

**MINUTES OF THE BARADINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT THE
MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mayor Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Fred Clancy, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environmental and Development Services), Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services), Cornelia Wiebels (Manager Warrumbungle Water), Dr Margaret Anderson (Manager Community Services (MCS)/minutes), Avice Boyden, Dion Olsen, Gisela Evans, James Brown, Jennifer Hotchkiss, Kay Fredericks, Laura Purdy, Lauren Harris, Linda Buckley, Liz Cutts, Lorraine Condon, Marg McKinnan, Narelle Dood, Sandy Rees Terry Davis, Troy Carey, Will King.

APOLOGIES:

Cr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Nik Stafford, Cr Kodi Brady, Roslyn Kildey, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Ray Lewis, Bruce Evans, Patrick Lever

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Denis Todd welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Director of Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), Director Development Services (DDS), Director Technical Services (DTS).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Baradine Community Consultation Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 6 November were discussed. Minutes were tabled for reference.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Teridgeri

Council reaffirmed its earlier position that the Geographical names has been supplied to the Department of Lands, however cannot influence the Post Office or Electrical Commission.

2. Community Care Vehicle

MCS advised that a vehicle will be relocated after Easter following the identification of a safe, secure and accessible garaging space. The vehicle is managed by the Senior Supervisor of Warrumbungle Community Care (SSWCC) in accordance with the National Service Standards; volunteers recruited into the role are under the umbrella of the International Declaration of Volunteering and need to undergo a screening process.

Action: MCS to identify safe, secure garage, facilitate risk assessment and relocate the vehicle after Easter. SSWCC to identify and manage volunteers and access to the vehicle.

3. Pool Play Equipment

Resident stated that the pool play equipment is loose. DTS advised that it had been fixed in response to last years concerns.

Action: DTS to investigate and resolve the maintenance issue with greater permanency.

4. Lights at the Pool

Resident suggested that more lights are required for night time activities. GM advised that the current lighting available is operational. DTS advised that what is currently in place is not set up for night time events; and, more would have to be installed for more regular activity. The understanding is that the use of the pool at night has been irregular.

Action: DTS to investigate pool lighting options

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5. Email auto response – Liz Cutts raised the issue on behalf of another resident. GM advised that he received an automatic response. GM advised it is to be checked weekly.

Action: DCCS to ensure process is in place that the email auto response is to be checked weekly.

6. Canteen at Sports Oval

DTS advised that Council have engaged someone to fix the tiles before the season starts. Solar lighting at the Showground - GM advised that it is still in progress.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Wet area in the Lions park near the toilets and the hole left when the piece of equipment was removed:

DTS advised that the wet area has been addressed.

Action: DTS advised that staff will replace the hole by the end of March 2020, possibly earlier.

2. Cacti and mother of millions infestation on Gulargambone Road

Resident advised of the cacti problem. Cr Shinton advised that the cacti has been sprayed by the County Council.

3. Update of progress on disabled parking on Macquarie Street

Resident advised of need for a disabled parking spot near IGA. Residents proposed installing the disability care space on the other side of IGA.

DTS advised that in front of the IGA is a pedestrian crossing and ramp and that would require choosing one or the other due to road specifications as there can't be a pedestrian crossing and the disabled car park near the ramp.

Action: DTS to seek community input by advertising the proposal to install a disabled car park near IGA and remove the pedestrian crossing.

4. Animals held in the school yard opposite the bowling club smelling and creating dirt and dust - Residents spoke about the smell from the school yard. DDS advised it is a state government agency (EPA) matter. Residents suggested the relocation of the yard is something that needs to be followed up.

GM advised residents to go to the local member or NSW Department of Education.

5. Street signs giving direction to Baradine showground

Residents advised there are only two signs to the show ground. DTS agreed there is only two signs and will review budget opportunities, although, not a current consideration. Resident's suggestion for additional signage at the southern end of Namoi Street and at the campsite sign was also made.

Action: DTS to review capital works budget in relation to signage.

