
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT TILPA COMMUNITY HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020 COMMENCING AT 11.14AM**

PRESENT

George Millear, Justin McClure, Bill Ashby, Garry Carter, Cr Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Cr Kate Winders (Cobar Shire Council), Kym Miller (Acting General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Kane Kreeck (Works Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Reece Wilson (Central Darling Shire Council) and Kim Greenwood (Engineering Officer, Cobar Shire Council)

APOLOGIES

Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM (Cobar Shire Council), Cr Peter Maxwell (Cobar Shire Council), Barry Oliver, Pauline Oliver, Maurice Bell (Roads Development Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Peter Vlatko (General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Julie McClure, Cr Julie Payne (Cobar Shire Council) and Cr Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council),

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received be accepted.

Justin McClure/Kate Winders

CARRIED

ITEM 1 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FILE: R5-36

Author: *Acting General Manager, Kym Miller*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee adopt the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2020 as a true and accurate reflection of the proceedings of that Meeting.

George Millear/Kate Winders

CARRIED

ITEM 2 – RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT

FILE: R5-36

AUTHOR: *Acting General Manager, Kym Miller*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive and note the information contained in the Status Report and items 93, 95 and 98 were removed.

George Millear/Kate Winders

CARRIED

ITEM 3 – EXPENDITURE REPORT

FILE: R5-36

AUTHOR: *Acting General Manager, Kym Miller*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive and note the information contained in the Expenditure Report.

George Millear/Kate Winders

CARRIED

ITEM 4 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Capital Funds and Carry Over Items

- George Millear expressed concerns regarding the ongoing variations obvious in the capital budget – appears to fluctuate on a monthly basis.
- It was assumed by rate payer's that the capital budget was set for the full financial year.
- Council gave an overview on the policy and procedure to review the budget each quarter, obligations to add to the budget as required, that projects with legitimacy are carried forward, and non-urgent projects postponed until the next financial year.
- Perception from community is that money is being taken from roads budget for other non-urgent projects such as beautification programs, etc.
- George Millear personally believes that Council are not balancing funds appropriately – funds need to be spent as per Budget – not left to accumulate in bank.
- Funds in bank are ratioed between different sections of Council (for example: water, sewer, roads, etc.). Funds available in bank cannot be spent on roads alone.
- Council hopeful that will receive \$50 million worth of funding within the next three years for The Wool Track project.
- Council will inform George Millear via email how much of the Budget and bank will be carried forward for roads and provide figures as evidence that road funds are not being utilised for other programs.
- Suggested Council consider adding an additional column as evidence of carry forward items to current expenditure reports as it's not clearly visible.
- Contractors being employed to assist with additional road projects.
- Cobar Shire Council staff will be utilised for capital works projects.
- Roads Works Manager is aiming to have all current and outstanding projects commenced this financial year.

Truck Wash Update

- Question posed regarding progress of the Truck Wash project.
- Truck Wash cannot be a stock truck wash due to various environmental factors.
- Truck Wash has been manufactured; to be installed within the next few weeks.
- The Tilpa community commended Council for taking ownership of the Truck Wash project and resolving ongoing issues and concerns.
- All present feel confident that final outcomes will be a good result for rural industries.
- Final plans have been formed in consultation with various key stakeholders including truck drivers.

Fifty Two Mile Road

- Access to township was restricted after recent heavy rainfall along Fifty Two Mile/Tilpa Road.
- Tilpa was isolated from heavy vehicles access for approximately three months.
- Recurring issue having a significant impact and affecting the livelihood of many residents.
- Whilst the Surveyors were on site, Peter Vlatko indicated to George Millear that the road could be raised; question posed if it is still possible to raise a 300-500m section of the road whilst sealing is being undertaken. Kane Kreeck to investigate and action accordingly
- Justin McClure requested that general business item be added as an action item on the status report so progress can be reviewed and monitored.

Moved Justin McClure, **seconded** George Millear ‘That Council investigate and action raising sections of the Fifty Two Mile Road that isolated Tilpa from the end of February through to July after a recent rain event’. **CARRIED**

Water Access for Road Works

Question raised if Council had considered sinking more bores strategically across shire to be utilised for road work?

Moved Justin McClure, **seconded** George Millear ‘That Council strongly consider securing funding to strategically sink bores to be utilised for road works as soon as possible’. **CARRIED**

Central Darling Shire Council Representative, Reece Wilson, thanked the Cobar Shire Council for inviting them to the Rural Roads meeting.

On behalf of community members, Justin McClure thanked the Cobar Shire Council for again holding one of their quarterly Rural Roads meeting in the township of Tilpa.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2020

26th November 2020

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.32PM
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