
PRESENT: Clr Gary Andrews, Clr Fred Clancy, Clr Anne-Louise Capel, Clr Ron Sullivan, Clr Victor Schmidt, Clr Denis Todd, Mayor Peter Shinton, Kevin Tighe (Director of Technical Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director of Development Services), Guy Andrews, Peter Small, Simon Pockley, Martyn Wilkin, Anne Maree Elton, Julie Shinton

CHAIR: Peter Shinton (Mayor)

APOLOGIES: Steve Loane, Rebecca Ryan and Heather Edgell
RECOMMENDED that the apologies be accepted.

Clr Capel/ Clr Schmidt.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Town Community Consultation Meeting Coonabarabran, held on 19 November 2013 be accepted

Clr Schmidt/Clr Capel

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Update on windfarm – by Clr Capel
- Senate Enquiry (Standing Committee No 5 into the Wambelong Fire) to be heard 3 & 4 September 2014, no venue yet, submissions closed 31 January 2014. Coronial enquiry 19 – 29 August 2014 for Wambelong Fire.
- Dalgarno Street beautification update back to council, further investigations April/May meeting
- Essex Street – VRA shed, willows, channels update. Trees to be lopped, Kevin to follow up
- Trees in centre of main street, fairy lights were not bright enough and were hard to keep in place
- New Flags for main street, Flags have been received (2 sets were ordered so Council does have a spare set for events).
- PAMP advisory committee calling EOI for this soon, Clr Clancy is chairman

AGENDA ITEMS

i. Budget 2014/2015.

- External Budget requests close 11 April 2014
- External Budget request forms were distributed at the meeting.

No Further Discussion

ii. Liquid Waste and Future Budgets

- Issue was raised regarding contractor out of Narrabri paying to dump liquid waste in our sewer treatment plant as Narrabri Shire Council will not accept it. Concern raised is that we are not aware if what is actually being dumped and that we should not be dealing with another council's waste. Kevin took matter on notice and will investigate.

iii. HACC – Taxi Voucher System

- Kevin Tighe read out the information provided to the meeting as to how system works and who is entitled to participate in the scheme funded by Transport for NSW.

iv. Bottom Weir

- Martin Wilkin spoke regarding the bottom weir and increasing the size of the weir by 2 metres to create a recreation area and sand beach area. He asked if the weir pool could be desilted to create a swimming area and also if Council could look at having a boating area like Goondiwindi and Moree. Initial response by Kevin indicated this would probably not happen due to NSW Fisheries requirements.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Councillor Schmidt advised that during a function held at the Shire Hall in Coonabarabran this week that a patron was unable to manoeuvre their wheelchair into the disabled toilet in the hall. Could Council please move the divider within the toilet to enable wheelchairs to move around. DDS took on notice.
2. Coolroom at Hall was turned off, could Council make the switch inaccessible. Guy Andrews advised lockable switches are already installed.
3. Question was raised seeking an update on Derringula Abattoir, Mayor Peter Shinton advised that work has stopped at this stage.
4. Julie Shinton spoke about advertising and promotion of the Community Consultation Meetings to attract more of the Coonabarabran residents to the meeting. Could Council provide a better explanation of what the meeting is about using different types of media (Facebook, ABC Radio, 3 Rivers Radio and our local newspapers).
5. Councillor Schmidt asked Peter Small and Simon Pockley to update the meeting on CSG (Coal Seam Gas)
6. Councillor Capel advised of faulty road repair- pound yard creek, ??
7. Siding Spring are having another open day and have asked about flags, they have been directed to Manager of Economic Development and Tourism.
8. Kerb & Guttering outside Town Hall will be replaced next week, did not start this week due to a wedding occurring over the weekend that will be utilising the hall.
- 9 Council advised of steel posts in middle of street, dangerous need pulling out.

Meeting Closed at 6.23 PM