

**MINUTES OF THE BINNAWAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD AT  
BINNAWAY MEMORIAL HALL ON MONDAY 1 APRIL 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Clr Anne-Louise Capel, Clr Aniello Iannuzzi (Deputy Mayor), Bernie McBain, Carlton Kopke, Timothy Kemp, Lyn Petherbridge, Bill Tatt, Pam Southwell, Larry Tolmie, Natasha Noakes, John Irons, Maureen Irons, Richard Lawler, Dainelle Meyers, Sean Henderson, Matthew Colley, Nick Kroh, Inika Kroh, Ron Gillis, Clr Fred Clancy, Clr Wendy Hill, M Jones, Clr Ray Lewis, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Claudia Westoby (Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor Denis Todd, Clr Kodi Brady, Clr Peter Shinton, Clr Ambrose Doolan

**INTRODUCTION**

Cr Iannuzzi welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the General Manager (GM), the Director Technical Services (DTS), the Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS). Cr Iannuzzi outlined how the meeting will be run.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Binnaway on Monday, 5 November 2018. Minutes were tabled at the December 2018 Council meeting and were sent out to attendees of the October meeting as well as being available on Council's website.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**Town Swimming Pool**

Concerns were raised by the community regarding the town Swimming pool, these were;

- Opening Times. General Manager Roger Bailey advised that the trial was to extend the swimming pool opening hours.
- Due to the lack of open hour the numbers of individuals attending would be lower.
- Concerned around the price of having a key and season ticket.
- Lifeguards – Concern raised around how expensive it is to do a lifeguard course
- Only two recreational areas for the community in Binnaway (Swimming Pool and Oval) therefore Binnaway would like to see the swimming pool open.
- Wrong information being release in the media release as usage numbers should take into consideration per capita. General Manager Roger Bailey advised that the media release was a response to a concern raised. The numbers on the media release are for the previous pool hours in the last years season so that the numbers weren't distorted.
- Swimming pool sign in system – Concerns that Lifeguards are just sitting in the office and not enforcing the sign on sheet therefore may not collect the money for those without a season ticket.
- The lifeguards make the atmosphere at the swimming so Council needs to ensure a safe and friendly environment is creating with the employed lifeguard.
- Is there an opportunity for the Community to work with Council in rearranging the time table for the opening times of the swimming pools?
- Is Council open to the idea of having volunteers lifeguards with the swimming club. There are certain rules we need to follow and have the correct training.

Director Technical Services (DTS) advised the Binnaway Community that Council is looking into course and training which could be provided to the community for lifeguards.

**Action:** DTS will take the sign in book on issue on notice and investigate.

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Cr Iannuzzi advised the community that all towns across the shire are raising concerns around the Swimming Pools. Swimming pools cost a lot of money to run so we encourage the community to look into if it is a good investment for the town. Council believes it is a good investment but we are wanting to look into ways to run at a lower cost.

Community wanting to move the motion to get the swimming club got volunteers could do a course and could council run a council - Strongly recommend Binnaway Swimming club to get up and running.

**Action:** DTS to creating a meeting with members of the Binnaway Community in the off season regarding Lifeguard training and the timetable of the swimming pool opening hours.

### **Binnaway Camp Ground**

Director Environmental and Development Services (DEDS) advised that Council is in the process of updating the on site sewerage management with hoping complete works at the end of April.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

### **Town Water Supply**

Manager Warrumbungle Water (MWW) gave a brief history of the drought and when the water restrictions in Binnaway started. Level 2 water restrictions were first introduced in January 2018 and in December 2018 it was increased to level 3. The installation of chlorine dosing system prior to the filters which will oxidize the iron and manganese which stop the algae and discoloration. The back up bore is now online in Binnaway which provided an alternative water supply for Binnaway prevented water restriction increase. Over the last few weeks we have been using both river and bore water for town water but as of today 1 April 2019 Binnaway water level restrictions have been reduced to Level 1.

### **New Business Ideas Workshop**

The DEDS spoke about the New Business Ideas Workshop being held at Coonabarabran Council Chambers on Wednesday, 10 April 2019. The Workshop will discuss tendering and new projects. Speakers include a representative from Inland Rail to discuss business opportunities that will be available to the community, and the requirements of engagement, eg licences and insurances.

### **Community Financial Assistance Donations**

Round 2 of the 2018/19 Community Financial Assistance Donations is currently open. Application forms were circulated.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Road Maintenance**

After a heavy rain fall event there were a number of roads which needed maintenance, including;

- Leaders Road - Intersection between the 3rd and 4th ramp there is a large hole which and there is a tree also has washed across the road. The 5th and 6th intersections will need grading.
- Sherbooke Road
- Chinamans Gully
- Mancers Lane
- Wingabutta Road
- Gamble Creek road

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- Neilrex Coolah Road

DTS advised that there has been a lot of damage to our local roads along with debris Council is aware and is working on restoring them.

**Action:** DTS to investigate all listed roads for maintenance .

**Town Sewerage**

Community wanting to know where Council is with this project and how much money does Council have to contribute towards the project?

General Manager Roger Bailey advised the community that Council will have a community meeting about this issue and talk to the community about the costing for it. Council has received funding for \$530,000 for the concept design with the 30% contribution from Council, it was Council resolution that the contribution would be a community payment spread across the shire area. Water supply has been our demand at the moment and we are working on it. Council has made representation to the Local Member regarding this and are yet to hear back.

**Community Grants**

The community has been wondering where the lighting upgrade for the oval is up to?

DTS advised that the funding has been approved and Council is now putting together the tender documents to take to the July Council Meeting.

**Guard rail on the Coolah Road**

Concerns raised around the Guard Rail on the Coolah Road.

**Action:** DTS will investigate the Guard rail along Coolah Road near Neilrex turn off.

**CLOSE OF MEETING :6:50pm**