

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Ted Hayman, Lauren Harris, Jennifer Hotchkiss, Liz Cutts, Irene Worrell, Jeanette Henley, Roslyn Kildey, Nea Worrell, M Lane, Patrick Leaver, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Chris Kennedy (Minutes)

MINUTES: Chris Kennedy

APOLOGIES: Cr Ambrose Doolan, Nikela Stafford, Gisela Froehlich, Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services)

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

General Manager, Roger Bailey, introduced himself and provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Baradine on Monday, 6 November 2017, were discussed with the following Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING

Showground Sewerage

Investigations are ongoing.

Skip Bins

Skip Bins are being returned to Transfer Stations across the Shire. Subject to the availability of the bins, this will happen early April.

Container Deposit Scheme

Locations are specified by the NSW Government. Additional locations across the Shire are being lobbied for as appropriate.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons moved from afternoons to mornings in January. Thank you to Council for enabling this.

COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Stronger Country Communities Fund

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (ADCCS), Louise Johnson, provided an overview of the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two.

Project suggestions were discussed. ADCCS, Louise Johnson, suggested people contact Community Development Coordinator, Liz Cutts, for assistance if required.

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

Baradine Swimming Pool

Garbage bin – it was suggested that the garbage bin needs to be moved away from the fence so that it can't be used to climb the fence.

Pool shade – it was suggested that a proposal for retractable shade over the pool be considered. Baradine Progress Association has requested a quotation for supply / installation. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, advised that the existing Council resolution was for a shade cover and that Council would need to review the proposed

alternative. Baradine Progress Association committed to providing quotes in writing to Council to assist.

Communication

Kerbside collection – feedback was received in relation to the communication regarding the new kerbside collection service. Attendees fed back that the information was communicated in the newspaper and on notices on the Council counter and there was confusion over wording of advice.

New recycling bins – attendees raised concerns regarding communication in relation to the new recycling bins. Members of the community had bins but hadn't received notification and a number of people indicated they didn't have bins.

Email notices – there was a request to email notices to the Rural Transaction Centre and the Community Development Coordinator so they can distribute them and post them up on noticeboards around town. Notices can also be emailed to the Post Office using Ted Hayman's email address. It was stated that half the town doesn't buy the paper so Council needs to get information out in a different way. There was some further discussion about the newsletter distributed with rate notices and whether or not this should be reinstated.

Contacting Council

Questions were asked about the best way to contact Council. It was advised that contact should be made through Council's central phone number.

Warrumbungle Shire Council Website

Attendees again raised concerns about Council's website. People commented that the site is unfriendly and it is difficult to access information. It was requested that information regarding specific issues be provided to Council.

Mayor's Bushfire Appeal – 2WCR

It was noted that during the Wambeloong bushfire residents in Baradine couldn't get radio updates on 2WCR because they can't receive it in Baradine. Robert Deans from 2WCR is looking to extend transmission broadcast to Baradine. Baradine Progress Association has been looking for grants to assist with this. Bob Deans needs approval from APRA to install a transmitter and receiver and there was a request for Council to back this application and get coverage in place to improve communications for Baradine. It was decided that Liz Cutts would follow up with the ADCCS, Louise Johnson, and Rob Deans in relation to this.

Baradine Showground Sewerage

A representative of the Baradine Showground Trust raised concerns about a letter being sent to Council in relation to this but no information was received. Sources of funding for this works was discussed – including Public Reserves Management Fund. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised that Council has a design for the sewerage extension to Camp Cypress however is waiting on a quote from the contractor. It was clarified that the sewerage extension is only aimed at Camp Cypress and will not offer additional connections to blocks nearby.

Traffic Usage

Concerns were raised about the use of Namoi and Bogan Streets. It was reported that semi-trailers are coming out of the road and slipping around using this route. DTS, Kevin Tighe advised that he will ensure access from Bogan Street is blocked off.

Public Toilets

Handwashing liquid in toilets was filled up once but has not been done since. Some units may need leaks repaired. DTS, Kevin Tighe advised that he will look into this and ensure that hand wash is supplied on an ongoing basis.

New Business

Aerodrome Committee Meeting

Council was asked whether a written response will be received regarding the outcome of the Aerodrome Committee Meeting in relation to a request for a letter of support from the Baradine Progress Association. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised that the Committee recommended that Council provide a letter of support for a grant application for a business case / feasibility study regarding sealing the Baradine airstrip.

Queen Street

Concerns were raised about Queen Street. It was suggested that this was previously scheduled to be tarred but this had been postponed. It was stated that it was very rough and overgrown and that the weeds need to be sprayed out of the tar.

Tarring

Concerns were raised about the intersection of Walker Street and Gardener Street. It was suggested that the tar has not been laid the way the traffic drives and this needs to be improved as it is causing potholes.

Venue – Community Consultation Meetings

Attendees were asked about where they felt the Community Consultation Meetings in Baradine should be held. It was indicated that the Rural Transaction Centre was the preferred venue.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:48pm
