

**MINUTES OF THE GOOLHI COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING HELD IN THE
GOOLHI HALL ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2022 COMMENCING AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ambrose Doolan (Mayor), Cr Zoe Holcombe, Cr Aniello Iannuzzi, Cr Denis Todd, Cr Jason Newton, Roger Bailey (General Manager), Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services), Jenni Maundrell (Manager Corporate Services – minute taker), Keli McDonald, Sue Hall, Ian Hall, Les Jones, Laura Jones, Greg Morris, Peter Hughes, Deidre Woodward, Ben Woodward, Ash Whitney.

APOLOGIES:

Andrew Craig

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Ambrose Doolan welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Mayor Doolan introduced the councillors in attendance, General Manager (GM), Director Technical Services (DTS), Manager Corporate Services (M Corp S – minute taker), and outlined how the meeting will be run.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 19 APRIL 2021

Item 10 (Ameys Road) reads *Community is concerned that a foreign owned farm is trying to have the road closed for a 400 head feedlot.* Correction: should read *4,000 head feedlot.*

Business arising:

Nil

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION:

1. Strategic planning documents on exhibition

The draft Warrumbungle Shire Community Strategic Plan 2022-2037, draft Delivery Program 2022-2026, and draft Operational Plan 2022/23 are currently on exhibition. Submissions open until 4:30pm Tuesday 19 April 2022.

2. Public Lands Planning Proposal

A classification of community land is occurring. Any Council land is classified as community land or operational land and there are a number of parcels proposed to be changed from Community Land to Operational Land. These changes will provide for greater flexibility in use. There is no land in the Goolhi vicinity that is affected.

3. Illegal Dumping

RID Online is encouraging members of the public to jump online and take photos of illegal dumping and upload to the online portal to assist in identifying areas where illegal dumping is taking place.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Roads – General discussion about state of roads in the vicinity of Goolhi.

ACTION: DTS to arrange for staff to carry out inspections on:

- Keeches Road
- Wyuna Road
- Mitchell Springs Road
- Causeway on Goolhi Road, near the property 'Glen Roy' – fill material between rocks
- Causeway on Booloola Road, near the property 'Dunroamin' – silting

5. Natural Disaster claim – Council is going through State Government processes to claim funding under Natural Disaster provisions to assist in restoring roads to pre-disaster conditions following major storms of November 2021. Until funding is approved, Council is restricted to making roads safe, but cannot undertake restoration works on damaged roads. The application process has been impacted by resources being diverted to the NSW north coast after severe flooding. Once approved, the program to repair roads will take up to 2 years; priority order is determined by a number of factors including schools, bus routes, harvest routes, traffic volumes, the location of known vulnerable communities, and use by services such as Australia Post.

6. Liability – Discussion about liability when landowners undertake works on public roads. Clarified that residents must contact Council and seek approval from Council's Technical Services section before doing any works on or affecting public roads, otherwise the resident is assuming liability.

7. Inspection of road works carried out by an engineer – Request for an engineer to inspect Council works to ensure completed works are satisfactory.

DTS advised community to let Council know of issues with works so they can be rectified.

8. Communications – Request for communication to residents ahead of road crews attending the Goolhi area.

ACTION: M Corp Services to liaise with DTS to enhance communications about roadworks.

9. Budget increase for roadworks – There was a question about how to increase the budget for roadworks.

The GM advised the community to make submissions on the Operational Plan, now out on exhibition.

10. Greater consultation with residents ahead of roadworks – Request for greater consultation with residents ahead of roadworks, as residents have knowledge of the roads and issues such as where water runs.

DTS advised general consultation was suitable, and that consultation would be held at or above the Roads Supervisor level.

11. Maintenance on Goolhi Hall – Action List, Item 1 2020/21 Round 2 (19 April 2021) – noted that works completed to repair crack in water tank at hall; other side of tank now cracked.

GM advised community to make a submission on the Operational Plan, which includes a budget for capital maintenance on public halls.

The meeting noted that the Goolhi community is in mourning, and thoughts are with the Orman family.

Cr Doolan thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6:35pm.