

PRESENT: Cr Mark Powell, Cr Ron Sullivan, Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Steve Loane (General Manager), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Fiona Luckhurst (Acting Director of Community Services), Max Hunt, Leonie Hutchinson, Quinton Hutchinson, Jennie Stephens, Greg Piper, David Hemingway, Roy Cameron, Eunice Seth, Carol Richard, Dick Tanner, Noel Gilbert, Eleanor Cook, Thurza Greenwood.

CTC 07 APOLOGIES: Cr Peter Shinton, Anne Louise Capel, Shelly Piper.
Jennie Stephens / Greg Piper

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 16 NOVEMBER 2011

CTC 08 RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2011 be confirmed.

Jennie Stephens / Greg Piper

BUSINESS ARISING

Purchase of Masonic Hall. No meeting held yet with youth group. Mark Powell will attend next meeting.

Long vehicle parking – has been approved outside old Tyre Service. Development Group Plan – with other locations, none approved. Issue with turning area. Request trees in Goddard Street to be lopped. Request for long vehicle signage to be installed. Steve Loane recommended Coolah becoming an RV friendly town.

Cassilis Road – Poplars and blackberries – poisoned.

Black Stump Replacement – Stump has been strengthened. New stump has been located and drying out.

Linton Bridge – Blackberries poisoned.

Tree outside Gallery has been staked.

Bin outside Haynes not yet installed.

Regional Telecommunication – New antenna being installed, submission to RTRC to be raised at Council.

Signage – Roy Cameron to assist with naming missing signs around town.

Irwin Street needs patching.

Cunningham Park - needs mowing.

Heritage plaque Coolah Tops Road – refer to budget.

AGENDA ITEMS

Draft Community Strategic Plan

Draft plan was developed after the Community Forum in 2011. Will be going to Council for endorsement after 28 days public viewing. The four year delivery program is being developed and will outline how those goals could be achieved.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback. Comments from all forums are available on Council's website. Congratulations to the community for their input.

Delivery Program Draft will go to the April Council Meeting and will go on public exhibition after May Council meeting.

Council 2012/2013 Budget (Operational Plan)

Coolah Footpaths - money has been set aside for construction of new footpath in Campbell Street from Binnia Street to Cunningham Street. Will carry forward to 2012/2013 budget if work not completed.

Repairs – footpath lower Binnia Street from Botheroo to Charles Street to be considered in budget.

Orana Crossing - Restrictions from Department of Fisheries - occurring next week. Drill rig will be carrying out preliminary investigations. Likely that a box culvert or a bridge will be required. Money needs to be sourced for this.

Reconstruction of Lower Booyamurra Street (Bypass) for budget consideration. Important as trucks now going up main street in lieu of bypass. Intersection with Campbell Street – plan underway to alter intersection.

Kerb and guttering - Lower Martin Street – are being developed. Water pools there.

Linton Bridge painting – bridge is painted with lead paint. Other maintenance is underway.

Shire Depot - some clean-up underway – for budget consideration.

Cassilis Road – approach to Linton Bridge, grass encroaching on roadway. Needs mowing / spraying. Neighbours to agree to spraying.

Gotta Rock – signage. Proposal has been knocked back by Traffic Committee. Ivy Rock, Gotta Rock, Sam Poo - signs also missing.

Query regarding Heritage funding. Ray Christenson to be contacted.

Bomera Heritage Cemetery, needs general tidy up and painting. This is a public cemetery. Referred to maintenance budget/plan.

Filing cabinets / Plan Drawer – required for storage of heritage maps. Map drawer may be available from Coonabarabran office.

Coolah Bypass – Heavy vehicles using Coolah main street due to the poor condition of the bypass and the intersection. Suggestion for weight limit in main street and give way sign to give trucks right of way or to use Charles Street as part of the bypass. Refer to Traffic Committee and place traffic counters out. Refer to budget regarding bypass improvements.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Street Trees – Coolah Town Supervisor to address this issue.

Cassilis Road has lots of pot holes.

Parking Area at lookout. Some rubbish being dumped there. Rubbish bin has not been installed there to deter dumping of household rubbish.

Moorefield Road – poor maintenance. Director Technical Services to investigate.

Recycling at the Tip. People unclear what plastics can be recycled. Signs and information for community needed. Talks on Recycling to Men’s Shed and School to be organised. Information is available on website. Suggestion to make a recycling video.

Lights at park need fixing. Director Technical Services to investigate.

Tyres in Binnia Street. Men’s Shed to collect them.

Council bulk household waste pick-up to occur every six months. Next one to occur in August.

Town brochures – being developed for all towns. Concern expressed regarding wording and highlights of Coolah and process of the brochure development. The brochure is being funded by the Shire and is Shire wide. Coolah committee to provide feedback on latest draft.

Centenary of Racecourse – planning in preliminary stages for celebration early 2013.

Next Meeting: November 2012

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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Chairperson