

**Goolawah Co-op General Meeting  
21/4/12, 9:30am, Machinery shed**

**Present:** Anne Wilson, Leah Skinner, John Harkins, Nityama Martin, Greg Ryan, Dave Launt, Paul Martin, Roger Ball, Mairead Shorten, Craig Singleman, Kirsty Steer

**Visitors:** Stuart Pougher, Michael River, Wiriya Sati, Gordon Tighe.

**Apologies:** Ralph, Lu Hardy, Brian Hardy

**Proxies:** Larry Knight (o), Wayne Ellis (o), Wendy Penney (c), Peter Neilsen (c), David van Megchelen (c), Chris Jones (c), Anthony Griffiths (c), Ralph Erthel (c), Lu Hardy (c), John Hardy (c), Brian Hardy (c)

**Facilitator:** Craig Singleman **Minutes:** Anne Wilson

Motion to pass minutes of previous meeting as printed in last newsletter: Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Leah Skinner. \$45,314.52 in working account. \$17,639.87 in long term. Copies of last quarterly statement passed around. \$5740 owing in road levies. Outstanding road levies will be 12months overdue at the end of June. Monies received for transfer of Sue and Trevor's share to Stuart Pougher.

**Secretary's report:** Anne Wilson. A few email enquiries from prospective new members from website. John Harkins has requested that directors communicate with him by email only. Other members to communicate with him via a director, except for direct neighbours. Koala brochure from Kempsey SC. Letter from Community Justice Centre stating Mark Bunting and the Langfords do not want to participate in mediation. ID checks and stat decs are trickling in. Outstanding members to be published in next newsletter (excluding those with shares for sale).

**Road report:** Ralph Erthel. Read and tabled report left by Ralph. Discussion regarding stockpiling road base. Moved to stockpile roadbase now – passed unanimously. Discussion regarding extent of works to be done on Illa Langi, and timing of spending.

**Tractor report:** Paul Martin for Larry Knight. Major service for tractor booked for Monday in Kempsey, if Jason can't help. Discussion regarding other mechanics. To look at diff lock, fluid change, linkages, steering column. General advice that it's worth keeping this tractor going as parts are available and it's a good make. New slasher needs work on gearbox.

**Membership committee:** Mairead, Paul, Ralph. Share transfer from Sue Locke and Trevor Edmond to Stuart Pougher: monies have been transferred. All paperwork done except haven't received police check yet. No objections to Stuart being a member. Motion for Stuart Pougher to be eligible for membership. Passed unanimously. Paul has been actively advertising the co-op in search of new members.

**DA report:** David Launt. Still gathering info the council need from last request. Waiting on Ralph and Larry. Confirmed that council will deal with SEPP15 separately from illegal structures. Will possibly go to May council meeting. Mairead to ask Rob's advice on lobbying councillors, Kirsty offered to help compile presentation.

*John Harkins not present momentarily, so skipped to Ordinary Resolution 1*

**Ordinary Resolution 1:** “That the Co-operative charge members a \$500 road levy in the 2012-2013 financial year.” Discussion. Clarification that the levy applies to the share. Moved to amend to read “That the Co-operative charge members a \$500 road levy per share in the 2012-2013 financial year.” passed unanimously.

For:20 Abstain:1. Passed.

**Special Resolution 1:** “To rescind Rule 17B (i.e. Non-refundable joining fee) and to refund all joining fees that have been paid by June 2015.” Discussion.

For:8 Against:12 Abstain:3 . Failed.

**Special Resolution 2:** Refer to lengthy wording in previous newsletter.

Discussion regarding ambiguity of wording. Loophole acknowledged.

For:8 Against:5 Abstain: 9. Failed.

**Special Resolution 3:** Refer to lengthy wording in previous newsletter.

Discussion regarding decision making process, particularly proxies.

For:6 Against: 14 Abstain: 1. Failed.

**Ordinary Resolution 2:** Membership application process. “That all applicants for single and joint membership shall complete the membership application process in full.”

For: 18 Against: 2. Passed.

**Ordinary Resolution 3:** Refer to lengthy wording in previous newsletter. Discussion

For:18 Against:2. Passed

**Ordinary Resolution 4:** Refer to lengthy wording in previous newsletter.

Discussion regarding relatives vs non-relatives and charges, and use of term 'visitor'.

For:19 Against:1 Abstain:1 Passed.

**Ordinary Resolution 5:** Refer to lengthy wording in previous newsletter. Discussion of definition of 'child' and 'dependent' and fees.

For:19 Against:2 Passed.

**Ordinary Resolution 6:** “That single members can apply for an exemption from the “resident non-member levy” for a maximum of one person whom they reside with.” Discussion. Moved to amend to remove the word 'single'. Passed unanimously.

For:17 Against:2 Passed.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Illa Langi:** Discussion of extent of work to be done. Moved to grade and roll only. Passed unanimously. Reminder that forest way needs to be extended to Saul's site and Forgotten Lane needs to be remembered.

**Surveying:** Stuart Pougher is going to get a surveyor out to re-survey his site. If anyone else wants theirs done while he is out please let him know – phone 0438-047-267 and if no answer email spougher@hotmail.com.

**Advertising:** Paul's been doing lots of free advertising for Goolawah. Wants \$300 for ads in Grassroots magazine and the Byron Echo. If anyone can get a link to the Goolawah site on other websites please do it. Moved to allocate \$300 to advertising. Passed unanimously.

**Pigs:** Feral pigs have been spotted near Illa Langi and North Gate. Moved to ask Bernard Whitehead to get funding from National Parks for a trap, and to shoot any pigs caught.

For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 1 Passed

**Nevertire Rd:** Bunting and Langfords have refused mediation. Discussion regarding how to move forward on dispute over use of the road. Discussion regarding starting Nevertire Rd Users Group comprising concerned Nevertire Rd users. Moved to allocate a budget of \$500 to get legal advice. Understanding that no action will be taken by the group without approval from a Goolawah meeting. For:6 Abstain:1

**Work claims:**

- Frankie: 22 hours slashing and welding and \$40 welding expenses levy reduction
- Paul and Anne: fixing signs, membership committee hours, slashing, weeding trees  
21hours levy reduction
- Mairead and Pete: repairing camp toilet, work on water supply: 22.5hours levy reduction.  
Expenses for fixing toilet: \$188.05
- Nityama: 3.5hours slashing. Work hours.

**Levy reduction approved tasks:**

Pot holing roads - see Paul and Anne Clearing fenceline along Forest Way Put guttering on machinery shed - see Paul Kill lantana and camphor - see Paul Tractor maintenance - see Larry Slashing on agreed community areas - see Larry Organising children's activities during GMs	All weather notice board for west gate entrance Membership committee business Website updates - Sue Loudon Camp kitchen water supply - Peter Wells Maintenance to camp kitchen 12V power system.
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***Meeting closed at 2pm.***