

PRESENT: Jane Barry, Elaine Tansey, Jean Henley, Nikela Stafford, Janet Fitzgerald, Ted Hayman, Liz Cutts, Lauren Harris, Linda Buckley, Holly Lummis, Irene Worrell, Troy Carey, Ella Prouse, Will King, Leeanne Ryan (A/General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Michael Jones (A/Director Corporate and Community Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's and Community Services).

CHAIR: Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager

APOLOGIES: Cllr Peter Shinton, Wendy Hill, Capel, Aileen Bell, Nea Worrell, Lorainne Condon, Judy Hayman.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

A/General Manager, Leeanne Ryan, provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Baradine on Monday, 28 November 2016, were discussed with the following Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING

Thank you for fixing windows at the Tennis Club. Thank you from Tennis Club.

COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Australia Day Awards

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of plans for Australia Day 2018.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of Council's Financial Assistance Donations and encouraged people to apply in the next round.

Budget Submissions

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, reminded attendees of the opportunity to have input in to Council's budget planning process.

Regional Economic Development Plans

A/Director Development Services, Aileen Bell, provided information regarding the development of Regional Economic Development Plans and encouraged people to take part in upcoming consultations.

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

Skate Activity Park

A number of residents presented information relating to a proposal to develop a skate activity park in Baradine. The project has been discussed with the community and there has been a need identified. Council was requested to provide support for the project including identifying a location and also support from a staff member of Council. Council commended this project and a location was discussed. Council requested a written submission and indicated once this was received they would allocate a staff member to assist with this project.

Recycling

Concerns were raised about where recycled material goes. Council advised that recycled materials do not go to landfill and provided an overview as to where our recycled materials do go. There was also discussion around the new 240L recycling bins. It was suggested that Council provide a brochure outlining what can be recycled and that this brochure be delivered, via a letter box drop, to residents.

Container Deposit Scheme

Residents enquired as to what is happening with the container deposit scheme. Council encouraged people to look online for further information in relation to this. Council will also provide further information as it becomes available.

Baradine Swimming Pool

Residents requested an update on the shade for the pool. Council advised that there is \$40,000 in this years budget however this funding will not cover the shade structure that has been selected. Baradine Progress Association is actively seeking additional funding. Concerns were raised regarding how long the funding will remain in Council's budget. It was indicated that this is up to the Councillors. A question was asked about whether the design could be re-assessed. Council indicated that there are a number of options available and an alternative option could be selected.

A question was asked about the pool leaking. Council confirmed that the pool is leaking and at this stage they have been unable to work out how to stop the leak. Once it has been determined how and why the pool is leaking, then Council can develop a plan as to how to fix it.

Residents indicated that umbrellas that were put up at the pool a few years ago are not being used. Council will investigate why this is occurring and action as appropriate.

Concerns were also raised regarding the timing of upcoming swimming lessons. It was requested that these lessons start earlier. Council indicated they would follow this up with a view to having the lessons start earlier in the day, as requested.

Waste Depot – Bins

Residents enquired as to why skip bins had not been put back at the waste depot. Council advised that the tender process is still being worked out.

Kerbside Pickup

Residents enquired as to whether or not there will be a kerbside pick up soon? Council advised that there will be one in the Southern end of the Shire in December and it was likely that Baradine will have one around February 2018. Residents requested information on what can and can't be picked up be provided when the pick up is advertised.

Footpaths

A question was raised regarding what do the coloured markings on the footpaths mean. Council advised that this indicates damaged parts of the footpath. The colour is used to highlight the difference in level and also to highlight to Council that it needs to be fixed.

Aerodrome – Water Tanks

A question was raised about whether or not there is funding available to put water tanks out at the aerodrome. Council advised that the Rural Fire Service is not looking at putting water tanks at the Baradine aerodrome. It was suggested that if the community wants this to change then they need to speak to the Rural Fire Service.

Showground Sewerage

An update was requested in relation to sewerage being connected to the showground. Council advised that they are continuing to investigate this. Council currently has two (2) options they are looking at. Council has invested funding in to the design of this project. At this stage it is expected that implementation will cost at least \$100,000. It was requested that an update on this project be sent to the Showground Trust and Camp Cypurs.

Coonabarabran Mungindi Road

A local resident indicated they had been doing some follow up regarding the Coonabarabran Mungindi Road. Council indicated that their works on this road not be significant. Council confirmed that there is no unsealed sections on this road in Warrumbungle Shire. Council has previously supported the development of a report in to this work, and has used the report to attempt to get funding for the works, however funding has not yet been secured.

Park

Residents raised concerns about there not being any wheelchair access to the toilets in the park. Council indicated they would investigate this and action as appropriate.

Concerns were also raised about there not being gates. It was requested that gates be installed. It was noted that gates would need to swing both ways to enable wheelchair access.

Other concerns regarding the park were brought up including the need for the play equipment in the park to be fixed, the lack of handwashing liquid in the toilets, the lack of a syringe box and the tree on the edge of the park needing trimming. Council will investigate all these items and action as appropriate.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Creek Clean Up

Residents asked if there were any plans to clean up the creek. It was noted that this issue had been raised previously but that it had not been determined who was responsible – and therefore able – to clean this up. Council indicated that they needed to better understand where this was, and what was being requested, before being able to assess what can be done and who it can be done by.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:40pm