
PRESENT: Cr Ray Lewis (Chair), Mayor – Peter Shinton, General Manager – R Geraghty, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Director Community Services – R Ryan, Acting Director Environmental Services – Tony Meppem, Sirkka Lawson, John Lawson, Barbara Swan, Heather Grant, Sharon Bowen and Glennis Mangan (minutes).

APOLOGIES: Mr Len Guy, Mrs Maureen Irons, Mr Garry Andrews

R Ryan/R Geraghty

MINUTES - PREVIOUS MEETING:

BINTC 02 Advisory Recommendation that the minutes of the Binnaway Town Committee meeting held on 20 October 2008 be endorsed.

B Swan / S Bowen

BUSINESS ARISING

- The request to the RTA for the placement of a services symbols sign at the intersection on Newell Highway has been refused. It was felt that the sign is too close to the town of Coonabarabran and would cause confusion to motorists.
- 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.
- Street Drainage. There will be an on site inspection outside 19 David Street after the meeting.
- Policing Issues. These issues will be raised at the next Community Safety Precinct (PACT) meeting.

BINTC 03 Advisory Recommendation that a letter be written by the Progress Association to Council requesting a letter of support for additional Policing in Binnaway and FURTHER that a meeting be arranged with Kevin Humphries to present the problems Binnaway is facing in this matter.

S Bowen/B Swan

AGENDA ITEMS:

Fluoridation

Council has extended the submission date for comments on fluoridation until the 5th June 2009 and wants to ensure Binnaway residents are aware that Binnaway is included in the proposal to fluoridate the town water supply. Council will consider this matter at its 18th June 2009 meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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. A public meeting will be arranged by the Progress Association at which time the General Manager will explain to all and 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.

Street Closures

Councillor Lewis 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.

Rural Addressing

Mrs Lawson addressed the meeting in relation to the confusion over the change of road name from Coonabarabran Road to the Warrumbungles Way. Council will check the correct address for Mrs Lawson and advise accordingly.

Mow Creek

Condition of Mow Creek raised. Funding is needed to fix the problem.

Main Street Fire Hydrant

Kevin Tighe to check the cover on the hydrant in the main street.

Sport & Recreation Grant

No confirmation in relation to this grant.

Social Services Planning Day

There will be a Social Service Planning Day held at the Railway Barracks on 30th April 2009 at 9.30am.

Macquarie Regional Library

The annual MRL review has suggested that the Binnaway Library is under utilised and therefore is running inefficiently. A report will be provided to the April Council meeting.

Environmental Services

Good progress in the department this year. Pool running a lot smoother. The LEP is an ongoing project.

NEXT MEETING: October 2009 – meeting to commence at 9am.

MEETING CLOSED: 10.30am

CHAIRMAN