

MINUTES OF THE GOOLHI COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN THE GOOLHI HALL ON MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

PRESENT: Mayor Ambrose Doolan, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Peter Shinton, Cr Anne-Louise Capel, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Kim Parker (Director Corporate and Community Services), Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services), Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services), Kira Alexander (Minutes), Andrew Orman, Greg Morris, Juliana Orman, George Corbett, Laura Jones, Les Jones, Tim O’Gorman.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Keli McDonald, Tom Fearby, Peter Hughes

INTRODUCTION

Roger Bailey, General Manager (GM) welcomed all to meeting.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Maintenance of the Goolhi Hall

DTS stated – Council pays insurance for the hall and no maintenance has been undertaken in the last 5 years.

Community members stated that:

- Grant applications have been unsuccessful
- There is a crack in the water tank and it does not hold water
- 3 toilets are out of order
- Priority is to get the tank fixed
- The hall is used on a monthly basis

ACTION: DTS to investigate options to repair the water tank.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

2. Budget 2021/22

DCCS addressed the meeting stating that the budget is currently on exhibition with public submissions and comments being accepted until 17 May 2021. The main change is a 2% increase in rates.

3. Donation Guidelines

DCCS stated that Council resolved to review and amend donation guidelines before the next round of Community Financial Assistance Donations in August.

4. Mullaley Sportsground Amenities Building

DEDS addressed the meeting with an update stating that a grant had been received for the upgrade, plans had been drafted and there is a tight timeframe for completion by June 2021. The structure has arrived and concreting will start shortly.

5. Council Elections

GM stated that these will be held in September and encouraged attendees to consider running.

Cr Capel advised of workshops taking place 15-16 June in Dunedoo and Coonabarabran for interest parties and in Dubbo on 1 May for women specifically.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

6. Goolhi Road repair work required

Outside Wyana property gate and at the end of the tar. There is also a tree hanging over the road that is a hazard.

ACTION: DTS to investigate scope of works for this section of road

7. Keeches Road crossing narrow bridge

Grader work has blocked the side channels of and the bridge has limited access. Larger vehicles are driving through the creek.

ACTION: DTS to investigate if side channels can be unblocked.

8. Bakers Lane off Keeches Road

Needs new culvert at causeway/bridge. There are potholes at either end of the cement.

ACTION: DTS to investigate.

9. Bellings Road first ramp

Nowhere for water to run off to table drains due to ramp which is full of dirt.

ACTION: DTS to investigate

10. Amey's Road

Community is concerned that a foreign owned farm is trying to have the road closed for a 400 head feedlot.

DTS advised that the road closure application had been rejected. DEEDS advised that no DA application had been received for a feedlot, however depending on the development approval process this could include designated and integrated development and may require an environmental impact statement including community consultation.

11. Goolhi Road

Only part graded 12 months ago

DTS advised that it would be a while before more grading is done again.

12. Request for Gravel on Keeches Road

DTS advised that there is a re-sheeting schedule until 2030 and it may be available for the road in 2027/28.

Mayor Ambrose Doolan thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 6.20pm