
PRESENT: Cllr Anne-Louise Capel, Cllr Gary Andrews, Cllr Victor Schmidt, Cllr Fred Clancy, Steve Loane (General Manager), Rebecca Ryan (Director Corporate Services), Tony Meppem (Director Environmental and Community Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Allison Reynolds, Joel Amiet, Simone Amiet, Kaitlyn Estens, Julie Shinton, Sallie Turner

Chair: Steve Loane (General Manager)

APOLOGIES: Mayor Peter Shinton, Cllr Chris Sullivan, Cllr Denis Todd, Cllr Ron Sullivan, Cllr Murray Coe, Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Town Committee Meeting Coonabarabran, held on 15 October 2012 be accepted with a note that Cllr Fred Clancy was in attendance.

Schmidt/Andrews

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Impact of the Cobbora Coal Project
2. RV Friendly Sites – Report to April Council Meeting

DIRECTORATE PRESENTATIONS

General Manager (GM)

3. Coolah Doctor Surgery purchase remains under negotiation
4. Coonabarabran Administration Building update
5. Cobbora Coal Project
 - Negotiations continuing regarding Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)
 - No closer to commencing
6. Quarry – Lease has pending contractual items and is yet to be signed
7. Section 44 Fire – Impacted on Council resources
8. Asbestos Management Plan
 - Ministry Police Emergency Services (MPES) is cleaning up asbestos and costs are picked up by the NSW Government where required
 - Council receiving support from NSW State and Federal Government
 - Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have certified the Coonabarabran landfill to receive asbestos
 - Overburden from quarry will cover asbestos

Director Corporate Services (DCS)

9. Responsible for Administration and Customer Service, Finance, Property and Risk, Communications and IT and Economic Development and Tourism

Director Environment and Community Services (DECS)

10. Cobbora Coal Project
 - 550 employees during operational phase
 - No onsite accommodation
 - Promoting local accommodation options and discouraging fly in/fly out
 - Council requesting sealing of Cobbora Road through VPA
11. LEP Project governing zoning for town planning
 - Anticipated that at the next Council meeting the final LEP will be adopted to be sent to Department of Planning for Ministerial approval
12. Epuron Wind Farm located in between Cassilis and Coolah
 - Large project with 417 wind turbines with 30m blades and employing 1,200 construction workers

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13. Solid Waste Services and Waste Management Strategy
 - Survey to gather feedback on services and provision of waste options
 14. Responsible for Youth, Family Support Services, Children's Services, Libraries and Warrumbungle Community Care

GM on behalf of Director Technical Services

15. Coonabarabran Water
 - Adjustments being made
 - In some streets the water is very discoloured and water mains are being replaced to address the issue
 - Maintenance schedule is underway
 - Increase dosage of chlorine
 - Fluoridation has commenced
16. Culvert extension in Dalgarno Street is complete
17. Coonabarabran Pool footpath is complete
18. Baby Creek Bridge is complete and three (3) other Timber Bridge replacements have commenced
19. Traffic Advisory Committee issues
 - Bunny Bazaar road closure
 - Yet to receive an official report
 - Customers happy
 - Anecdotal evidence that hospitality was affected more than retail
 - Pony Club road closure
 - ANZAC Day road closure
 - Council will have a debrief about Bunny Bazaar and ANZAC Day which will be open to the public

AGENDA ITEMS

20. Waste Management Strategy
 - Increase recycling and decrease cost
 - Distribute costs throughout the shire and ensure fairness
21. OOSH Viability
 - Coordinated by Family Support Services at St Lawrences. Increase in number of enrolments and funding this year
22. Girl Guides Hall
 - Building is sinking and Guides need an alternate meeting place. The Youth Club could be utilised
23. Cars in Main Street
 - Staff will be reminded and rear carpark will be used when completed
 - Builders are currently occupying Cassilis Street

GENERAL BUSINESS

24. Australia Day
 - GM advised a formal debrief will take place to resolve issues with Northern and Southern areas of the shire
 - Event went well however nomination numbers continue to decline
 - Council closes nominations in November
 - Coonabarabran agenda September/October
 - Not having a Council meeting in January made organisation difficult
 - Ambassadors were excellent
 - Wet weather options need to be investigated

25. Community Technology Centre (CTC)

- Meeting held in November
- Secretary informed meeting that no meeting advertised and no financials during blackout
- Two (2) rescue plans presented
- Another general meeting advertised with legal counsel
- Have reported to Office of Fair Trading
- Special meeting has not been held
- CTC still trading but have moved equipment
- GM proposed that this is the Duty of the Public Officer

Meeting Closed at 6.30 PM