

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Anne Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Steve Loane (General Manager), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services) Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Ted Hayman, William King, Ella Prouse, Lorraine Condon, Janet Fitzgerald, Liz Cutts, Troy, Lauren Craig, Irene Worell, Nea Worell, Gisela Froehlich, Roz Kildey, Jean Henley, Jennifer Hotchkiss.

APOLOGIES: Cr Ron Sullivan, Glenda Johnson.

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

MINUTES: Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from 23 November, 2015, confirmed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No items raised.

AGENDA ITEMS

2016/17 Budget

The Director Corporate and Community Services provided an overview of Council's budget process for 2016/17, including information on Council's *Operational Plan and Delivery Program*, and the *Town Budget Booklets*.

The *External Budget Application Form* was circulated and attendees were advised how they could make a submission to Council to be considered during the 2016/17 budget process.

Warrumbungle Bike Plan

The General Manager spoke about the Warrumbungle Bike Plan being developed by Council's Road Safety Officer. Surveys were distributed and attendees were advised that the survey is also available online on Council's website. Feedback from the survey will identify the needs of each community and will contribute towards the development of the Bike Plan.

Attendees were advised that submissions for the Warrumbungle Bike Plan Survey close on **Friday 8 April, 2016**.

Swimming Pool Legislation

The Director Development Services updated the meeting on recent changes to swimming pool legislation. The legislation states that all pool fencing and pool barriers are to be checked for compliance (*with the Swimming Pools Act*) prior to sale or rental. As of 29 April 2016, property owners that are selling their property (with a swimming pool or spa pool) will need to attach to the Contract of Sale a Certificate of Compliance, or a Certificate of Non-Compliance outlining what needs to be fixed. A flyer explaining these changes was distributed at the meeting.

Removal of Underground Storage Tanks

Director Development Services advised that Warrumbungle Shire Council has received funding as part of the Derelict Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Program to investigate and remediate four (4) derelict underground fuel tanks located on Council road reserves in four (4) towns within the Shire. Funding of \$240,000 has been received for this purpose.

Attendees were advised that if they are concerned about an old underground fuel tank in their locality to please contact Warrumbungle Shire Council's Development Services Department.

Lions Park

Director Technical Services provided an update on issues raised at the November Meeting.

It was suggested that the shade structure and access path to the toilets be submitted through the *External Budget Application Form* for funding in the 2016/17 budget.

Sewerage Connection – Baradine Showground

Director Technical Services advised that a design and preliminary costings have been determined and the project will be discussed during budget deliberations.

Baradine Shade Structure

Director Technical Services advised that there was no money in the budget this year for an additional shade structure at the Baradine Swimming Pool.

It was suggested that the shade structure be submitted through the *External Budget Application Form* for funding in the 2016/17 budget.

Gwabegar Bridge Access

Director Technical Services advised that he did not believe this work had been completed. The meeting was advised that this work was being overseen by Narrabri Shire Council.

Change of Venue

A local resident proposed a change of venue for the Community Consultation Meetings. Attendees voted and determined to continue to meet at the Rural Transaction Centre.

eBay Auction Site

The General Manager advised that the eBay site where Council was selling items is:
www.ebay.com.au/usr/warrumbungle-sc .

Baradine Progress Association asked about plastic chairs from the hall that were being sold. The General Manager indicated that the Progress Association could have 30 of these chairs.

Mowing of Footpaths

A question was asked regarding mowing of footpaths and whose responsibility it was. The General Manager indicated that legislation in this area was not easy to interpret. The Council does maintain some footpaths in high traffic areas, however generally maintenance of footpaths is the responsibility of the resident.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Hazard Reduction Burn – Baradine Creek

The meeting was advised that a hazard reduction burn near Baradine Creek had not been done for a few years. Council advised that the local Rural Fire Service should be contacted to further this matter.

Kids, Families, Behaviour Session

Manager Children's and Community Services distributed a flyer promoting a session being held in Coonabarabran, with a free bus from Baradine.

Street Light Near Pool

Residents advised that the street light near the pool is inconsistent.

Culvert – Worrigial and Darling Streets

Residents advised that there is a culvert under the road near this location, that may require an indicator or guide post.

Bogan Street

Residents raised the issue of trucks driving on the wrong side of the road in Bogan Street. Director Technical Services advised that action is being taken in relation to this matter.

Baradine Tip

Residents raised concerns regarding the new bins at the Baradine Tip. Director Development Services indicated that it was a trial and feedback was appreciated.

Toilet Block

A question was asked about the cost of the toilet block in the local park. Council indicated that this toilet block had been quite expensive to build, however toilet blocks built more recently – such as the toilet block in Dunedoo – cost far less.

Apprenticeships

A question was asked regarding whether or not Council offered apprenticeships or traineeships. Council indicated that they offer both apprenticeships and traineeships in a number of areas in Council. Council mentioned that a trainee position in Baradine would be advertised in the coming weeks.

Sewerage Pumping Station

Residents fed back that they were happy that the odour issues with the sewerage pumping station had been resolved.

Hodgekiss Road

Residents mentioned that they were grateful for the grading on Hodgekiss Road, however they do need some white poles.

Garbage Collection

Concerns were raised regarding garbage collection.

Bitumen Sealing

Director Technical Services advised the meeting that sealing of Narran and Macquarie Streets would be occurring in the coming weeks.

Kenebri Road

Residents mentioned there were issues with the Kenebri Road. Director Technical Services indicated that Council were aware of a number of hazards on this road. Council was awaiting funding to be able to address these issues.

Angus Road Causeway

Residents requested that Council look at Angus Road Causeway.

Meeting Closed: 6:20pm