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**PRESENT:** Steve Loane (Chair), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Fiona Luckhurst (Acting Director Community Services), Tony Meppem (Director Environmental and Community Services) Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Ron Sullivan, Len Guy, D Ernest, Jim Strachan, Gary Andrews, Helen Hughes, Arthur Dindinger, George Haley, Marg Haley, Marion Anderson, Ron Anderson, Len Burgess, Julie Mitchell, N Kroehnert, Warren Petherbridge, Lyn Petherbridge

**APOLOGIES:** Glen Halliday, Louise Andrews, Pat Kroenhurt, Cr Peter Shinton.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 14 November 2011**

**BINTC 03 RECOMMENDATION** that the minutes of the meeting held 14 November 2011 be confirmed with the spelling correction for Len Guy Park.

L Guy / J Mitchell

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Draft Community Strategic Plan**

Draft Community Strategic Plan distributed. Council is seeking feedback. Council now preparing annual budget and 4 year delivery program. Steve Loane thanked community for their participation in providing input to the Community Strategic Plan and advised data from forums available on the website.

**2012/2013 Budget**

Storm water drainage in town. Issues with drainage of the dip to the river. Traffic slowing measures being considered. Suggestions from community included traffic lights and graduated white lines, rumble strips, cameras.

**Additional**

50km sign past intersection with Watt Street, towards Coonabarabran.

**Binnaway Progress Association**

Town Improvement Committee, some volunteers no longer available. Some work needs doing, painting seats and signals. Request to increase from \$3000 to \$5000 for maintenance.

General Manager informed the meeting that volunteers doing work on Council property need to be inducted to Council.

Request for grounds of Pre-school to go on Council maintenance list.

Castlereagh Tennis Court; 3 hard courts need resurfacing. Haven't been done since 1989. Membership is strong and increasing. Courts highly used including professional tennis coaching. Quote of \$12,000 to \$15,000 each received. Courts have cracks, poor condition. Council needs to know what other contributions ie from Tennis Australia and Department of Sport and Recreation, also number of players.

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Request School Holiday Activity program. Hall available to use free of charge for youth activities, need auspice organisation, Mike Myers is Council's Youth Development Officer.

Street lights in Norman Street.

Light between Bowling Club and Exchange Hotel.

Sewerage for Binnaway, price for feasibility study being sought. Part funding from State Government could make installation of sewerage system feasible.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Corner Bullinda and Napier Streets water builds up. Request for traffic counter.

Bridge over river needs painting.

Concern regarding No. 9 Watts Street, bamboo forest growing into No. 11, request clean up.

Kerbside Bulk rubbish collection will occur twice a year.

Thanks regarding opening Waste Transfer Station Sunday mornings.

Kurrajong trees in front of camp ground showers need cleaning up.

Suggestion to remove bushes and trees along sides of road. There is legislation which limits removal of trees.

Mow Creek de-grading. Query regarding use of this by B-doubles. Needs significant work. Missing sections being replaced with re-inforced concrete. Request to keep Speed limit on causeway at 40km/hour.

Light over play equipment not working.

Query regarding naming of Binnia Creek /Ulinda Creek. Geographical Names Board Defines names of creeks. Council is bound by this. Was brought to Council and recommendation made to keep as is.

Query regarding Council Investments; Council's long term investments are secure.

Query regarding purchase of new vehicles. Vehicles are part of the remuneration package for Managers. Recruitment of PA's, Managers and Technical staff are part of Organisational Restructure. This recruitment will ensure efficiency and increase in level of service provided by Council.

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Query regarding new Council Building in Coonabarabran. Depots are to remain in Coolah, Mendooran, Binnaway, Dunedoo. Coolah office will remain. New Managers are being located at Coolah Office. Town Supervisor to be placed in each town.

Query re innovative solutions to increase population in small towns. Council works actively with Regional Economic Development.

Binnaway is zoned Industrial Land

Coal Seam Gas – Santos no longer planning to install pipeline across black soil plains.

Appreciation re opportunity of community to provide input into budget through community meetings.

Next Meeting: November 2012

Meeting Closed: 7.14 p.m

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Chairperson