
PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cr Murray Coe (Deputy Mayor), Cr Gary Andrews, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Chris Sullivan, Steve Loane (General Manager), Stefan Murru (Director Corporate & Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Chris White (Manager Communication &IT), Gary Picard, Ernie Fetch, Kevin Williams, Greg Piper, Sal Edwards, Quinton Hutchinson, Leonie Hutchinson, Richard Tanner, Mick McLeod, Steve Billett, Ted Miller, A Staniforth, Rod Williams

CHAIR: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Cr Victor Schmidt, Cr Ron Sullivan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the Town Community Consultation Meeting Dunedoo, held on 25 March 2014 to be accepted.

Clr Capel/ Greg Piper

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Status of Bomera Cemetery.**
Questions asked - How has it progressed? Are we the Trustee? Still waiting for information from Crown lands. We will put note in Coolah Diary when we receive the information.
- **Were there any decisions on endangered vegetation?**
Director Technical Services advised that any major roadworks include a review of environmental factors. Nothing in place for routine maintenance (grading etc.). Council welcomes any comments from land holders. Council's Environmental Officer is completing a roadside vegetation management plan, but it is at early stages. Can contact Council if you know of anything.
- **Awning inspections**
Have the inspections started? Inspections have started and we are working with the heritage advisor to get this done.
- **Consultation with land holders on rural roads**
What is happening? Director Technical Services advised that currently reports about roads being graded are in the business paper. Greg Piper commented that Council should notify property owners before going to the road. Council to investigate.
- **Extension of medium strip down Campbell Street ?**
Medium strip extension has not yet been designed.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Australia Day Nominations**
Forms handed out. General Manager discussed the process.
- **Coolah MPS Request to Upgrade Footpaths – Mobility and Access Including Motorised Scooters**
Council's PAMP has identified routes in Coolah and other towns. Goddard Street is on priority list for when funding becomes available. PAMP should be on the website. General Manager advised PAMP committees have now been formed, with representatives from each town. Plan includes footpaths which will be "shared paths" i.e. includes cycleways. Plan will be on public exhibition. Council welcomes community input. Director Technical Services discussed RMS funding for footpaths/cycle ways.
- **RV Friendly Town: Dump Point, Day Rest Areas or Parking, RV Friendly**

Parking

Notice of motion 1 from Councillor Capel that a dump point be located in Coolah and the suggested sites to be investigated are sewerage access point opposite Fire shed or at Jorrocks park.

Notice of Motion 2 signage to indicate RV parking available directing off Binnia street to encourage RV to park and visit Coolah.

- **Bypass Road**

The state of the Bypass in Coolah was discussed

Two options:

1. Reseal road so good for the trucks
2. Construction of a new road. Currently have \$200k in the budget and are looking at a design.

Question: Have we looked into doing a bypass from Campbell Street all the way to Charles Street? No scoping study undertaken yet. There are issues with flooding and a feasibility study will need to be completed and will be very expensive.

- **Campbell Street Stop Sign**

Is there a time line to convert back to give way? Discussion on whether it should be a stop sign or give way sign. It does appear that a lot of drivers are ignoring the stop signs.

- **Progress report from Community Consultation Meetings**

Have meetings but don't hear progress of discussions. Council to look into setting up a task register.

- **Income from parks /Crown land**

Income from crown land/ parks where do they go? Parks go to General income. Crown lands items are held in trust.

- **Cycle way /rail trail funding opportunities**

Why was the Coolah cycleway not included for funding in the November Business paper? Director Technical Services advised that the Cycleway Committee reformed too late and missed the business paper.

There was further discussion as per the status of the Coonabarabran Cycleway plan Director Technical Services mention that if money was required for the cycleway in Coolah a submission would need to be made as part of the budget process. There was also discussion whether Council could construct cycleways in asphalt? Council to consider.

Discussion moved onto the rail trails. Rail trail is a movement to convert old railway lines to cycle ways/ horse tracks. Why can't we do this? Many railways in NSW are "disused" not closed, so they cannot pass the rail corridors to us. Is Council willing to lease the rail corridor? Has Council received any guidelines from the State Government? No.

Development Group is going to write to Council to "kick something off" i.e. possible use of rail corridor / other options.

- **Skate park /children's bike arena**

Possibly looking at area this side of silos as location of skate park (Binnia Street opposite Jorrocks Park). This area is crown land. Suggestion made to using of Jorrocks Park. However there was community disagreement.

- **Tourist information Centre business promotion**
Want to highlight to Coolah businesses not taking up opportunity to advertise in the Tourist Information Centre brochure. Comments from the public that businesses need more notice re : the brochure.
- **Council acquisition of some state rail land**
See Cycle way and skate park items.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Blanket issue for pool**
Concern was raised about the non use of the solar blanket at the Coolah pool. Council is waiting for a quote for winch for the pool. Re possible concreting to assist in the placing/removal of the solar blanket, Director Technical Services to look at budget and assess options.
- **Pool Playground**
Playground has soft fall but has nothing in it. It is now locked why? Director Technical Services to take on notice
- **Items Brought Up in Meetings**
Ted Miller brought up in November 2013 that there is an issue with people backing into veranda posts near the Butchery and that no action has been taken by Council. There were also discussions about the painted median strip in at the Binnia/Campbell Street intersection. Director Technical Services discussed median strips and protection for veranda posts. Council is not in favour of concrete kerb steps as they are trip hazards and street sweeper cannot run along the street. The efficacy and aesthetics of the post at the bottom pub was also discussed.
- **Status of Cossington Gravel Pit**
Are we going to use it again? (located on Moorefield Road)
Director Technical Services - Unless there are reseals done in the area Council wont push up more gravel.
- **Director's Place of Residence**
Do Directors need to live in Coonabarabran? Yes this matter has been discussed in MANEX
- **No Dogs Allowed in McMasters Park**
Armidale Tennis Club had a lot of dogs running in the park for 2.5hrs. Community wants more signs in the park.
- **No Watering Points in the Anglican Portion of the Cemetery**
Will be looked at as part of the Cemetery review.
- **Hartwood**
Question raised on why Hartwood was not on this Easter, and if this was due to Council putting extra conditions on the licence. General Manager responded that Council did not put on extra conditions for this year, and Council even extended current circumstances for 12 months. In consideration going forward, there are improvement notices for issues such as bushfire prevention and toilet access.

The decision to not hold Hartwood this year was made by Mr McLeod not Council. In

regard to the improvement notices complaints were made by residents and Council is therefore required to investigate the complaints.

- **Dunedoo Cobbora Transition Fund**

There was discussion that Council was charging a fee for the Dunedoo Cobbora Transition Fund projects. The General Manager explained that Council was only seeking full cost recovery and was not charging a fee. The concept of on-costs for administration and staff time working on the project was also explained.

Question on cost of DAs for the Coolah Recreational Ground. It was mentioned that the DA fees are set by the State Government.

- **TV Reception**

Flyer handed out. General Manager explained what to do.

- **Fit for the Future**

General Manager discussed the new Fit for the Future Program. It was mentioned that the program has been discussed already with Council. Council will be coming together again in December. Council deemed to be stand alone entity in Local Government Review Panel Report.

CLOSED AT : 7.25 PM