

**MINUTES OF THE COONABARABRAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN THE GALLERY MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cllr Peter Shinton (Mayor), Cllr Gary Andrews, Cllr Anne-Louise Capel, Cllr Fred Clancy, Cllr Denis Todd, Cllr Victor Schmidt, Steve Loane (General Manager), Stefan Murru (Acting Director Corporate Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services), Kevin Tighe, Louise Johnson (Manager Children's & Community Services), Fay Chapman, Lorraine Renneberg, Brenda Young, Stephen Turner, Julie Shinton, Aniello Iannuzzi and Rendle Hannah

**CHAIR:** Steve Loane (General Manager)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Murray Coe (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Chris Sullivan, Cllr Ron Sullivan, P Matherson,

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED:** that the minutes of the Town Community Consultation Meeting Coonabarabran, held on 24 March 2014 be accepted.

**Cllr Capel/Cllr Andrews**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- None

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Australia Day Nominations**  
Meeting advised Australia Day Nominations have opened for 2015 and all attendees at the meeting were provided with nomination forms.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Community Consultation Meetings and advertising**  
Concerns meetings were not well advertised. Although advertised in paper Council could also consider using the following methods of advertising to better publicise meetings: Local Radio, Website but better promoted and Coonabarabran Facebook page.
- **Fairy Lights**  
Chamber of Commerce wants to put lights up in the main street for Christmas, aware of lighting restrictions. Cllr Schmidt to look into acquiring more festive lights.
- **Main Street Flags**  
Events could contribute to cost of flags to be used at time of the events (e.g. Horse Expo) Chamber of Commerce could also contribute to the cost of flags. Could flags be budgeted for? Research to be undertaken in regard to main street trader's opinions. Banners along Highway not advisable.
- **Television Reception**  
Meeting advised of some residents difficulties in receiving adequate television reception. Responsibility falls with individual television stations information pamphlets handed out to all attendees.
- **Coonabarabran High School International Food Festival**  
Council to look into possibly publicising this event in future.
- **Key Deposit for Pool**  
Council considering providing access to pools out of hours (keys to season ticket holders). Water Aerobics group to provide submission to Council on what would be suitable and workable.
- **Abattoir**  
New applicant on the horizon, still in discussions. Appears to have building and supply of cattle. Still negotiating with the owner of the Abattoir.

- **Mobility Committee**

Mobility Committee working on PAMP. All towns assessed for repairs to existing footpaths and plan for extension of footpaths. Maps with existing footpaths with desired extensions. Draft plans to go before Council for consideration at November Meeting. Plan will then be put out for public comment.

Level of littering and social disorder around hospital has improved over last 2 years. Could the whole block be footpathed and rubbish bins installed. There is also broken glass which is a safety issue.

- **Health**

Recently no shortages of medical manpower however in 2015 there could be shortages.

Baradine - Stable

Coonabarabran - 3 Doctors possibly leaving or reducing hours

Dunedoo - Unstable

Coolah - Unstable

There were extra grants for medical services. Council could maybe apply for grants for health centres. Shire may be in a good position to do this.

In Coonabarabran could have a Logistic Centre providing Accommodation, Physio, Dental, Medical etc. Dunedoo could do the same. Current set up in Coolah and Baradine maybe ok due to MPS. Facilities are important in attracting people to an area.

Shire should look into getting District of Workforce Shortage Status across the whole Shire.

Services at Hospital being cut back as more items are being moved to Dubbo. Now Coonabarabran cannot do chemotherapy, deliver babies, or many items relating to children. This means number of nurses and other staff are decreasing.

It was stated by an attendee that the Dunedoo practice is for sale, practice is working out of Council Building with subsidised lease. Council needs to be transparent and fair. General Manager mentioned no subsidy provided by Council.

- **Gutters near Acacia and Golden Sea Dragon Restaurant in John Street**

Clr Schmidt enquired when would works be taking place. Director Technical Services advised March to June 2015.

- **Riding for the Disabled, Cross Country Course**

What happens if we loose all the facilities due to what is happening?

General Manager advised all are separate entities there was some trouble with the Showground trust but now ok.

- **Coonabarabran Swimming Pool**

What plans are there for the pool?

No plans for major upgrades.

A grant for solar power and some other works around the toddler pool. Manager of Community and Children's Services advised grant application was put in with Swimming Club, application included hot showers.

Discussion on how much a heated 50m pool would cost, Director of Technical Services advises \$6M.

- **Fit for the Future**

General Manager discussed the new Fit for the Future Program

**MEETING CLOSED AT 6:50 PM**