

**PRESENT:** Cllr Anne-Louise Capel, Gary Andrews, Shane Bennett, Pam Southwell, Lana O'Brien, Colleen O'Brien, Marg Haley, George Haley, Norma Jones, Cllr Ray Lewis, Ian Selwyn, Bernie McBain, Sharyn Mumford, Stephen Mumford, Matt Cook, Natasha Noakes, Ken White, Lyn Petherbridge, Cllr Ambrose Doolan, Cllr Kodi Brady, Cllr Aniello Iannuzzi, Ross Haldeman, Annette Peters, Bill Tatt, Yvonne Doman, Ron Weir, Larry Tolmie, Tim Kemp, Leeanne Ryan (A/General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Aileen Bell (A/Director Development Services), Michael Jones (A/Director Corporate and Community Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's and Community Services).

**CHAIR:** Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Peter Shinton

### **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

A/General Manager, Leeanne Ryan, provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Binnaway on Wednesday, 30 November 2016, were discussed.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

### **COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES**

#### **Australia Day Awards**

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of plans for Australia Day 2018.

Council was asked by a local resident if they would consider changing the date on which Australia Day is celebrated.

#### **Community Financial Assistance Donations**

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, provided an overview of Council's Financial Assistance Donations and encouraged people to apply in the next round.

#### **Budget Submissions**

A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Michael Jones, reminded attendees of the opportunity to have input in to Council's budget planning process.

#### **Regional Economic Development Plans**

A/Director Development Services, Aileen Bell, provided information regarding the development of Regional Economic Development Plans and encouraged people to take part in upcoming consultations.

### **COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN**

#### **Gamble Creek Road**

Residents noted that work has commenced but has not yet been completed. It was commented that work seems to be good. Question was asked about when it will be done again. Council advised that it will be graded as required but as it is a Category 1 road it can be expected to be graded once every 15-18 months.

### **Oak Valley – Gamble Creek Road**

Concerns were raised regarding works in this area. It was requested that works be completed. Council advised that they need advice on this project in relation to soil conservation. Soil conservation people are currently working on projects with Council. When these projects are finished they can start on this project. The completion of these works are on Council's list. Progress will be reported at the next meeting.

### **Pumphouse Campground – Septic Problems**

Residents highlighted issues with the septic at the Pumphosue Campground. There is no dump point due to there not being sewerage. It was however suggested that there are dump points that don't require sewage. Council will investigate whether or not one of these can be installed.

### **Mow Rock Brigade**

A resident enquired about this as they had heard the funds are there. Council advised that it has had to go to the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS). Council committed to following up to see where this is at.

### **Softfall – Len Guy Park**

Residents raised concerns about the softfall in Len Guy Park needing replacing. Council advised that it was patched 2 years ago, however it does need further patching or replacement. There is a funding allocation of \$20,000 in the budget however replacement will cost around \$32,000.

### **Mow Rock Road**

Concerns were raised about the state of Mow Creek Road. It was noted that it was graded around two (2) years ago. Council confirmed it is on the list to be graded.

### **Town Sewerage**

Residents asked about any progress in relation to the installation of sewerage in Binnaway. Council advised that the NSW Government has announced the Safe and Secure Water Program. This program will provide co-funding that will target water and sewerage projects in regional NSW to ensure infrastructure meets contemporary standards for water security, public health, environmental and safety outcomes into the future. The Program will provide co-funding to successful applicants such as local councils, water utilities, water corporations and prescribed dam owners for detailed planning and construction activities to install, augment or decommission water and sewerage infrastructure. The program includes an Expression of Interest process followed by a full application. Council has lodged an EOI under this program for sewerage for Binnaway. If successful in the EOI process, Council will commence a full application which will include preparation of a business case and extensive community consultation.

### **Dip In Road – Renshaw Street and Warrumbungle Way**

It was unclear who placed this item on the Agenda. Those in attendance noted that the dip is there to help in slowing people down. It was noted that there is a sign but it might not be as visible as it could be. Council indicated they would check the location and visibility of the sign and move if required.

### **Illegal Dumping of Waste – Pibbon Road**

No one in attendance at the meeting spoke to this item.

### **Unsealed Roads**

Residents highlighted that Ironbark Road is the only road in town not sealed. Residents recommended that this road be sealed. It was suggested that this project be put forward for funding as part of Council's budget process.

Residents also raised concerns about Leader Road. It was reported that there are barriers to double decker stock trucks getting to properties, as well as other issues. Issues are currently being addressed by local landholders.

Concerns were also raised by residents in relation to Box Ridge Road. It was reported that issues with the road are resulting in vehicles being damaged. Council advised that a grader will be heading out to Box Ridge Road this week – subject to water being available. Residents offered to supply water.

Council advised they would discussed the offer to provide water after the meeting.

Council acknowledged the value of local knowledge in addressing these issues and encouraged residents to contact Council to raise and discuss their concerns.

### **General Manager and Council Business**

A number of questions were raised about the dismissal of the former General Manager. Council advised that they would request that the Mayor consider making a statement in relation to this. A question was also asked about the recruitment process for the new General Manager. Council advised that the Councillors had engaged a recruitment company to handle the recruitment of the new General Manager.

A number of further questions were also raised regarding the potential forensic audit, Council's investment strategy, Council's financial position, use of Council plant to complete RMS work and flood zones.

### **Lobby State Government – Income and Royalties**

No one in attendance at the meeting spoke to this item.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Stimulation of Local Business**

An email regarding stimulation of local business was discussed.

### **Skip Bins**

Residents enquired as to what was happening with putting the skip bins back at the local tip. Council advised that they are working through the tender process in relation to this.

### **Drill Sites – Deep Bores**

Questions were asked regarding the drill sites for deep bores in Binnaway. Council advised that they received funding to install a back up water supply bore. A bore has been sunk in Binnaway and is working. Further works still to take place in relation to this.

### **Binnaway New Mollyan Road**

Council was asked when the centre lines on the Binnaway New Mollyan Road were going to be re-painted. Council advised that there is a move away from line marking local roads. The community felt that the lines needed to be marked. Council advised that there is currently a traffic counter on there and an assessment will be made following the collection of this data.

### **Swimming Pool**

Council were asked whether the swimming pool will be open longer hours in the school holidays. Council advised that whatever the times on Council's website are the opening hours for the pool. There is no plans to change the hours.

### **Kerb and Guttering**

Concerns were raised regarding kerb and guttering in Binnaway. Council provide an overview in relation to where in Binnaway there is funding for kerb and guttering.

### **George Street and Railway Street**

Residents raised concerns about derelict houses which are creating a fire hazard. Council to investigate.

### **Binnaway Central School**

A representative from Binnaway Central School advised that the secondary school has been struggling for numbers. The meeting was advised that there is a meeting being held at the school to discuss this. A number of ideas were discussed regarding boosting numbers in the future.

### **Signage in Len Guy Park**

Residents noted that littering signs need to be updated. Council confirmed that this will be actioned.

**Development Application – Pumphouse Campground**

Residents enquired as to the progress of the Development Application for the Pumphosue Campground. Council advised that it hasn't started because Council still doesn't own the land.

**Community Litter Grants**

Council were asked if they had applied for any Community Litter Grants. Council committed to follow this up.

**Sport and Recreation Infrastructure**

Residents asked about the potential for Council to apply for more funding for sport and recreation infrastructure. Council provided a number of examples about funding that has been applied for, noting that many of the funding programs require a dollar for dollar contribution from Council.

**MEETING CLOSED: 7:00pm**