
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT "TILPA" ON WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2014
COMMENCING AT 11:10AM**

PRESENT

Reece Wilson (Central Darling Shire Council), Geoff Sutton (Central Darling Shire Council), George Millear (Tiltagoona), Bernie Williams (Tilpa), Justin McClure (Lallara Tilpa), Kingsley Page (Cobar Shire Council) and Errol George (Cobar Shire Council).

Due to an apology from the Mayor Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM, Councillor Greg Martin chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received from Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM, Robert Neate (WLLS), Pauline Oliver, Barry Oliver and Paul Oliver (Kaleno Station), Councillor Marsha Isbester, Gary Woodman (General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Maurice Bell (Cobar Shire Council), Peter Graf (Cobar Shire Council), Andrew Farnsworth, Jacqueline Mills (Cobar Rangeland Management Officer, Crown Lands), Julie McClure (Kallara) and Peter Maxwell (Dine Downs) be accepted.

Voting Unanimous

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 7 May 2014 at Berangabah Station be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Justin McClure/Kingsley Page

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Two representatives of NSW Government Public Works are looking at the dam and reservoir facility at Tiltagoona on Thursday 7 August 2014, with a view to rehabilitate the facility. It represents a good facility for water supply for road works and fire-fighting in the area. George Millear will not require the water within the dam as the dam is located too close to his property boundary for stock control; but he is prepared to make water available to Council if the site is rehabilitated (subject to negotiation). A truck pad will need to be retained to allow access for water pumping. Some of the existing gravel pavement can be scalped and re-allocated for use on road maintenance. Reece Wilson of Central Darling Shire Council

(CDSC) advised that they have been requested to provide a price for rehabilitation works. A security fence is currently located around the site; this had initially been hired by CDSC, but the hire has been taken over by a third party. The hire is on a three-monthly basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

A Memorandum of Understanding is to be compiled to document the agreement between George Millear and Cobar Shire Council for future operation of the dam.

Justin McClure/George Millear

CARRIED

GRIDS

Justin McClure asked about progress on grids on Pine Hill Road and Shire Road 32. Kingsley Page reported that there has been no response from the relevant property owner to date; the owner is being given every opportunity to co-operate. Justin McClure requested that this be placed on the action list.

Kingsley Page asked Reese Wilson of CDSC of details within their Grid Policy; Reese advised that private grids are the responsibility of the individual property owner, and dangerous grids are filled for safety considerations. He further advised that there was a recent RMS REPAIR scheme to repair/replace grids on the Wool Track, on a 50/50 basis with 16 grids replaced at a total of \$800,000.00.

Reese Wilson also advised that CDSC's policy includes an option for a property owner to fence property to allow for removal of a grid (capped at \$20,000.00) during new construction works.

George Millear also requested that consideration be given to sealing each side of existing grids. Greg Martin commented that Lachlan Shire repairs and maintains private grids; with a payment from the relevant property owner of approximately \$60.00 each year.

Justin McClure requested information regarding the trial maintenance proposal for Shire Road 20. Kingsley advised that Brett Hallcroft and Maurice Bell will be inspecting the equipment. The intention is to grade the road after the next rainfall event. A length of 40km is involved. The trial is to be conducted in conjunction with a group of property owners using the road; with grading work to be performed by a retired former Cobar Shire Council (CSC) Operator; and the group is to source a suitable roller.

RECOMMENDATION:

Copies of Grid Policies of other Councils in the area, including CDSC, Lachlan and Bourke Shires requested for discussion at the

next meeting. Consideration is to be given to incorporation of aspects into CSC's policy on grids.

Justin McClure/George Milliar

CARRIED

TRAFFIC COUNTS

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the traffic counter report be received and noted.

Voting Unanimous

CARRIED

EXPENDITURE REPORTS

Louth Road and the Wool Track will take much of the funding. Kingsley Page advised that \$100,000.00 has been allocated for reseals just south of Tilpa. A side track will be constructed this year at Acres Billabong in preparation for the installation of additional pipe culverts.

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

Voting Unanimous

CARRIED

STATUS REPORT

Item 2 – Justin McClure has requested Michael McInerney to forward details;

Item 4 – Noted that a sign will be ordered and installed at the Major Mitchell Plaque on RR7518;

Item 47 - As discussed previously;

Item 51 – Seal on RR7518 – Greg Martin and Kingsley Page has inspected this, will attempt to be resealed this year;

Rural Addressing – Kingsley advised that work is almost completed; all electronic numbering has been finalised. A decision is required whether CSC should supply numbers and posts, or whether Council should install same.

Greg Martin advised that CSC currently is funded at a lower rate in Regional Road Funding; based on population and traffic figures.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information contained in the Rural Roads Status Report be received and noted.

Voting Unanimous

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

George Millear commented on loose surface from recent dry grading on Road RR7518. There is a concern with safety issues. Kingsley will discuss options with Maurice Bell.

Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) – Emergency Airstrip

Kingsley to discuss with Kel Wise regarding the use of the highway for emergency use. He will also discuss with RFDS, RMS and CASA. Would need to modify guide posts; install a wind-sock and look at portable flares.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Important to maintain frequency of meetings; for next meeting at Tilpa, look at last week of July 2015 to suit local requirements. Also concern that if a quorum may not be available for a future meeting, consideration be given to cancellation.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2014 at the Cobar Shire Council Chambers commencing at 2:00pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:40PM.