

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Anne Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Chris Sullivan, Cr Ron Sullivan, Steve Loane (General Manager), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Greg Piper, Quinton Hutchinson, Carol Richard, Leonie Hutchinson, Noel Gilbert, Mark Powell, Gary Picard, Sal Edwards, Randolph Rindfleish, Mike White, Chris White, Kaz Pascoe, Ted Miller, Ernie Fletch.

APOLOGIES: Eleanor Cook, Lizbet Powell.

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

MINUTES: Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from 25 November, 2015, confirmed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Bomera Cemetery

Council has accepted management of the cemetery.

McMasters Park

It was noted that a Development Application cannot be made until funding has been received.

NRMA Entry

It was noted that an item from the last meeting regarding entry to the NRMA garage had not been properly noted in the Minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS

2016/17 Budget

The Director Corporate and Community Services provided an overview of Council's budget process for 2016/17, including information on Council's *Operational Plan and Delivery Program*, and the *Town Budget Booklets*.

The *External Budget Application Form* was circulated and attendees were advised how they could make a submission to Council to be considered during the 2016/17 budget process.

Warrumbungle Bike Plan

The General Manager spoke about the Warrumbungle Bike Plan being developed by Council's Road Safety Officer. Surveys were distributed and attendees were advised that the survey is also available online on Council's website. Feedback from the survey will identify the needs of each community and will contribute towards the development of the Bike Plan.

Attendees were advised that submissions for the Warrumbungle Bike Plan Survey close on **Friday 8 April, 2016**.

Swimming Pool Legislation

The Director Development Services updated the meeting on recent changes to swimming pool legislation. The legislation states that all pool fencing and pool barriers are to be checked for compliance (*with the Swimming Pools Act*) prior to sale or rental. As of 29 April 2016, property owners that are selling their property (with a swimming pool or spa pool) will need to attach to the Contract of Sale a Certificate of Compliance, or a Certificate of Non-Compliance outlining what needs to be fixed. A flyer explaining these changes was distributed at the meeting.

Removal of Underground Storage Tanks

Director Development Services advised that Warrumbungle Shire Council has received funding as part of the Derelict Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Program to investigate and

remediate four (4) derelict underground fuel tanks located on Council road reserves in four (4) towns within the Shire. Funding of \$240,000 has been received for this purpose.

Attendees were advised that if they are concerned about an old underground fuel tank in their locality to please contact Warrumbungle Shire Council's Development Services Department.

Donations Policy

Residents expressed their concerns regarding the priority setting and process associated with Council's Donations Policy.

Stump 133

A report has been submitted to Council regarding the status of Stump 133. The Director Development Services advised that this matter has been referred to Council's Heritage Advisor.

Repair of Footpath

Concerns were raised regarding the state of the footpath outside Coolah Hostel. The Director Technical Services indicated he will investigate.

Rail Trails

Attendees discussed the potential for Rail Trails in Warrumbungle Shire. Items to be noted include:

- It takes a separate Act of Parliament to close each rail line.
- It was suggested that some local landholders may not want Rail Trails through their land.
- There was a request for Council to send a letter to the local member indicating support for Rail Trails. Council requested an outline of information to be included in the letter to be provided.
- Infrastructure NSW will pay for the upfront capital cost of a Rail Trail, however ongoing maintenance will likely fall to the Local Council.
- It was suggested that an *External Budget Application Form* be submitted for a feasibility study.
- Council were advised that representatives from local Development Groups and Progress Associations will be seeking to make a presentation on Rail Trails to Council in the near future.

Recreation Ground Road

Residents raised concerns regarding issues with the road near the Coolah Recreation Grounds. It was noted that this is a regional road and there were a number of issues that needed to be fixed on the Regional Road network which is funded by grants from the State Government.

20 Year Recreation Plan

A 20 Year Recreation Plan was requested. Council advised that they have allocated funding to complete Master Plans for sport and recreation precincts and facilities in each town throughout the Shire.

Tourism Strategic Plan, QR Code & Brochures

A number of items related to tourism were discussed including:

- Tourism budget and the allocation received by the Coolah Visitor Information Centre.
- QR code on the Council brochure linking to the brochure;
- Request for more regular engagement from Council staff;
- Issues with the facility – including the garden and trees;
- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) not printing brochures;
- The state of the road up to Coolah Tops National Park;
- Plans to encourage people to get off the Golden Highway and come and visit Coolah and the Warrumbungle Shire.

Town Hall Maintenance

Discussed in item related to Tourism.

Public Garden and Tree Maintenance

Discussed in item related to Tourism.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Slashing of Roadsides

Residents raised concerns regarding keeping up to date with roadside slashing. It was noted by an Emergency Services representative that they appreciate the slashing being kept up to date as long grass on the side of the road poses a risk for them when they are required to travel at high speeds.

Entry to NRMA Garage

Concerns were raised regarding access to the NRMA garage – for cars – causing a safety issue. Director Technical Services indicated this would be investigated.

Invitation

An invitation was extended to attend a farewell for Gary and Sue Connelly to be held at the Coolah Sports Club the following evening from 7:00pm.

Cameron Place

It was raised that there is an issue with a wash away in Cameron Place. Director Technical Services will investigate.

Median Strip

Concerns were raised that the previous Minutes did not reflect the discussion in relation to this matter.

Director Technical Services advised that it is in Council's plan of works for Coolah. Bollards will be installed as a temporary measure and further assessment will be done following this. The shortening of the median strip has been discussed by the Traffic Committee. A permanent extension of the median strip was not approved by the Traffic Committee.

Paving – Binnia & Martin Street

It was noted that there is an issue with the paving on the corner of Binnia and Martin Streets. Director Technical Services to investigate.

74 Binnia Street

Issues regarding the erection of a boundary fence at 74 Binnia Street were discussed. It was agreed that the Director Technical Services would meet the resident onsite to discuss this issue further and work towards a cooperative approach to have the work completed.

Martin Street

Concerns were raised regarding a number of potholes in Martin Street. Council indicated they are aware of this issue.

Banks

Residents noted that there had been an increase in the number of days it was taking for cheques to clear now that Westpac was no longer in Coolah. Council indicated they would raise this issue with the Regional Manager from Westpac.

Council were asked if they would consider changing to a bank that supported our local community. It was raised that community groups could also consider changing to a local institution.

Meeting Closed: 7:10pm