**PRESENT:** Clr Ray Lewis(Chair), Clr Victor Schmidt, Kevin Tighe (Acting General Manager), Rebecca Ryan(Director Community Services), John McHugh(A/Director Corporate Services), Penny Medley, Melinda Larkin, Ross Haldeman, Clinton Haldeman, Tom Cruise, Len Guy, Glenn Halliday, Rhonda Holden.

**APOLOGIES**: Clr Peter Shinton, Tony Meppem, Gary Andrews, Tony Rhiordan, Warren and Lyn Petherbridge

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 19 APRIL 2010**

**BINTC 01 RECOMMENDATION** that the minutes of the meeting held 19 April 2010 are confirmed.

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#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

- Australia Day Function well patronised and organised
- MOW Creek work completed to repair, \$20K in 10/11 budget remains for Investigation Plans for Survey and Design of options
- Increased Truck movements along Warrumbungle Way Coolah Coonabarabran via Binnaway, deteriorating effect on roads.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

## 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.

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## Roads - Flood Funding

The Acting General Manager spoke about the flood damaged roads and the claim for funding assistance that has been made to the State Government. The assessment of the claim is expected to be finalised by the RTA in the coming weeks.

# 8-10 Trees for Riverside Camping Ground

Progress Association wish to undertake a tree planting project around Camping Ground, around Amenities Block. Volunteers will plant, water and maintain the trees. Donation of stump removal labour and equipment received from Cr Lewis.

**BINTC 02 RECOMMENDATION** that Council provide funding from Binnaway Riverside Park budget to purchase 10 mature sized trees recommended by Parks and Gardens staff. Binnaway Progress Association will organise local donation of plant and equipment to remove stumps, plant new trees and undertake to maintain.

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#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### Roads

Concern raised about Box Ridge Road, drainage in sections has deteriorated road Similar to section near Baby Creek

# Renshaw Street Dip

Signage, drainage options, fall not there to go from intersection to River and therefore not financially viable to drain or put into a culvert

Traffic calming devices remain most suitable option to slow traffic

## Sewerage

Onsite Septic systems remain a concern for community, question of sanitary disposal charge which was stopped when service ceased.

## **Street Lights**

A few lights are broken or shielded from view. Who do residents contact? Origin Energy (formerly Country Energy) are responsible for street lighting and all broken or not working lights should be reported to Origin Energy. Council staff however will take details and forward any reported lights.

#### Binnaway Sesquicentenary

T Cruise reported a Steering Committee has been formed to coordinate the Binnaway Sesquicentenary in 2012. To be put on Town Committee agenda for November meeting. Celebrations in May 2012 include Annual Race Meeting, Steam Train visit at Rail Barracks etc.

## Boxing Gym

Following a Risk Assessment at Gym a number of items of concern have been bought to Council's attention; including cracked toilets, leak in roof. Have submitted an FRRR grant for replacement of roof of shed. Seeking Council support for urgent unsafe R&M items. Director Community Services has written to Boxing Gym, suggesting work through Risk Assessment together and submit a proposal to Council when Financial Assistance Grants program is advertised in July 2011.

# **Swimming Pool**

Issues to be forwarded and addressed by relevant Director;

- Council staff member operating lawn mower in thongs
- When will ladder in 12ft end of Diving Pool be replaced?

Next Meeting: Monday 14 November 2011
Meeting Closed: 7.25 pm
Chairperson