

PRESENT: Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Cr Wendy Hill, Gary Andrews, Shane Bennett, Tim Kemp, Anita Kemp, Lyn Petherbridge, and Ken White, Ian Selwyn, Nick and Incka, Noel Markey, Kevin Sharp, Les Overall, Maureen Irons, John Irons, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Louise Johnson (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services)

CHAIR: Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager

APOLOGIES: Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Cr Brady, Cr Iannuzzi, Cr Lewis, Leeanne Ryan (Director Development Services)

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

General Manager, Roger Bailey, introduced himself and provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting held in Binnaway on Monday, 13 November 2017, were discussed with the following Business Arising.

BUSINESS ARISING

Minutes

Cr Denis Todd requested the minutes be amended to record his apology.

Mollyann Road

Residents enquired on result of road survey (number of vehicles etc.) on the Binnaway – Mollyann Road to determine if road marking would be undertaken. Council advised that this information would be supplied at the next meeting.

George and Renshaw Streets

An update was requested on George and Railway Streets and the channel running from the Showground to Railway Street. It was also raised that there has been illegal dumping of rubbish in this area. Council advised they would follow up on the issue and report back to the next meeting.

Len Guy Park

An update was requested on the installation of softfall in Len Guy Park. Director Technical Services (DTS), Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that the amount set aside in the current budget is insufficient to complete the work required. The money will remain set aside in the new financial years budget and Council will consider increasing the amount so as to get the work completed.

COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

Stronger Country Communities Fund

Acting Director Corporate and Community Services (ADCCS), Louise Johnson, provided an overview of the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Two. Various projects were discussed.

Project suggestions were discussed. ADCCS, Louise Johnson, suggested people contact the Community Development Coordinator, Narda Abel, for assistance if required.

COMMUNITY MATTERS OF INTEREST / CONCERN

Dump Site

It was raised at the meeting that the primitive camp site has been a great success and is very popular but there is a problem with some people using the site dumping their waste in the toilet facilities. It was requested that Council investigate a sites for the installation of a dump site to resolve this problem.

Town Sewerage

The meeting discussed the installation of a sewerage system in Binnaway. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised the meeting that an Expression of Interest had been lodged with the NSW Government and further work would be required to even plan these works. DTS, Kevin Tighe, advised that there would be a lengthy community consultation process before any final decision was made.

Kerbside Pickup

Residents advised Council that many of them had only become aware of the kerbside pickup after it was completed. Residents felt that it would have been better supported if more people knew about it. Council was reminded that not all residents read the local publications or have social media. Council were asked to consider a letter box drop in the future as per the water restriction notices.

Collery Bridge

Residents raised concerns about the appearance of the bridge. Council were asked to consider repainting and repairing the bridge. DTS, Kevin Tighe, explained that he believes that the bridge is painted in lead paint. This has implications in relation to both cost and the nature of the works to be completed.

Binnaway Central School

Council enquired as to the status of Binnaway Central School. School Principal, Ken White, advised the meeting that the decision regarding the school had been deferred for six (6) months following which he would have more news. Currently enrolments for Primary School have remained steady. It is hoped that enrolments will sustain and then increase in High School. The school currently has 45 enrolments.

MEETING CLOSED: 6:18 pm