

PRESENT: Clr Kerry Campbell(Chair), Clr Denis Todd, Clr Peter Shinton, Kevin Tighe (Acting General Manager), Rebecca Ryan(Director Community Services), John McHugh(A/Director Corporate Services), Gaye Farrell, Troy Carey, Patrick Lever, Irene Worrell, Nea Worrell, Janet Fitzgerald, Susan Munns, Sandra Rees, Phil West, Ted Hayman.

APOLOGIES: Peter Munns, Liz Cutts

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 20 APRIL 2010

BARTC 01 RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the meeting held 20 April 2010 are confirmed.

Nea Worrell/Ted Hayman

BUSINESS ARISING

- It was confirmed that the wall at the pool was repaired

AGENDA ITEMS

Bus Shelter in Wellington Street

Kevin Tighe confirmed that he was aware of the deteriorating paint condition on the bus shelter and that it would soon be repainted.

Memorial Hall Painting

Advice was provided by the Progress Ass'n that the side door to the hall had been vandalised with graffiti

Update on Baradine Flood Plan

Kevin Tighe gave an update on preparation of a flood plain management plan. He advised that a Flood Study had been completed and a preliminary management plan with options also completed. However, following a meeting of the Floodplain Advisory Committee, the consultants would be requested to extend the area of consideration to south of the grain ground bunker.

Feedback from Consultants report on the Coona/Mungindi Road Proposal

The meeting was advised that a draft report had been prepared and when it is finalised it will first be presented to Council then to the public.

Council's 2011/12 Budget Process

The Acting General Manager spoke about the process associated with preparation of the 2011/12 budget. In particular, the preparation is based upon the forward works programme and the many requests received throughout the year. It is expected that the draft management plan will be on display from 12 May 2011 and this will provide an opportunity for submissions from all in the community. Also explained was a revised approach to consideration of donations or financial assistance to community groups. Council recently updated its policy on financial assistance and a call for applications will now be made in August and February each year.

New General Manager Appointment

The Chairman outlined the process associated with appointment of the new General Manager. The new General Manager is Mr Steve Loane and he will commence duties on the 2 May 2011.

Warrumbungle Regional Council Proposal

The Acting General Manager outlined the reasons for a proposal by Council to rename itself as Warrumbungle Regional Council. In particular the change from 'Shire' to 'Regional' is expected to better promote Council and provide more emphasis to funding applications to State and Federal Governments.

Community Strategic Plan

The Director Community Services spoke about development of a Community Strategic Plan and how it will be a visionary plan for the Shire for the next 10 to 20 years. Preparation of the plan cannot occur without extensive public consultation and this will occur between July and December 2011.

Garford Truck Request from Baradine Rusty Club

The meeting was advised that Council has resolved to call for expressions of interest from community groups within the Shire to restore the Garford Fire Engine currently housed by Council.

Pedestrian Crossing at Baradine Central School

The meeting was advised that the RTA has prepared a report on the school crossing area adjacent the Central School and that updated signs have been ordered. The Progress Association requested a copy of the report.

Removal of Old Rubbish Bins

There is need to remove redundant garbage bin holders near the post office and near the Central School.

Loss of Trees in Town Area.

A discussion was held about the general loss of street trees within the town and there is no apparent replacement program. Kevin Tighe acknowledged that there is not a street tree replacement program in place, however, Council was in the process of assessing risk of each street tree in all urban areas. Gai Farrell indicated that a tree replacement plan was prepared by the Progress Association and a copy would be sent to Council.

The meeting was advised that a report on the Wellington Street tree project has been prepared and will be considered by Council on the 21 April 2011.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Financial Assistance for Baradine Mens Shed

Representatives from the Baradine Mens Shed sought financial assistance similar to that received by the Coonabarabran Mens Shed.

BARTC 02 RECOMMENDATION that Council provide financial assistance to the Baradine Mens Shed in the form of relief from payment of rates, subject to them remaining a member of the Mens Shed Association.

Troy Carey / Lever

Street Light in Lachlan Street between Namoi Street and Entrance to Camp Cypress.

The meeting heard of concerns about people walking between Camp Cypress and the centre of town at night time. In particular there is no street light and request was made to Council to follow up on a quotation for provision of a street light.

Confusion over the location of Pine Street

Janet Fitzgerald expressed frustration that the street in front of her property is officially known as Pine Street, however, the sign and Council records indicate that Pine Street is the next street north. Kevin Tighe advised that he was aware of the situation and that a report would be prepared for Council consideration.

Maintenance Issues

- Slashing of roadside near Yearinan
- Drainage issue on the corner of Barwon Street and Castlereagh Street
- Large build up of soil on the corner of Gardner Street and Walker Street
- Fence being undermined by maintenance grading in Walker Street just east of Baradine Creek.
- The old Ampol service station site needs cleaning up.

Electricity Account at the Baradine Oval

The meeting was advised that the Baradine Football Club would no longer accept responsibility for payment of electricity accounts at the Baradine Oval.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 November 2011

Meeting closed: 7.40pm

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Chairperson