

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Denis Todd (Deputy Mayor), Cr Kodi Brady, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Steve Loane (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Dianne Clark, Glenn Clark, Sal Edwards, Ernie Fetch, Noel Gilbert, Leonie Hutchinson, Quinton Hutchinson, Karen Leahy, Ted Miller, Kathy Rindfleish, Margaret Vale.

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Ray Lewis.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the Coolah Community Consultation Meeting held on 6 April, 2016, be accepted.

Cr Capel / Cr Shinton

BUSINESS ARISING

Water Quality

A concern was raised about the quality of the water in Coolah. Council provided information regarding water testing and other initiatives being undertaken by Council in relation to the water supply.

Cameron Place

Attendees raised concerns regarding Cameron Place. Council advised they would investigate the issues raised.

Entry to NRMA

Council were asked about works to fix previously identified issues near the entry to the NRMA site. Council advised that these issues have been fixed.

Bomera Cemetery

Council was asked about Bomera Cemetery. Council advised there was no money for Bomera Cemetery.

Westpac Bank

Concerns were raised in relation to the Westpac Bank. Council advised that they had withdrawn their business from Westpac due to their withdrawal from local communities.

Binnia Street Pavement

Attendees enquired as to who's responsibility is it to ensure the pavement in Binnia Street is clean. Council advised they would look into the current issues and respond as appropriate.

Stump 133

Attendees enquired as to any updates in relation to Stump 133. Council advised that Stump 133 had been referred to Council's Heritage Advisor. Council also advised that funding was not available and encouraged interested people to make an application for funding.

Road Widening, Coolah Recreation Ground

Concerns were raised regarding the width of the road near the entry to Coolah Recreation Grounds. Council acknowledged this issue and noted that significant funding would be required for this work.

Binnia Street Median Street

A number of issues were raised regarding the median strip in Binnia Street. Council noted all issues and concerns raised.

Roadside Slashing

Concerns were raised regarding the height and volume of grass on the roadside. Council acknowledged the concerns and noted recent weather conditions as a contributory factor.

AGENDA ITEMS

Main Street Trees

Council provided an update in relation to the trees in Binnia Street. Attendees requested more attention in maintaining the main street.

Coolah Library Garden

Council to consider a solution for current issues with the garden out the front of the Coolah Library.

Security at Coolah Library

Attendees raised concerns with the security at the Coolah Library and the impact on the Pandora Gallery. Council is currently working with users on this.

Recycling Waste Management Centre

Concerns were raised regarding the recycling and waste management centre, including recent changes. Attendees were encouraged to provide feedback to Council.

Alison Bridge and Vinegaroy Road

An update was sought on works on Alison Bridge and Vinegaroy Road. Council advised that a contractor has been appointed to complete the works on Alison Bridge. Council also advised that works on the Vinegaroy Road project were planned to commence in February. Vinegaroy Road will continue to be included in future funding submissions made by Council.

Final Result 2015/16

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an overview of Council's end of year result for the 2015/16 financial year.

End of Term Report

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised the meeting that Council's *End of Term Report* and *Annual Report* for 2015/16 were now available on Council's website.

Capital Program 2016/17

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an overview of Council's capital program for 2016/17 and distributed booklets with further information on local works.

Property Addressing

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided an update on property addressing, which is a *Standing Item* on the *Agenda* for the *Community Consultation Meetings*.

Community Services Directory

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, showed the meeting a copy of the current *Community Services Directory* and advised it is available on Council's website. Council also advised that the *Directory* is currently being updated. Members of the community were encouraged to review the current *Directory* and advise Council of any changes. Changes are to be submitted to Manager Children's and Community Services, Louise Johnson.

Communications and Transparency

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, distributed a survey on Council's communication and advised that the survey is also available on Council's website.

Wind Farm

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, advised the meeting of a wind farm being planned for near Coolah. A flyer regarding the *Wind Farm* was distributed.

Local Heritage Fund

General Manager, Steve Loane, distributed information and Application Forms for the Local Heritage Fund and advised the group that applications were now being sought.

Community Strategic Plan and Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised the meeting that Council will soon be commencing a review of the *Community Strategic Plan*. The review will include community consultation via a range of methods. Council also advised that they are required to develop a *Disability Inclusion Action Plan*. Council has determined that the Disability Inclusion Action Plan will be integrated into the *Community Strategic Plan*.

Community Financial Assistance Donations

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised that the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations would be released soon.

Contaminated Sites

General Manager, Steve Loane, provided a handout on contaminated sites. Members of the community were asked to review the information and provide feedback to Council on any contaminated sites they were aware of.

Emergency Services Levy

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, advised that from next year the *Emergency Services Levy* (ESL) will be added to rates notices. The ESL is currently included as part of insurance payments. Further information will be made available closer to implementation.

Australia Day Awards

Director Corporate and Community Services, Stefan Murru, provided attendees with information regarding the 2017 Australia Day Awards. Members of the community were encouraged to nominate someone for these awards.

Geo Park

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed a flyer regarding the Warrumbungle Pre-Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, a shared project of the Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shires.

Regional Platters and Lifestyle Showcase

Director Development Services, Leeanne Ryan, distributed flyers regarding a couple of local tourism initiatives being supported by Council – the Regional Platters Workshops and Warrumbungle Lifestyle Showcase Weekend.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Brown Springs Road

A request was made to have the status of Brown Springs Road upgraded.

Binnia Street

Attendees thanked Council for the installation of bollards in the main street. Concerns were also raised about other items in the main street including the hand rails in the median strip, paving being both sunken and sticking up, prevention of cars backing into poles holding shop awnings up and the structural integrity of some building awnings. Council noted all concerns and will action as appropriate.

Town Water, Cemetery

A request was made to install a town water tap in the Anglican section of the cemetery. Council agreed to investigate and action if appropriate.

Rubbish

Concerns were raised regarding rubbish near the School of Arts Building. Council advised that it would be cleaned up if on Council land, otherwise a letter would be sent.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:05PM