

**Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)
Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)
Community Committee Meeting
Monday, 15 October 2018
Commencing at 1.30pm**

Present:

Cr Sue Moore (Chair), Mark Ihlein (MI), Ian Hedley (IH), Adrian Gallagher (AG),
Pauline Rayner (PR), Judith Leslie (JL).

In attendance:

Mitchell Moy (Acting Coordinator Recreation and Facilities) and Jodie Jeffery.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Committee members. Attendance sheet circulated and completed by all.

2. Apologies:

Alan Andrews, Christina Metlikovec, Greg Banks and Amanda McMahon.

The apologies were accepted.

(Pauline Rayner / Judith Leslie)

3. Disclosure of Interest: Nil.

4. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes 17 September 2018

The minutes of the meeting held 17 September 2018 were confirmed.

(Adrian Gallagher / Ian Hedley)

5. Business Arising

IH advised he had not received all of the attachments that accompanied Draft Minutes, for the meeting held 17 September, that were emailed to Committee Members on 26 September 2018.

Action: Jodie to resend the emailed attachments to Ian Hedley.

There was discussion in relation to PR's suggestion that the two road works be removed from the proposed VPA projects to be considered and moved instead to the Roads Advisory Committee. The Chair reminded the Committee that the proposed projects, once identified, go to Council for endorsement and should the Roads remain with the VPA they may be completed sooner, rather than priority assessed within the road network.

IH advised that the roads are included in the Village Master Plan and that Old Bulga Road shown on the map (refer to Figure 100 on page 80 of Village Master Plan 7.0

Milbrodale Village Concepts) is not a constructed road. IH considers this to be a critical matter for consideration given the substantial increase in traffic, that the existing Council road is only the length of three properties and the remaining section of the physical road crosses private land.

The Chair advised that the Roads will remain within the VPA at this point in time for future consideration by committee and then Council if prioritised.

PR informed the committee that concerns had been expressed by community members that the Bulga Recreation Grounds is in need of work to be undertaken. MI acknowledged that the Bulga recreation grounds should be added to the potential projects list for consideration.

MI advised that the Committee needs to agree on the criteria to be used first and referred to the Terms of Reference to remind members that the Committee's functions are to:

- Recommend to Council a set of principles for the prioritisation of projects which would build sustainability and enhance the quality of life within the community;
- Consult within the community to ascertain the needs and opportunities as they relate to sustainable community projects to be considered for funding from the VPA;
- Utilising adopted agreed principles and after appropriate consultation with the community develops a prioritised list of projects;
- Recommend to Council an agreed program of prioritised projects; and
- Provide an annual report to Council on the deployment of Councils adopted program of prioritised projects.

The Chair reaffirmed that the criteria needs to be set to allow the Committee to assess and work through the proposed projects, then look at possible design requirements and forward progression of some works.

No other business arising from the previous minutes.

6. Project Prioritisation

Seek final agreement to use the project selection criteria and spread to rank agreed projects.

The Chair sought feedback on the sample criteria shown in the draft project selection spreadsheet that was circulated via email to the Committee on 26 September 2018.

There was discussion on the proposed scoring, perceived community support and the benefit of using the same criteria from the start of the project selection process.

Further discussion followed Mitchell Moy’s suggestion that project sustainability be weighted as a higher priority over community benefit. Consideration was given to:

- potential ongoing maintenance required in comparison to level of service expectation / community benefit;
- sustainability may be subjective;
- how to measure ‘perceived community support’;
- community participation with upkeep due to a sense of ownership e.g gardens; and
- Council may look at sustainability as higher post VPA however as a VPA community benefit should be the higher of the two.

It was suggested that large cost items go out to the community for consultation. The Chair advised that these can be discussed with the community via committee members and that the community will have an opportunity to provide comment via submission when a report goes to Council for consideration.

The Chair sought further comments from Committee members prior to voting on the acceptance of the proposed criteria. There were no further comments or questions.

Resolved that the priority criteria be accepted as:

Criteria	Priority	Weighting
Community Benefit	1	0.5
Sustainability	2	0.4
Perceived Community Support	3	0.1

Moved Pauline Rayner / **Seconded** Judith Leslie

Carried unanimously

7. General Business

IH suggests that a community notice board be erected by Council to record VPA project detail. MI agreed that this would be beneficial and suggested that moving forward there may be projects suitable for the community to contribute their input at the design stage.

AG requested that a response be provided to the question raised at 15 August meeting, as to who owns the Bulga Scout Hall property, Amanda McMahon to confirm if it is Crown Land and any other interests in the property. There was general discussion about changes in the management of Crown Land and possible outcomes in relation to Aboriginal Land Claims.

MI sought feedback and confirmation of potential projects sourced from the Village Master Plan Strategies and Action Plan for the Bulga Recreational Grounds for consideration by the committee.

Provide new and upgrade facilities:

- Upgraded clubhouse including amenities and parking facilities - ***in progress***

- Tennis court resurfacing - **complete**
- Shade structure over the playground - **scheduled for early 2019**
- Fitness equipment
- Maintain access to the War Memorial Gates - **complete**
- Replace existing logs along front and improve plantings consistent with Master Plan
- Provision of water for irrigation system from existing PID access point
- Replacing existing table and chairs
- Update and replace existing playground
- Weed spray and top dress area

The following were considered to not be priority projects for the VPA:

- Investigate the provision of WIFI
- Improve the oval with turf and a white picket fence
- Provide a dedicated area for events and separate camping area
- Provide seating around the oval as well as raised stadium seating appropriately located for events.

It was raised that dirt should be spread in front of the PID meter at the Bulga Recreation Grounds, and that consideration be given to include the provision of water and the possible installation of a pay as you go electricity station for overnight campers. Concern was raised that the availability of power may result in some campers remaining longer at the site.

There was discussion regarding budget limitations impeding weed management at some of Council's sporting fields and recreation grounds. Council broadleaf sprays only active sporting fields.

The Chair asked members if there were any other projects to discuss. MM confirmed that replacement of three tables and shelters will be completed as part of the signage and picnic facilities work to be carried out under the existing Bulga VPA allocation in the 2018/19 financial year.

Discussion in relation to permeability and connectivity around the Bulga community was deferred to the next committee meeting.

It was suggested that Council consider the purchase of private land using VPA funds. Investigation and depth of design would be required prior to possible Council consideration.

The Chair encouraged committee members to further prioritise the proposed projects at the next meeting, to allow for the spreadsheet content to be populated and scoring updated accordingly in the meantime.

IH advised that a community meeting has been scheduled to be held at Bulga Rural Hall commencing 6.30pm on Wednesday 24 October (to be confirmed). It is anticipated that representative/s of Yancoal will be in attendance. Community members will be given 5 minutes each to outline their preferred projects.

The Chair confirmed with Committee members that there was nothing further for discussion.

8. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 1.30pm on Thursday, 15 November 2018 in the Committee Room.

9. Meeting closed

The chair thanked Committee members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 3.13pm.



Mark Ihlein
Director Planning & Infrastructure