
PRESENT: Cr Kerry Campbell (Chair), Cr Peter Shinton, General Manager – R Geraghty, Acting Director Environmental Services – T Meppem, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Director Community Services Director – R Ryan, Nea Worrell, Irene Worrell, Judy Hayman, Ted Hayman, Peter Hoslen, Liz Cutts, Peter Munns and Glennis Mangan (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Cr Denis Todd.

BARTC 04 Advisory Recommendation that the apologies of Cr Denis Todd be accepted.

P Shinton/R Geraghty

MINUTES - PREVIOUS MEETING:

BARTC 05 Advisory Recommendation that the minutes of the Baradine Town Committee meeting held on 20 October 2009 be endorsed.

L Cutts/T Hayman

BUSINESS ARISING

Rubbish Bins

Street bins will be relocated through the Street maintenance funds. Kevin Tighe will look at whether to replace or relocate the bin to the bus stop.

Street Seats

Funding to be reapplied for in the 2009/2010 budget.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Fluoridation

Council has extended the submission date for comments on fluoridation until the 5 June 2009 and wants to ensure Baradine residents are aware that Baradine is included in the proposal to fluoridate the town water supply.

Additional information will be sent to Baradine Progress for display at the RTC.

Dog Issues

Peter Munns informed the meeting that he has received a letter from WSC on this matter, that it is progressing well and that Ranger John Cutler has been very cooperative.

Walker Street Culvert

Budget Submission received from BPA. Concerns were raised about the success of the project and the dollars spent compared to the gain. The ultimate aim is to have a Flood Plain Management Plan in place.

Hippo Rest Area

Concerns raised about the holdup of the project and that the plans were done for wrong side of road. An on site inspection will take place today with BPA members and Kevin Tighe.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Business Area of town needs cleaning up. There is rubbish in the gutters and burrs and grass over the gutters. Edges need trimming.

Recycling – what can be put in the blue bin? Some items (PET bottles) are being removed and put into the otto bins. Cardboard is not being picked up and the tetra cartons are not being taken.

Rubbish bin in the park is just an old drum. Needs replacing with a proper bin.

Sport & Recreation Grant

No confirmation in relation to this grant.

Street Closures

Councillor Shinton informed the meeting that all applications for road closures must be received 2 or 3 months ahead of the event date so they can be tabled at the next Traffic Committee. Failure to do so will mean the road will not be approved for closure.

LEP will have a new timetable this year.

Rating Levels in each town

A detailed document was handed out by the General Manager who explained the “factor” equation and how it is calculated. General discussion arose about the categorised budget amounts for services for each town in the Shire. The General Manager has offered to address a meeting and explain to all in further detail the rating levels/budget items.

Superannuation – Council will have to find \$300,000 each year for the next 5 years to cover the shortfall of the early staff superannuation fund (SASS) due to the financial meltdown.

Australia Day - Council will again ask the community groups to organise the Australia Day functions in each of the towns. The contribution of \$200 will remain. The Shire Wide Award categories will be reduced to Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Young Sportsperson of the Year and will be presented by Council representatives and the Ambassador. The Certificates of Recognition will be administered and awarded by each community development group and could also include the Group Community Service and Sports Team of the Year awards.

1.25 pm Peter Munns left the meeting.

Residents wondered how long the bridge on the Coonabarabran/Baradine Road was going to be under construction. Kevin Tighe suggested that it would be finished by the end of June 2009.

NEXT MEETING: October 2009 – meeting to commence at 12 noon.

MEETING CLOSED: 1.27pm.

(1.30pm Kevin Tighe and Cr Campbell were told of the half open septic pit cover at the Baradine oval and it was decided they would inspect this before leaving town.)

CHAIRMAN