

**PRESENT:** Cr Mark Powell (Chair), Mr D Tanner, General Manager – R Geraghty, Acting Director Environmental Services – T Meppem, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Community Services Director – R Ryan, Eleanor Cook, Denis Hammond, Natalie Ghiglioli, Rowan Cox, Anne-Louise Capel, Carol Richard and Glennis Mangan (Minutes).

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**CTC 03 Advisory Recommendation** that the minutes of the Coolah Town Committee meeting held on 20 October 2008 be endorsed.

Ryan/Geraghty

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

- Cycleway – Submission has been sent to RTA
- Tip Clean up  
Road grading still to be done  
Major clean up still needed – Kevin Tighe to give Eleanor Cook a possible date.  
Volunteers come under council insurance but will need own equipment.  
A group project will need own insurance. A list will need to be provided with names, dates, and times of attendance at tip.  
Site induction will also be needed. (Risk Assessment, Safety clothing/equip)  
Council can supply goggles but not boots.
- Australia Day - Council will again ask the community groups to organise the Australia Day functions in each of the towns. The contribution of \$200 will remain. The Shire Wide Award categories will be reduced to Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Young Sportsperson of the Year and will be presented by Council representatives and the Ambassador. The Certificates of Recognition will be administered and awarded by each community development group and could also include the Group Community Service and Sports Team of the Year awards.

**3.25pm** Carol Richard left meeting

Janelle Esdaile joined the meeting

**Directors' Reports**

The Acting Director Environmental Services provided information to the meeting on the following issues:

- Swimming pools
- An update on the progress with the new LEP

The Director Community Services provided information to the meeting on the following issue:

- Annual Planning Day for Social Services – Coolah 5 May 2009 9.30am at the Sporting Club

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Fluoridation**

Council has extended the submission date for comments on fluoridation until the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and wants to ensure Coolah residents are aware that Coolah is included in

the proposal to fluoridate the town water supply. Council will consider this matter at its 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 meeting.

Garden maintenance – Community/Council partnership

Cr Powell will arrange a public meeting to discuss this subject in detail.

Street lighting and maintenance

Denis Hammond will carry out an audit on the street lighting.

Long Vehicle Parking

Request for signage. It was explained that this needs to go through the proper channels. The Coolah & District Development Group will meet with Kevin Tighe to discuss this further.

Coolah CBD development - southern end (and Bicycle Plan)

The Cycleway Plan has been sent to the RTA.

At this stage the route can still be changed.

It was decided to leave further discussion until the next Agenda for the Coolah Town Committee meeting.

Funding of Public Art Officer

Submission to Council's budget deliberations.

New Business encouragement

Team Leader Tourism and Economic Development looking into this situation.

Coolah Aerodrome Access

No public access by vehicle. Person gate only.

Telstra mobile phone tower

Submission to Council's budget deliberations.

Rowan Cox will get back to the General Manager after contacting Telstra.

Curb and Guttering in Campbell Street

Submission to Council's budget deliberations.

Talbragar River beautification

Kevin Tighe advised that there would be a general tidy up only of the site at the completion of the bridge construction. An inspection and consideration of a "wide shoulder" will be carried out by Council.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The following items were discussed:

- Renewal of Coolah Showground/racecourse amenities block – Rowan Cox
- Rating Levels in each town

A detailed document was handed out by the General Manager who explained the "factor" equation and how it is calculated. General discussion arose about the categorised budget amounts for services for each town in the Shire. The General Manager has offered to address a

meeting and explain to all in further detail the rating levels/budget items.  
Cr Powell will arrange a date for a meeting.

- Superannuation – Council will have to find \$300,000 each year for the next 5 years to 10 years to cover the shortfall of the early staff superannuation fund (SASS) due to the financial meltdown.
- User Pay Sewerage – Option 2
- Community/Group Activities
- Windfarms (this will be on the next Town Committee Meeting Agenda)

**NEXT MEETING:** October 2009 – meeting to commence at 3.00pm

**MEETING CLOSED:** 5.38pm

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CHAIRMAN