

**MINUTES OF THE BINNAWAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD  
AT THE BINNAWAY MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021  
COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Kira Alexander (minutes), Margaret Haley, Bernie McBain, Jim Larkin, Sally Edwards, Jane Phillips, Pam Southwell, Larry Tolmie, Kylie Henderson, Sean Henderson, Malcolm Jones, Denise Leader, Ron Gillis.

**APOLOGIES**

Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Denis Todd, Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services).  
Jane Phillips was an apology for last meeting.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees handed the meeting over to Cr Ray Lewis.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2021  
BUSINESS ARISING**

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- 1. Culvert at Woolshed Creek on Leaders Rd requires maintenance due to being washed out underneath and rio coming through.**

**ACTION:** DTS to organise maintenance work on culvert

- 2. How will Council's financial position affect services such as the pool and library?**

GM advised that financial issues do exist and are being worked through. Everything will be under the review in the next 12 months.

- 3. Wambelong Mayor's Bushfire appeal trust. Was money earmarked for economic study donated?**

**ACTION:** GM to investigate and advise Malcolm Jones on status of funds

- 4. Costing for Roads – Are Asset management plan costings outdated?**

DTS advised that an improvement plan exists for the roads and costings are reviewed on a regular basis. Assets were revalued last year and CPI increases apply.

- 5. Request for update on Binnaway Sewerage scheme**

DEDS advised that there are not many changes since the last minutes, however, a site east of Binnaway has been identified as a preferred site and the project is in the stage 2 phase.

- 6. Gravel Pit Agreements – do all gravel pits in the Shire have an agreement in place?**

Every pit has an agreement to establish royalty and access. It is up to gravel pit owners to seek their own legal advice.

- 7. Development Fees, what is the fee? And do fees pay for community assets?**

DEDS advised she wasn't sure of the Developer Contribution fees as she didn't have a copy of the plan at the meeting. The funds go towards funding community facilities.

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GM advised that currently, there is a review of the 7.12 plan underway, which will be released for comment when ready.

**8. Water management plan – does Council need to buy water for Coonabarabran?**

GM advised that 50 mg available of groundwater and other sources are available. Council will be seeking additional allocation for Coonabarabran water supply.

**9. Selection of Councillors – Councillors don't seem to be working as a team and some get more input than others.**

Cr Lewis advised that a democratic process is followed and Councillors are elected by the public to represent community.

**10. Tree removal at Green Gables on Neilrex Road**

Ron Gillis offered to allow trees earmarked for removal on the road to be cut up and taken to his property to save significant cost.

**ACTION:** DTS:- Staff to Contact Ron Gillis about cut tree location.

**11. Binnaway Showground Runoff update request.**

DTS advised that the survey is on the list to be conducted in the next few months

**ACTION:** DTS to survey the drainage for the Binnaway Showground

**12. Binnaway Show Committee – How can we implement a more streamlined communication process with Council for efficiency when dealing with Grants?**

GM advised to maintain contact with Randall Michael, however processing times still need to occur when dealing with approvals from the director or Crown Lands.

**13. Wingabutta Road – Cars getting stuck in sand at the causeway. Is there a potential longer-term solution to the sand build up? The overall condition of the road is poor and it requires grading.**

DTS advised that Wingabutta Road will be graded in the next few months. The causeway has the same issue as others in the Shire and sand can only be cleaned up periodically. Council has sought State Government assistance and waiting to hear back. Costs are prohibitive.

**ACTION:** DTS:- Grading and sand clean up at causeway to occur at Wingabutta Road. DTS to advise of response from State Government.

**14. Binnaway Tennis Court – Hole in court issue was raised at the last meeting with Council where the club was asked to come up with a plan. Insurers will not touch the court until the hole is fixed.**

DTS advised that the building is insured but the court is not.

**ACTION:** DTS to include filling of hole in work plans

**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.

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**2. Budget 2021/22**

CFO 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 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 charges by 15%
  - increase to sewerage charge by 5%
  - increase to waste charge 2%

**3. Donations Guidelines**

CFO 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**

GM advised that these are scheduled for the first Saturday in September. They 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. Neilrex Road at Piambra Gully – great work done on road but requires tree removal for safety**

**ACTION:** DTS to investigate if further trees need to be removed.

- 2. Coonabarabran Skate Park has been named as one of the states biggest drug drop off points which presents safety concerns for children. Can we get some security cameras and better lighting at the site?**

**ACTION:** DCCS to identify for potential funding for Security cameras.

- 3. Update on TRRC**

GM advised that a court hearing is scheduled for 4 weeks on 4 July 2021.

- 4. Community Request alternate meeting venue due to poor sound quality**

**ACTION:** DCCS to investigate alternate venue for next meeting

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked residents and staff for their attendance, and encouraged their involvement at the next Binnaway community consultation.

**Meeting Closed 7pm**