

PRESENT: Cr Mark Powell (Chair), Cr Peter Shinton, General Manager – R Geraghty, Acting Director Environmental Services – T Meppem, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Community Services Director – R Ryan, Director Corporate Services – C Upston, Natalie Ghiggioli, Bob Pettet, Ernie Fetch, Ted Miller, Collette Geier, Eleanor Cook, Anne-Louise Capel and Sally Morris (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: Roy Cameron and Carol Richard

CTC 04 Advisory Recommendation that the apologies of Roy Cameron and Carol Richard be accepted.

Upston/Powell

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

CTC 05 Advisory Recommendation that the minutes of the Coolah Town Committee meeting held on 20 October 2009 be endorsed.

Meppem/Upston

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Tip – excess oil drums to be removed. Director Technical Services to investigate.
- Fluoridation – Department of Health are currently preparing concept plans.
- Street Lighting – Ted Miller will undertake audit and forward list to Council
- Light required – outside gym and down walkway between chemist shop and library

AGENDA ITEMS:

Update on windfarms, gas, solar farm and coal mine.

The General Manager spoke briefly of the proposed new chamber building for Coonabarabran as well as the Cobbora Coal Mine. He gave the Development Group a folder containing the reports and plans relating to the above projects which went to the April Council meeting.

Issues regarding voluntary planning agreements were also discussed and the process involving determination by the Department of Planning and the opportunities available for submissions on the coal mine development were also outlined.

CTC 06 Advisory Recommendation the Council includes in a Voluntary Planning Agreement all projects that the Development Group has on its radar at the moment (eg. POD, Men's Shed, cycleway).

Cook/Capel

CTC 07 Advisory Recommendation the Council makes available on its website a link to information regarding the Cobbora Mine and also makes available information packs about each town to attract mine employees to the area.

Cook/Capel

Cycleway

The meeting was informed that Council has currently provided additional funds in the 2010/2011 budget for the cycleway.

Kerry Dundas collection and POD project

Discussion regarding the collection and housing of Works in Coolah and POD project discussed. Suggested that Council purchase buildings to develop a cluster environment

in which a gallery, commercial kitchen, professional rooms and small businesses could operate.

Director of Community Services informed the meeting that a report would be prepared for Council consideration at the May meeting. Representatives of the Development Group will make a presentation to the May meeting of Council regarding this project.

Men's Shed

It was noted that the grant funding application was unsuccessful.

CoolART and CoolAH Water Project

These two projects were discussed with further information to be provided to Council. Suggested that Coolah install bubblers, ban bottled water and that shopkeepers sell reusable bottles. It was suggested that bubblers be installed at Bowen Oval and rest stop.

The following further agenda items were discussed without resolution:

- Request for rubbish bin in car parking area
- Replacement of rubbish bin outside Haynes – to be investigated
- Broken brickwork on Council chambers – to be investigated
- Spraying of kikuyu grass – Director Technical Services to investigate
- Castor Oils – Thornapples – Not Council's responsibility – this matter should be referred to Livestock, Health and Pest Authority.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Orana Road (off Moorefield Road) in need of road works.

Anzac Day march and street closure discussed. It was discussed that traffic be diverted through the top end of town during the Anzac Day service to see whether this was successful and if this redirection was not successful, that the traffic would be stopped on the main bypass for approximately 15 minutes during the actual service to allow people to hear the service.

NEXT MEETING: To be advised

MEETING CLOSED: 5.10 pm

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CHAIRMAN