rural Addressing

DTS advised that over 3-4 years Council has been rationalizing suburbs to improve addressing and emergency services being able to locate properties on rural roads Comes up on the agenda at every LEMC. Please advise any anomalies so we refer any issues.

3. Libraries

MCommS advised she is preparing a paper for council for libraries and there are three available models including regional, independent and cooperative. Please fill out the survey to assist in feedback.

Action: Library survey to be available online

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Return & Earn program potential expansion.

Action: MRS to look into viability of having collection centre in Coolah.

2. Launch Centenary of Railway book launch – End of the line 28 November 2020 dealing with John Holland and weeds

GM advised that in relation to weeds, contact the Castlereagh County Council and for fire issue is RFS. John Holland have dedicated people to deal with Councils. In relation to the book referred to, it was considered by Council but different projects were prioritised.

3. Coolah Rec Ground driveway potential hazard - double white lines suggested

Action: DTS to take matter to traffic committee meeting and have another look

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4. Does Council have a Crown Land Policy?

GM advised that Council is working on a plan of management for 70-80 crown land areas getting handed onto Council.

DTS advised that it is to occur June 2021 Council nominated classification to go to crown lands as a formalisation of existing use.

5. Meeting Venue to remain at Coolah Youth & Community Centre from now?

GM advised the venue was chosen due to size and capacity, going back to Council Chambers when COVID is over.

6. Road going to Coolah Tops National Park requires slashing.

Action: Roadside slashing on Coolah Creek Road to be completed

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked attendees for coming and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 7:25pm

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