

PRESENT:, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Chris Sullivan, Steve Loane (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Community and Children's), Steve Billett, Ernie Fetch, Leonie Hutchinson, Quinton Hutchinson, Greg Piper, Carol Richard and Kevin Williams

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Murray Coe (Deputy Mayor), Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Fred Clancy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the Town Community Consultation Meeting Coolah, held on 24 November 2014 to be accepted.

Cr Sullivan/Q Hutchinson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **TV Reception**
Testing has been completed and there was a fault at Mt Cenn Cruaich. Need feedback.
- **Phone Reception**
Reception has improved north of town, but not east of the bridge. Some dead spots. Some dead spots when going in and out valleys. Overall it is better than before.
Action: Manager Community and Children's Services to investigate if deadline for phone black spots has been extended.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Fit for the Future**
Presentation given to the meeting of Council's options and progress with the Fit for the Future program.
- **Budget**
Explained budget process, Budget Submission forms provided to the meeting.
- **Abattoir**
Meeting advised latest update received was that new owners are working towards opening in April 2015.
- **Vandalism and Reports**
Vandalism occurring in McMasters Park. When aware of vandalism should formally inform the Police in writing. Residents can also report to Council and Council will chase up and record.
- **Coolah Tops Hazard Burn**
Issue with disconnect between Warrumbungle National Parks and Coolah Tops National Park. Coolah Tops National Park should be in the Warrumbungle National Park but budget hasn't moved. Rural Fire Service and National Parks not informing the correct people. Rural Fire Service stated they sent out text message warnings. Have discussed with Rural Fire Service and in future they will ring Brigade Captains/Council to inform them what is happening instead of texting. Residents to write to Head Office of National Parks (Dept. of Environment) expressing discontent.
NB: National Parks were back burning of a Total Fire Ban Day.

- **Disabled Car Parking Spaces**
Request for Disabled car parking spaces in Binnia Street, through the Traffic Committee. There is already one in front of the supermarket Council will be seeking comment from the community for where to install disabled parking.
- **Swimming Pools use of Blanket**
Costings for electronic winch submitted to Council. Blankets still not being used. It would cost \$10,000 to install an electronic winch.
- **McMasters Park – Dog Signs**
Signs have been installed too high, need to be lowered so that visitors can see them and therefore understand it is not a dog park.
- **Successful Funding for Shared Path**
Director Technical Services mentioned success in grant program for extension of cycleway. 200m grant is a 50/50 grant amount of grant is \$53,000. Also received funding to do a bike plan. Going forward no bike plan no funding. Meeting also discussed rail trails and the funding opportunities available.
- **Median Strip Binnia Street**
Still on Councils list of items to be completed.
- **Booyamurra Street Timetable**
Project still in design process. Currently working on designs for other projects, predominately Cobbora Transition Fund projects due to year end (CTF deadline). Council should look into an alternative bypass route, maybe Coolah District Development Group should do consultation. Could also investigate future funding opportunities.
Stop signs corner Booyamurra and Cunningham Streets. Why is there not a Give Way sign instead of a Stop sign?
- **Coolah Dump Site**
Still looking into this matter. Council would prefer to have one Dump Site, near the Caravan park. Director Technical Services looing into this first site, then need to get budget for the works.
- **Bowen Oval closed for Reseeding**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Emergency Lights Query**
One resident put in emergency lights, Doesn't know why other business don't have this. Due to DA process when there is a change of purpose.
- **Disabled Access**
Discussion regarding disabled access for Coolah buildings. Meeting advised that it is included in the 2015/16 Budget.
- **Awning Issue**
Privately owned buildings, Owners are liable for repairs to awnings.
- **Rural Addressing**
Was requested that the community/residents provide feedback to Council regarding Rural addressing. Issues with Rural Addressing discussed. It was mentioned that numbers in town for paramedics are very good. The App Emergency Plus was also discussed.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm