
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT TILPA COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY
5 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 11:17AM**

PRESENT

George Millear (Tiltagoona), Andrew Farnsworth (Innesowen), Michael McInerney, Herb Hemley, Bronwen Evans, Justin and Julie McClure (Kallara), Angus Waugh, Geoff Sutton (Central Darling Shire), Reece Wilson (Central Darling Shire), John Gally, Councillor Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council), Kym Miller (Acting General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Stephen Taylor (Director of Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council), Adrienne Pierini (Acting Roads Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Craig Hudson (Rural Supervisor, Cobar Shire Council) and Sandra Finnegan (Executive Assistant Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council).

Due to an apology from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, Councillor Peter Abbott was requested and agreed to chair the meeting.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM (Cobar Shire Council), Councillors Greg Martin, and Marsha Isbester (Cobar Shire Council), Barry, Pauline and Paul Oliver, Sargent John Bennett (NSW Police) and Leon Sanker be accepted.

Peter Abbott/Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2015 at Berangabah Station be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Bob Sinclair/Justin McClure

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the issue with not being able to use gravel out of the National Parks be raised at the Western Division Conference.

Bob Sinclair/Justin McClure

CARRIED

STATUS REPORT

- Item 2 – Completed;
- Item 11 – item ongoing;
- Item 36 – Grid inspections to be carried out jointly with the rural addressing program;

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- Item 44 – completed;
 - Item 46 – ongoing due for completion March 2016;
 - Item 47 – completed;
 - Item 49 – completed;
 - Item 50 – removed see new item;
 - Item 52 – completed;
 - Item 53 – to be investigated;
 - Item 54 – completed;
 - Item 55 – completed;
 - Item 56 – Replace Kel Wise with Greg McMahon;
 - Item 57 – Rural Roads Advisory Committee has requested Council put a recommendation to the Western Land Advisory Committee to include grids in the current legislative fencing requirements on transfer of land on western land leases;
 - Item 67 - completed;
 - Item 69 – completed;
 - Item 70 – completed;
 - Re investigate the approach on bridges and additional danger areas on MR68 and SR3, and complete repairs;
 - Request for Council to provide report on Flood funding allocated, received and spent in 2011 and 2012;
 - Julie McClure has requested that Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds;
 - Consideration has been asked by Bob Sinclair to hold the Cobar Town meeting closer to December to perhaps coincide with the Christmas Parade.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the Status Report be received and noted and items 2, 44, 47, 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, 67, 69 and 70 be removed.

Bob Sinclair/Julie McClure

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION: Rural Roads Advisory Committee has requested Council put a recommendation to the Western Land Advisory Committee to include grids in the current legislative fencing requirements on transfer of land on western land leases.

Bob Sinclair/Justin McClure

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION: Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds.

Julie McClure/Andrew Farnsworth

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION: Council to provide report on Flood funding allocated, received and spent in 2011 and 2012.

Julie McClure/Bronwen Evans

CARRIED

EXPENDITURE REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the expenditure reports be received and noted.

Michael McInerney/Bronwen Evans

CARRIED

FIFTY TWO MILE ROAD AND SEVENTY EIGHT MILE ROAD

- Matter was raised at the LEMC meeting held on Monday 3 August 2015 and it was noted there were no objections the name change.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the Fifty Two Mile Road and Seventy Eight Mile Road Report be received and noted.

Michael McInerney/Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Michael McInerney advised that he has received a draft report from the National Trusts on graves in the area and will provide this to Council.

John Gally asked why western councils were not receiving more money from the State Government. Council has applied for many different grants and has been successful in obtaining Roads to Recovery and Fixing Country Roads money. Bob Sinclair suggested a separate organization consisting of rural landholders be formed to push for more funding from the government.

Reece Wilson from Central Darling Shire Council advised that anyone wanting to speak to him about issues in their Shire can do so after the meeting.

Angus Waugh asked about how often roads are graded; the answer is on a needs basis.

Julie McClure asked about the process with the Repair program. These details are available on the RMS website. <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/grant-programs/regional-roads-repair-program.html>

Justin McClure advised he sent a letter 18 months ago with no reply. Council will follow up and encourages Justin to follow up.

Julie McClure has requested that Council investigate any funding opportunities for the upgrade of the Tilpa Weir campgrounds.

An invitation has been extended to the Tilpa Community Committee to attend the next Tourism meeting held at Council.

Justin McClure thanked Council for the effort made to hold a meeting at Tilpa and that the communication between Tilpa Community and Cobar Shire Council has greatly improved.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at Cobar Shire Council Chambers at 2:00pm.

Consideration has been asked by Bob Sinclair to hold the Cobar Town meeting closer to December to perhaps coincide with the Christmas Parade.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1:40PM.