

MINUTES OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT: Cr Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Leanne Ryan (Director Environmental and Development Services), Kira Alexander (minutes), Jennifer Maundrell (Manager Corporate Services), Jennifer Hotchkiss, Liz Cutts, Ted Hayman, Irene Worrell, Paul Wangwani, Kay Wangwani, Lauren Harris, Suzanne Fuller, Evelyn Hampton, Roy Matthews, Tom Underwood, Bernie Underwood.

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Ambrose Doolan, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Ray Lewis, Nikela Stafford, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services),

INTRODUCTION:

Councillor Denis Todd welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Councillors, the Director of Environmental Development Services (DEDS), Director Technical Services (DTS), the Manager of Corporate Services (MCorpS), Minute taker.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Item 4 in minutes

Swimming lessons, usually run 9-11am. Can lessons start at (AM if lifeguard starts at 11am?) Did not occur as stated in the Action List

Action: DTS to investigate and advise Irene Worrell if lessons can start at 9am.

2. Item 1 in minutes 10/03/2020 – Community Car Volunteers

Community Member has had her name down as a volunteer driver and suggested the shed opposite the Bowling Club.

Action: Community Care to investigate suitability if suggested shed

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Request for tree planting on the Baradine Road from the Baradine sign to Walker Street.

Action: DTS to Consult with Baradine Community to ascertain scope of works and costings

2. Request for a Give Way sign to be located at the corner of Hotchkiss Road and Goorianawa (Gulargambone?) Road opposite the Baradine Waste Depot.

Action: DTS to take request to the Traffic Committee meeting

3. Request for a single seat installed at the Baradine Lions Park

Action: DTS to identify where budget may come from for this project.

4. Roach's creek, water on the road after previous works- needs to be fixed

Action: DTS to organise removal of built up soil and side track.

Action: DTS to look at applying for funding for a bridge over the causeway.

5. Street Stalls - Community not happy about Council being noted on

public liability policies – Changes are difficult and costly -has stopped fundraising efforts.

MCorpS explained Council's insurer provides advice to Council on insurance matters and advised the notation on insurance policies was required to protect Council. Many community groups advised this was not easy to achieve and some insurance companies not happy to do this. Ted Hayman advised on behalf of Baradine Progress Association that he would investigate having the notation placed on their public liability insurance to allow small community groups to use Progress's public liability for fundraising events.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Commercial Recycling

DEDS advised that as of 30 June 2021, Council will cease the current service using wool packs due to WHS and cost issues. New service will be fortnightly via wheelie bin.

2. Budget 2021/22

MCorpS referred to the draft budget which was adopted by Council on 15 April 2021 and is:

currently on exhibition and open for comment via the "Have Your Say" page on Council's website or via mail.

It can be viewed on Council Website or Council offices in Coonabarabran and Coolah.

There is a 3 part operational plan and a revenue policy which includes fees and charges.

2% increase in General rates + catch up of below 1%

Increase to water access charge of 15% and usage charge of 5%

Increase to sewerage charge of 5% and waste charge 2%

3. Donations Guidelines

MCorpS advised that at last Council meeting there was a resolution to review the Donations policy and guidelines before the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations in August. A draft policy will be available for comment.

4. Upcoming Council Elections

MCorpS advised that these are scheduled for the first Saturday in September this year and were delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic last year resulting in a 3 year term for the next Council. Council will be running workshops in Dunedoo 15 June and Coonabarabran 16 June for potential candidates and will be run by former Mayor of Lismore Council Jenny Dowell. Prior registration is required.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. RSVP online form – email address required to submit – not everybody has one.

Action: MCorpS to investigate online forms requirement for email

2. Caledonia Road condition rough, requires mowing.

Action: DTS to investigate and action mowing.

3. Vehicles in skate park dangerous during footy games.

Action: DTS to investigate options for further safety to children at the skatepark during games.

4. Development Applications- taking too long

DEDS advised that applications can be lodged online from July 2021. Priority is in numerical order.

5. Pine Street - requires grading

Action: DTS to organise grading of Pine Street

6. Alternate Venue for meetings due to booming noise in room

Action: Council to investigate an alternate venue for meetings in Baradine.

Councillor Denis Todd thanked those who attended and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed 6:45pm