

**Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)
Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)
Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 18 July 2018
Held in the Committee Room commencing at 1.29pm**

Present:

Cr Sue Moore (Chair), Mark Ihlein, Amanda McMahon, Ian Hedley, Adrian Gallagher, Pauline Rayner, Christina Metlikovec, Judith Leslie and Alan Andrews.

In attendance:

Jodie Jeffery

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Committee members and invited each member to provide a brief introduction of themselves. Attendance sheet circulated and completed by all.

Mark Ihlein provided a background briefing on the formation and purpose of the Committee to assist Council in engaging with the community to implement the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA).

2. Apologies: Greg Banks - Alternate Community Committee member.

3. Code of Conduct

Singleton Council Code of Conduct distributed and committee requested to read the policy. Mark Ihlein referred to Conflicts of Interest on page 6 and drew members' attention to what is a pecuniary interest and what are non-pecuniary interests and the responsibility of committee members to declare any conflicts of interest, pecuniary and nonpecuniary interests throughout the execution of the VPA.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests/Conflict of Interest

Nil.

5. Terms of Reference (ToR)

Terms of Reference (ToR) distributed to all. Mark Ihlein worked through the functions, responsibilities and operation of the committee, addressing Terms of Reference.

Cr Moore advised that any changes to the ToR would have to go to Council for consideration of endorsement. Meeting minutes, once reviewed by The Chair, will be reported to Council as is normal practice.

6. Alternate Community Member Responsibility

It was agreed that alternate community member, Mr Greg Banks, be invited to attend regular meetings to participate in discussions as a non-voting member.

Judith Leslie requested that committee minutes be provided to the Bulga Milbrodale Progress Association (BMPA).

7. Principals for Prioritisation of Projects

Discussion regarding prioritisation criteria for the selection of projects. Mark Ihlein suggests that the committee look collectively at the principals used by the Bulga Coal VPA Committee, of which Mark acknowledged Pauline Rayner and Christina Metlikovec's previous involvement.

Mark Ihlein and Amanda McMahon, Coordinator Recreation and Facilities, to prioritise project options for discussion at the next committee meeting. Pauline Rayner advised that there could be projects from Bulga Coal VPA for consideration within the MTW VPA.

Mark Ihlein encouraged members to consider using the Council endorsed Village Master Plans and broad Strategies and Actions as the framework for the committee to use for Bulga.

Ian Hedley requested confirmation of VPA registration as it is not available to view on State Government and Council websites. Mark Ihlein confirmed that the VPA document was signed and endorsed by all parties prior to being sent to Department Planning and Environment.

Cr Moore requested that the VPA be shown on Council's website for transparency.

Action: Mark Ihlein to contact NSW Department Planning and Environment to ensure Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA is published on website; and ensure Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA is made available to view on Singleton Council website.

Ian Hedley asked how was the funding allocation of 60 / 40 arrived at and who made that decision? Mark Ihlein confirmed that the split funding percentages were determined through mutual negotiation between Singleton Council and Yancoal.

Ian Hedley asked for a copy of the recommendations for the split funding negotiations. Mark Ihlein advised that a report was provided to Council for consideration.

Action: That the date of the Council meeting be sourced and provided to the committee.

Ian Hedley questioned why we were only talking about funding the Bulga area and will the committee have a say in how the 40% is used? Mark Ihlein advised that the consent required the delivery to be predominately to the Bulga area and the 40% goes into the Futures Fund.

Judith Leslie confirmed that her concern is that community submissions are not reflected within the VPA and stated that that Master Plan had not taken into consideration heritage as the plans showed text book style villages not related to the village that Bulga is.

Cr Moore and Mark Ihlein referred to what went to Council, considered by Council and Councillors endorsed.

The Committee was invited to share their project priority issues:

- IH - isolation due to flooding.
- AG - will provide at a later date. Bulga doesn't have a main street.
- JL - development of the stock reserve at Bulga for community recreation and walking area.
- PR - development of the stock reserve at Bulga as provided above, old Bulga School house used as a gallery and museum, potentially share the gallery with the Wannarua people, consolidate with the stock reserve as one area, possible purchase of other land and consolidate.
- CM - suggests that the whole village needs enhancing and agrees with the previous mentioned museum and gallery idea.
- AA - acknowledged that from Yancoal's perspective his involvement in the Committee is to look after Yancoal assets at Bulga. Alan advised that he is keen to participate in this community consultative committee, and is interested in additional comments on the Village Master Plans provided. Alan Andrews further acknowledged that this is an opportunity to do something beneficial in Bulga as long term temporary owners.

Action: Council to circulate the priority criteria used by the Broke, Bulga, Milbrodale Community Committee for the Bulga Coal VPA selection of projects as a guide for this committee to consider establishing same.

8. Amanda McMahon provided an overview of Council's Plan of Management under the new Crown Lands legislation that is now in effect.

Alan Andrews asked how much money was currently held in account and the interest earned on the pool of funds. Mark advised that \$2million plus the interest earned are held in reserve.

Ian Hedley asked what Council will do with the Water Treatment Plant land? Mark Ihlein advised that in his opinion it won't be suggested to sell as he sees it as a community asset.

Adrian Gallagher asked if the road bend on Milbrodale Road can be straightened up. Shown to be near the playground and trees in the Village Master Plan. Mark Ihlein suggested that he thinks that the residue road reserve may be owned by RMS.

Adrian Gallagher further asked if something could be done to assist the School as their water comes from off of the roof and there is a lot of passing traffic that creates a lot of dust. The road back to the playground is a dirt road. Ian Hedley Stated that Singleton Council should allocate funding to assist the School.

9. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be brought forward to Wednesday, 15 August 2018 commencing at 1.30pm.

10. Meeting Close

The Chair thanked the committee members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2.56pm.