
PRESENT: Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Chris Sullivan, Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Clancy, Steve Loane (General Manager), Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services) Max Hunt, Roy Cameron, Ernie Fetch, Greg Piper, R.P Wesley, Kerie Wesley, Liz Stevenson, Sue Thompson, Wendy Gill, Kevin Packham, John Gill, Tina Young, Wally Cornish, Carol Richard, Mal McMaster, Janeen Hancock, Noel Gilbert, Ted Miller, Glenn McKenzie

Chair: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Mayor Peter Shinton, Mark Powell, Libby James, Tony Meppem (Director Environmental and Community Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION That the minutes of the Town Committee Meeting Coolah, held on 28 March 2012 be accepted.

R Cameron / G Piper

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Waste collection along roads, anomaly of charging for collection along Warrumbungle Way from Denistown, Coolah and Weetaliba
2. Doesn't appear to be equitable as many don't use the waste run and are paying waste charges as well as Transfer Station charges
3. WH&S concerns about garbage trucks stopping along the road

Suggestions

1. Cease charging for roadside pickup, residents are happy to pay tip fees
2. Truck drives into homestead
3. Skip bins to properties provided by Council
4. Pigeon holes for weekend access to Transfer Station

Letters provided and tabled for information.

The General Manager responded advising that the Waste Committee will review the whole process of waste collection and create a strategy for an equitable way of collecting waste. Community will be consulted and views of Coolah residents taken in consideration.

Acknowledgement of:

- Infrastructure costs – minimum
- Happy to pay once not twice

DIRECTORATE PRESENTATIONS

Corporate Services

1. RV Friendly Towns - Investigating proposal for dump site in Coolah; Driver Reviver, Bowen Oval. Suggestion from floor for Booyamurra Street (opposite RFS Building)
2. 2011-2012 Financial Statements – Financial Sustainability Question

The General Manager responded that the new Council will be reviewing the organisational structure and looking for efficiencies. Acknowledgement that Council is heavy reliant on grants and contracts

Efficiency

- Onsite hours cost (as a contractor)
- Private works – jobs cost

- Moorefield Road – good job
- Contractors don't know what they are doing day to day work

Technical Services

1. Timber bridges programs – Tongy, Saltwater, Bugaldie; funded by a loan, LIRS 4% interest
2. Coolah Creek Road – rehabilitation
3. Flood damage – 2009/2010 – Neible Siding Road – crossing repairs
4. Campbell Street footpath and Intersection of Campbell and Cunningham to be made safer
5. Binnia Street off side Pub and Bakery – extension of Master Plan
6. Cycleway Funding from RMS to extend from Caravan Park to Booyamurra Street
7. Challenges – sewerage / water management plans, replacement of staff Plumbers in Coolah and Dunedoo
8. Bowen Oval – Master plan
9. Booyamurra Street not been used by trucks, design works for scheme to turn off Binnia Street or turn onto bypass – Busters etc. Should bypass go across reserve? Needs investigation

Environmental and Community Services

1. Building and Regulatory Services – mandatory regulatory services, building inspections need to be qualified, some councils west of WSC have to use a private certifier
2. LEP – about to go on exhibition, however Green Paper will supersede
3. Cobbora Coal – formal letter to engage them in consultation process, Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) sharing / allocate between Wellington / Mid Western Dubbo and WSC
4. Dunedoo Water and Sewerage Treatment Works

General Manager

1. Quarry at Coonabarabran – leasing, assumed contract last Wednesday
2. Administration Building – progressing well, occupation date 22 November 2012, photographs on website
3. Coolah Organisational Structure – Senior Staff and Managers, CFO, recruiting Manager Civil Projects based in Coolah, 2 contract Engineers in Coolah
4. Australia Day Shire Awards – nominations open

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Coolah Ramp – entrance into Council Chambers, letter tabled. Staff will investigate options
2. Black Stump Rest Area – a number of toilets that don't flush. Suggestion for a sign – if these toilets are not clean, please phone xxxxxxx
3. Coolah Main Street – 2 or 3 places where cement / powers risen, request for Traffic Committee to review parking in main street opposite Coolah Library, need white lines if rear to kerb not approved
4. Butcher Shop / Hair dressers – backing into verandah post – need concrete blocks to protect verandah post and down pipes
5. Doctors Surgery - contracts have been signed for purchase and it is hoped that the Doctor will relocate from the Hospital
6. Anzac Day Closure of Binnia Street referred to Traffic Committee
7. Australia Day – Sporting Club
8. Cassilis Road – pavement rehabilitation, the marks on road indicate where work is taking place
9. Bin outside Haynes has been ordered

10. Skate Park – in the budget how can we make it stay?
11. List of major works whole of Shire, works planned for next month, report in business paper
12. Request for explained Financial Statements and break up of income and expenditure in an easy readable format

Meeting Closed at 7.10 pm