6. Drainage for rest area along Coonabarabran/Baradine Road

Accumulation of water in a specific area that crosses the road near a bend on the Coonabarabran road.

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DTS advised that he was not reviewing new drainage at this stage.

Action: DTS to review the need for a hazard sign.

7. Coonabarabran to Bugaldie Road – Construction site is creating glare restricting vision when driving - Resident advised that on the Coonabarabran side before you arrive at Duke Street; there is a memorial to a deceased person.

GM advised we will consider if there is a safety issue but not for a visual consideration.

8. Question about rates (water and sewer) - are they going to stay at this rate now or are they going to go back to the original rates because of the drought?

GM advised that increases were necessary for infrastructure and to bring budget details to surplus.

9. Police officer – Resident questioned why has Baradine not got one? NSW Police are in a process of recruiting another officer. GM has spoken with the local inspector, who will facilitate a community consultation if the community was to want a meeting.. The President of the Progress Association agreed to advocate this matter on behalf of the community if the position is not filled in immediate future.

10. Walking track in Baradine

Resident provided a concise historical review of the issue and raised the need for a safe walking track. DTS advised that there have been some ramps, and to look at grant funding for Route options from hospital to Wellington Street. Residents emphasized the importance of access to get around a track, and healthy lifestyle considerations.

DTS suggested that locals commence the process by identifying a preferred track and talking with Western Health about what services and funding options maybe available as there is no funding in the short term for new concreted paths.

GM advised if the proposed track is to be located on crown land; then it becomes a negotiation and long term planning process.

Action: DTS to work with Community in developing a Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan, and for residents to commence identifying walking routes.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Community financial assistance donations and Annual donations - form available

DCCS advised there are application forms available on the table and on Council's website. Submissions close 18th March for up to \$500; and the separate Annual Donations applications close on the 27th March 2020. DCCS advised the latter covers a broader range of activities. Residents were referred to the form and guidelines for more details.

2. 2020/21 Budget

DCCS informed that:

- 2020/21 Budget will be available to the general public for review from 27th March 2020.
- September 2020 is the next local government election, and the new Council will facilitate

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a new Community Strategic Plan.

- DCCS explained the relationship of the 10 year Community Strategic Plan, the 4 year Delivery Program and advised that the one year operational plan and budget sits under these and that the 2020/21 draft Operational Plan is due to go on public explanation.
- That this is a good time for residents to make formal submissions for consideration of funding activities moving forward and Council will review the purpose for submissions as there is no carry over moving forward, that submissions it is suggested need to occur each year.
- \$50,000 is allocated to the Annual Donation program. He clarified that there are a range of requests for reimbursement for rates, sewer charges, waste collection charges, hall hire/ use of council plant and for monetary grant, amount not defined.
- Cr Shinton clarified if a regular application should be made to cover the \$500 fee for moving chairs from the hall for Australia Day. DCCS advised in the affirmative noting that applications usually incurring an ongoing expense of a group activity would suit the Annual Donations applications program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Tourism - Kerry Davis spoke about proposal to have the area referred to as the Village of Murals from Coonabarabran to Baradine to Coonamble.

Action: Manager of Economic Development and Tourism to speak with Mr. Davis about his ideas.

2. Sewerage at the Baradine showgrounds

GM advised that there was a meeting at the Bowling Club to discuss this matter and that he also he spoke with the Local Member about other funding opportunities. DEDS advised that an application for funding was submitted in November 2019 with the ADA and we are awaiting the outcome of the application. The submission included four collection tanks, plumbing and electrical works.

Action: DEDS to inform the community when outcome of the submission is known.

3. Ashby Road - Resident advised that Council marked the road but didn't come back to grade.

DTS advised would review whether urgent actioned needed.

4. Wanglans Road - Resident stated that it needs grading.

Action: DTS to investigate status of the road.

5. Desilt of the creek for a dam for water sport

GM advised that this suggestion would be extremely expensive plus state and federal government funding as numerous departments such as Crown Lands and Fisheries would be involved.

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Denis Todd thanked those who attended and encouraged their attendance at the next community consultation and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed 6:40pm