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**PRESENT:** Clr Mark Powell(Chair), Kevin Tighe (Acting General Manager), Rebecca Ryan(Director Community Services), John McHugh(A/Director Corporate Services), Eleanor Cook, Greg Piper, Loretta Auld, Michael White, Richard Tanner, Claire Welsh, Carol Richard, C Pearson.

**APOLOGIES:** Clr Peter Shinton, Roy Cameron, Ann Louise Capel, Jenny Stevens

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**CTC 01 RECOMMENDATION** that the minutes of the meeting held 20 April 2010 are accepted.

Cook / Tanner

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Oil drums at the waste depot have not yet been cleaned up.
- A number of streetlights still not working – Council to contact Country Energy. Consideration should be given to establishing better lighting between Council building and Coolah Hive building.

**AGENDA**

**A toilet sign to direct general public to public toilet facilities behind the Town Library Building.**

Council will investigate and make necessary arrangements

**Coolah Town tip to have gates at recycle sheds or alterations similar to Premer tip.**

It was suggested that the gate at the front of the building be replaced with a fixed wall with an opening to deposit paper and cardboard.

**Long vehicle parking signage**

The meeting was advised that a number of caravan parking locations within Coolah CBD have previously been identified. The CBD master plan should be retrieved and the proposals marked on that plan referred to Traffic Committee for consideration.

**Campbell Street footpath to Binnia Street**

This project has been listed on Council's forward works programme. The condition of the footpath in lower Binnia Street was also raised as an issue.

**Repairs to seat outside Post Office**

The Mens Shed offered to undertake the necessary maintenance works on this seat. The DTS advised them to submit a quotation.

**New square garbage bin outside Haynes IGA and more square bin in main CBD area.**

The meeting was advised that a new 'square' bin is required on the footpath outside Haynes IGA. Also, a request was made for a garbage bin to be established in the carpark behind the Coolah Office.

**Street light audit**

Ted Miller advised that an audit was completed in April 2010 and forwarded to Council.

**Black Stump Rest Area, improved signage so tourists know that is where the black stump is located.**

The meeting discussed various ideas for enhancing the tourist potential and recognition of Coolah as the home of the Black Stump. In particular, better signs on the approach to the rest area and possibly some interpretative signs in Coolah.

**A youth officer for the Shire**

Rebecca Ryan advised the meeting that there is no funding available for employment of a youth officer for the Shire. However, the meeting was advised that one of the aims of the NSW Government's Community Builder's program is to support people in the 12 – 18 years age group.

**Development Plans for every rural road in Shire in consultation with local users/residence.**

Greg Piper raised the concept of Council establishing a 'development plan' for each and every rural road within the Shire. The concept involves consultation with property owners who regularly use the road and who can advise on the problem sections along the road. The DTS advised that Council has in place a works programme for resealing of bitumen roads, resheeting of gravel roads and maintenance works on rural roads are undertaken as a result of regular inspections by Supervisors.

**Signage to Hospital needs to be larger and highly reflective**

The request for better directional signs to the hospital will be referred to the Local Traffic Committee.

**Road sides along roads where major events are being held to be improved prior to event, such as mowing, grading/ rebuilding along bitumen to reduce drop off.**

This request relates in particular to the Hartwood music weekend and the need to repair and maintain roadsides approaching Hartwood for the benefit of caravan owners and general road safety.

**Each township to have a small amount of discretionary funds available for promotion out of the TED budget.**

Rebecca Ryan advised that projects that promote tourism in each town should be referred to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee.

**Repairs to Deadmans Gully, every one sick of traffic lights**

Kevin Tighe advised that plans are progressing for the repair of this failed section of road. Already, geotechnical has been carried out and a full survey completed and funding application made to the RTA.

### **Skate park for Coolah proposal**

The meeting was advised that fees associated with any Development Application for a skate park in Jorrocks Park would be refunded.

### **Budget request for security light at Coolah Youth & Community Centre**

Rebecca Ryan advised that a request for a security light at the Youth & Community Centre would be subject to consideration by Council as donation request during the August meeting.

### **Stockpile at end of Tongy Lane severely restricts vision of oncoming traffic and has led to near collisions.**

Kevin Tighe advised that removal of the stockpile would be investigated.

### **Parallel parking in the town (C Pearson)**

Mr Pearson outlined concerns he has about motorists in Coolah who incorrectly parallel park. The matter would be referred to the Local Traffic Committee and to the Road Safety Officer.

### **The general tidiness of the public gardens in the main street of Coolah (C Pearson).**

Mr Pearson indicated that front of the Council Building in Coolah needs to be tidied up, particularly the gardens. The need to extend the rail fence to meet with the brick fence was identified. Mr Pearson also acknowledged recent good maintenance works by Council staff.

### **Council's 2011/12 Budget Process**

The Acting General Manager spoke about the process associated with preparation of the 2011/12 budget. In particular, the preparation is based upon the forward works programme and the many requests received throughout the year. It is expected that the draft management plan will be on display from 12 May 2011 and this will provide an opportunity for submissions from all in the community. Also explained was a revised approach to consideration of donations or financial assistance to community groups. Council recently updated its policy on financial assistance and a call for applications will now be made in August and February each year.

### **New General Manager Appointment**

The Chairman outlined the process associated with appointment of the new General Manager. The new General Manager is Mr Steve Loane and he will commence duties on the 2 May 2011.

### **Warrumbungle Regional Council Proposal**

The Acting General Manager outlined the reasons for a proposal by Council to rename itself as Warrumbungle Regional Council. In particular the change from 'Shire' to 'Regional' is expected to better promote Council and provide more emphasis to funding applications to State and Federal Governments.

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**Community Strategic Plan**

The Director Community Services spoke about development of a Community Strategic Plan and how it will be a visionary plan for the Shire for the next 10 to 20 years. Preparation of the plan cannot occur without extensive public consultation and this will occur between July and December 2011.

**Roads – Flood Funding**

The Acting General Manager spoke about the flood damaged roads and the claim for funding assistance that has been made to the State Government. The assessment of the claim is expected to be finalised by the RTA in the coming weeks.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Urban Flooding Particularly at 161 Binnia Street

Loretta Auld outlined her concerns about stormwater drainage entering her property and the lack of response from Council. The DTS indicated that he will investigate the matter and meet with Mrs Auld.

Cycleway Construction

The meeting discussed the construction of the cycleway and whether a material other than concrete could be used, so that a longer distance could be constructed. The DTS indicated that it may be feasible to use gravel with a bitumen seal on sections along the river bank.

Another Toilet Block for Racecourse

The need for another toilet block at the Racecourse and how it may be funded was discussed in general.

Development of Lookout on Cassilis Road – Signs.

The concept of enhancing the lookout on the Cassilis Road was again raised and discussed, however, the meeting was advised that the access lacks sight distance and will not meet with approval from the Local Traffic Committee.

Maintenance Issues

- Street drainage issues at the Coolah Mens Shed – Director Technical Services to investigate.
- Missing street name signs; Bridge Street, River Street.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 16 November 2011

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.15pm.

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Chairperson