

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd (Deputy Mayor), Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Troy Carey, Lorraine Condon, Liz Cutts, Maxine Finlay, Janet Fitzgerald, Gisela Froehlich, Evelyn Hampton, Jennifer Hotchkiss, Roslyn Kildey, Irene Worrell, Nea Worrell.

CHAIR: Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services)

APOLOGIES: Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Steve Loane (General Manager).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the Baradine Community Consultation Meeting held on 4 April, 2016, be accepted.

Ted Hayman / Cr Capel

BUSINESS ARISING

Showground Sewerage

Council are continuing to look in to the provision of sewerage at the Showground. Council has received a quote for this work and is currently looking for cheaper options.

Kenebri Road

Council advised that they have previously submitted an application for funding but were unsuccessful. There is potential for funding to be sourced in the future. The section near Kenebri was to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Lions Park

Council advised that there is a budget for two (2) concrete paths for Lions Park in the 2016/17 budget.

AGENDA ITEMS

Final Result 2015/16

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an overview of Council's end of year result for the 2015/16 financial year. A question was raised about whether or not Council was 'Fit for the Future', Council advised that the outcome of the latest submission was not yet known.

End of Term Report

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised the meeting that Council's *End of Term Report* and *Annual Report* for 2015/16 were now available on Council's website.

Capital Program 2016/17

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an overview of Council's capital program for 2016/17 for Baradine, and distributed booklets with further information.

Property Addressing

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an update on property addressing, which is a *Standing Item* on the *Agenda* for the *Community Consultation Meetings*. Council advised that work had been undertaken in and around Baradine, and the changes have now been actioned by the Geographical Names Board (GNB).

Community Services Directory

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, showed the meeting a copy of the current *Community Services Directory* and advised it is available on Council's website. Council also advised that the *Directory* is currently being updated. Members of the community were encouraged to review the current *Directory* and advise Council of any changes. Changes are to be submitted to Manager Children's and Community Services, Louise Johnson.

Communications and Transparency

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, distributed a survey on Council's communication and advised that the survey is also available on Council's website.

Wind Farm

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised the meeting of a wind farm being planned for near Coolah. A flyer regarding the *Wind Farm* was distributed.

Local Heritage Fund

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed information and Application Forms for the Local Heritage Fund and advised the group that applications were now being sought. The community indicated that people were not keen to apply as they didn't want to match the funding, the form was too complicated and there were no eligible projects for Baradine. Attendees requested a review of the LHF including an increase in the amount of funding available per project. Council recommended that the community consider staging projects to make use of multiple rounds of funding.

Community Strategic Plan and Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised the meeting that Council will soon be commencing a review of the *Community Strategic Plan*. The review will include community consultation via a range of methods. Council also advised that they are required to develop a *Disability Inclusion Action Plan*. Council has determined that the Disability Inclusion Action Plan will be integrated into the *Community Strategic Plan*.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised that the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations would be released soon. Attendees provided feedback to be included in a review of the program and associated paperwork. This review will be conducted in 2017.

Contaminated Sites

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, provided a handout on contaminated sites. Members of the community were asked to review the information and provide feedback to Council on any contaminated sites they were aware of. Attendees raised concerns regarding a couple of sites in Baradine.

Emergency Services Levy

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised that from next year the *Emergency Services Levy* (ESL) will be added to rates notices. The ESL is currently included as part of insurance payments. Further information will be made available closer to implementation.

Australia Day Awards

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided attendees with information regarding the 2017 Australia Day Awards. Members of the community were encouraged to nominate someone for these awards.

Geo Park

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed a flyer regarding the Warrumbungle Pre-Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, a shared project of the Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shires.

Regional Platters and Lifestyle Showcase

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed flyers regarding a couple of local tourism initiatives being supported by Council – the Regional Platters Workshops and Warrumbungle Lifestyle Showcase Weekend.

Council Website

It was raised that people felt that Council's website was not user friendly. Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, requested specific feedback on the website. It was also proposed that people advise Council of other websites that they do find user friendly.

Financial Assistance Donations

Discussed in Community Financial Assistance Donations.

Lions Park

Paths for Lions Park were discussed earlier in Business Arising. Additional feedback from attendees was that there needs to be hand lotion in the toilets. Council also advised that quotations for the replacement / repair of the shade structure have been called for.

Bin sizes at Tip and removal of illegally dumped rubbish

Attendees provided feedback in relation to the bin sizes, fees and charges and opening times at the tip. Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised that the current trial would continue until the end of the year, after which a report would be prepared for Council and further decisions made.

Attendees also advised there is a large amount of roadside rubbish in areas around Baradine. Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, requested further information so that Council could investigate.

Repairs of Coonabarabran Road

Attendees requested improved signposting and communication regarding the works being undertaken on the Coonabarabran Road. Other works discussed included Maganns Crossing and Todds Crossing.

Sewerage for Showground

Discussed in Business Arising.

Community Car

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, responded to concerns raised regarding the Warrumbungle Community Care car that is currently garaged in Baradine.

Todd's Crossing

Discussed in Repairs of Coonabarabran Road.

RV Friendly Status and Camping at Oval

The meeting was advised that Baradine's RV Friendly Status has been withdrawn as there is no free camping in Baradine. Options for free camping in Baradine were discussed and will be followed up.

Maganns Crossing

Discussed in Repairs of Coonabarabran Road.

Wellington Street – Zoning Information

Attendees requested information on the current zoning of Wellington Street and raised concerns about former shops being used as residences. Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, provided information on current zoning and how this could be changed.

Fire Potential for our Region this Coming Season – Burn Offs

The meeting was advised to discuss with the Rural Fire Service.

Sewerage Pump Station

Attendee advised that the smell started to return in October and has continued since then. Director Technical Services, Kevin Tighe, asked for reports to be made to Council when the smell occurs.

PAMP Progress Update

A number of trips hazards in the main street were raised. These will be investigated.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Access to Public Toilets

Attendee mentioned that the public toilets in Lions Park are not open early in the day and late at night.

Tennis Club

Council were asked when the glass in the Tennis Club rooms will be fixed.

Bogan Street

Council were advised there are still no posts in Bogan Street and that the water on the road is an issue.

Kerbside Pickup

Council were asked when the next kerbside pickup would occur. Council advised they are hoping this will be able to take place in the next six (6) months.

Skate Park

Council were asked about the skate park in Coonabarabran and the maintenance of this area. Council advised that the Skate Park was erected by the local Rotary Club and the area it is in is maintained by Council.

Showground Signs

Attendees felt that more or bigger signs are needed for the Showground, or the current signs need to be placed in new locations.

Swimming Pools

Attendee asked why Season Tickets can only be paid for in Coonabarabran.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:32PM