

**COMMUNITY CONSULATION MEETING HELD AT THE GOOLHI HALL ON TUESDAY 9
MARCH 2020 COMMENCING AT 5:30pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Denis Todd, Cr Fred Clancy, Cr Ambrose Doolan, 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), Angela Fairman (Minutes), Andrew Orman, Ash Whitney, Andrew Craig, Jules Orman, Kay Fredericks Laura Jones, Les Jones, Sue Hall.

APOLOGIES: Cr Iannuzzi

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Denis Todd welcomes all to meeting and introduced Council Staff in attendance Roger Bailey, General Manager (GM), Kim Parker, Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS), Leeanne Ryan, Director Environment and Development Services (DEDS), Kevin Tighe, Director Technical Services (DTS) and Minute Taker.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Member of the public raised the issue of the condition of Goolhi and Ameys Road Goolhi, acknowledging that Council did spend 3 full days trying to fix this road; however, it is still needs work.

GM stated that he and the Mayor travelled on the road on the way to this meeting and he found it to be in quite good condition, considering the recent weather events. Member of the public stated that buses travel on this road daily and that the silt that comes down the table drains is causing issues. The gravel on the road is being taken into the causeways.

Action: DTS to investigate road drainage

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Roads and bridges - Sue Hall is the owner of the Post Office in Mullaley and does the mail run daily. Wyuna Road has a tree that has banged a gap in the centre of the bridge on this road. Sue stated that Roads and bridges need to be fixed up and there are trees that need to be removed out of the culverts. Ms Hall has stopped a Council worker and told them about the damage. Ms Hall passed around photos of the damage.

DTS stated that he was aware of some of the damage such as sediment in causeways but storm damage funding is not automatic. Photos and evidence will need to be provided.

GM announced that Natural Disaster funding claim has been put in by Council. DTS explained what the Natural Disaster funding can be used for.

2. Keeches Road - 5kms in an apple tree has fallen and is blocking the road. Council has been informed and the tree needs to be removed before more rain.

Action: DTS to initiate removal of tree

3. Yokies Well causeway- needs to be cleaned out as it is full of silt. Cars are not able to get through

Action: DTS to investigate

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4. Back end of Goolhi Road (back end of Keeches Road) - Community member asked when was it last graveled? Needs gravel either side of the ramps. There is also an issue with the silt.

DTS explained that these issues have been experienced across the Shire however logs can be moved and the silt can be moved off the road so that residents can get out of the property.

Action: DTS to investigate gravel and silt issues

5. Grants for Goolhi hall – Community questioned how the application was going. DEDS stated that there was no result as yet. A Building Better Regions application for Community Hall for Goolhi has been submitted. Value of the application is \$240,000.

GM announced that the Mullaley Sports Ground grant was not successful. Councillor Capel suggested that Community keep trying even if you do get knocked back.

6. Goolhi hall sign - Community Member requested for the sign to be put onto the Wool (Boooloola) Road. Community Member asked why the road name has changed? Another Community Member stated that due to the 2359 postcode having 4 localities, it is causing confusion for emergency services.

Action: DTS noted that he will take it on board to get a sign for the road and the hall.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Community financial assistance donations

DCCS addressed the meeting in regards to CFAD - Council has 2 rounds of CFAD for amounts up to \$500. These applications are currently open, as well as annual donations. DCCS explained to community members how these donations work. Both can be found on the website.

2. Budget 2020/2021

DCCS gave the community members an overview on the 2020/2021 budget and advised that this is an election year for the Council. Cr Capel suggested to the meeting that all people should consider putting in a Councillor nomination for this year's election.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Capel invited the group to attending the Workshop Business HQ being run tomorrow night at the Council Chambers in Coonabarabran.

Community Member thanked the staff of Warrumbungle Shire Council for coming out to Goolhi and their commitment to agriculture. GM stated that Warrumbungle Shire Council will be going back to Goolhi for the 2021 Community Consultation Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Denis Todd thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed..

Meeting closed at 6.18pm