

PRESENT: Clr Fred Clancy, Clr Gary Andrews, Clr Anne-Louise Capel, Clr Victor Schmidt, Steve Loane (General Manager), Tony Meppem (Director Environmental and Community Services), Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Brien Kitchen, Greg Piper, Richard J Tanner, Sal Edwards, Georgina Chaseling, Leonie Hutchinson, Quinton Hutchinson, Tricia Kiddle, Graeme Booker, Carol Richard, Mark Powell, Will Sutton, Ted Miller

Chair: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Mayor Peter Shinton, Clr Denis Todd, Clr Ron Sullivan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Town Committee Meeting Coolah, held on 16 October 2012 be accepted, with a note that Clr Fred Clancy was in attendance.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

AGENDA

DIRECTORATE PRESENTATIONS

Director Environment and Community Services (DECS)

1. LEP Swanston Park
2. Epuron Wind Farm located in between Cassilis and Coolah
 - Large project with 417 wind turbines with 30m blades and employing 1200 construction workers
 - Development Application yet to be lodged
3. Solid Waste Services and Waste Management Strategy
 - Survey to gather feedback on services and provision of waste options
4. Planning White Paper
5. Responsible for Youth, Family Support Services, Children's Services, Libraries and Warrumbungle Community Care

Director Technical Services (DTS)

6. Tongay Bridge
7. Cycleway usage

Question: Would Council look at extending the tarred path?

Answer: This would require a submission to RMS, funding is still available. Base is debatable

8. Water and Sewerage – Service connections and issues
9. Footpath rehabilitation
10. Bowen Oval Project – Council is facilitating
11. Tree roots are growing under driveway at 45 Boyamurra Street, Coolah
12. Footpaths in a few areas require grinding
13. Cul de Sac in Cameron Place – 2 years ago a storm destroyed the guttering at the end of a Cul de Sac. This will be put on the list for pavement maintenance.
14. Mannering Park tree stump removed last week
15. Gravel pit at Moorefield Road, Council will inspect
16. Permanent signs on Rutherford Road are not an antidote for the road condition

Director Corporate Services (DCS)

17. Responsible for Administration and Customer Service, Finance, Property and Risk, Communications and IT and Economic Development and Tourism

General Manager (GM)

18. Future Directions Paper
19. Budget Planning
20. Cobbora Coal Update
- Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)
 - Development Application (DA)
 - 70 families have been displaced
 - Another 20 properties to be purchased
 - Submissions made by Council to Cobbora Coal
 - Coal

GENERAL BUSINESS

21. Cobbora Coal
- Treasurers Office – Project was undertaken by the previous Government with the idea it would supply cheap coal and NSW Government will subsidise mine
 - Decision to be made by cabinet to proceed
 - Supply agreements are very complex
 - Would like to see local community generating feedback to Cobbora
22. Business Opportunities
- Business people of Coolah need to come together and discuss tourism/business opportunities
 - Playground facility at Bowen Oval needs to be promoted
 - Information regarding Lions Club
 - Need visitors to spend money in town
23. ANZAC Cenotaph needs updating
24. Caravan Park has a high turnover. Signage is required.
25. Resurrection of Chamber of Commerce or business group sub committee of Coolah District Development Group (CDDG).
26. Local Government Reviews
- TCORP Financial Assessment and Benchmarking Report
 - Employee costs have increased, why?
 - FSR weak and negative
 - Future Directions
 - Planning Paper
 - LLS Review
 - Discussion regarding amalgamation of Coonabarabran and Coolah
 - Options for Warrumbungle Shire Council
27. Road and Traffic Issues
- Corner Campbell and Binnia Street
 - Same problem as the bottom pub – Sight issues due to offset cross roads
 - In front of Butchers/Hairdressers verandah post is hit by cars backing up
 - Post split; flattening down pipe
 - Need concrete bumper or a new post
28. Bushfires
- Are decisions made to consider community
 - Mayor's Appeal Fund events/activities
29. Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and Business Paper Reports

30. Australia Day/ANZAC Day
 - Community Debrief will be held
31. Lookout

Meeting Closed at 6.30 PM