

**MINUTES OF THE COONABARABRAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING  
HELD IN THE COONABARABRAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY  
8 NOVEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Kodi Brady, Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment & Development Services, DEDES), Gary Murphy (Acting Director Technical Services ADTS), Shereena Tattersall (Minutes), Zoe Holcombe, Gail Preston, Jo Wilkin, Craig Foster, Paula Foster, Lynda Row, Julie Shinton

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Ray Lewis, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Wendy Hill

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending the meeting. Mayor Doolan introduced the Councillors in attendance, General Manager (GM), Director Environment and Development Services (DEDES), Acting Director Technical Services (ADTS), Minute Taker and outlined how the meeting will be run.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021  
BUSINESS ARISING**

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Coonabarabran on 20 April 2021 were discussed and members of the community were asked if there were any questions in relation to the previous minutes or action list.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

No agenda items were received from the community

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

**1. Vacant Land**

Cr Todd raised a motion to put the word out for vacant blocks to be put on the market if applicable.

DEDES advised that the Planning and Development team are available to answer any development enquiries the community has.

Zoe Holcombe asked if the community are aware of how much vacant land is available.

DEDES advised that Council cannot advise, it would need to be discussed with local real estate agents and the land that was raised in the motion is private land, not council owned land.

ADTS added the vacant council owned land that was recently published in the paper was outstanding for development.

**2. Elections**

GM spoke about Local Government elections being held on Saturday 4 December 2021 with 17 nominations across the Shire. Pre-polling and postal vote available.

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 3. Coonabarabran Town Hall** – Gail Preston asked ADTS if there is an Application Fund available for the Coonabarabran Town Hall. Gail advised that she is member of the Ladies Auxiliary who cater for the Show Society. Once a year they hold a fundraiser and this year the Town Hall conditions were unacceptable. They will be hosting the next fundraiser in May 2022 and Gail is asking what procedures are in place to ensure it the conditions are of a higher standard and could there be additional funds allocated in the budget for an upgrade.

GM advised prior to any event the venues are cleaned. There was a change in cleaning contractors in early 2021 and there is an allocation in the budget for general maintenance and repairs of halls.

- 4. New Council Staff** – Julie Shinton asked the GM if it was possible to advertise new staff members in senior roles in the newspaper or social media, so the community is made aware of staff changes.

GM advised the Council does not plan to advertise new staff members.

- 5. Chamber of Commerce** – Cr Brady asked the GM if the council is in a position to assist the Chamber of Commerce with their insurance for the markets.

GM advised that would be a decision for the Council to make.

Cr Doolan thanked everyone for their attendance.

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 5.51pm.**