# MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 'BERANGABAH' STATION IVANHOE ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2011 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Lilliane Brady (Mayor Cobar Shire Council), Gary Woodman (General Manager Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Councillor Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council), Stephen Taylor (Director of Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council), Peter Morgan (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Greg Martin (Cobar Shire Council), Ken Evans, Diane Noble, Paul Whytcross (Kia-Ora Station), Leonie Sinclair (Berangabah Station), Kevin Murphy (Neckarbo Station), Ann Marie Murphy (Neckarbo Station), Roger Broughton (Yimkin Station), Andrew Farnsworth (Innesowen Station), Andrew Paul (Red Tank Station), Stephen Roberts (Ashleigh Downs), Robert Neate (Mopone Station), Jenni Rogers (Kulwin Station), Bernard Rogers (Kulwin Station), James Rogers (Kulwin Station), Ian Maidens (Rural Fire Service), Justin McClure (Kallara Station), Randall Whytcross (Kia-Ora Station), Harle Harvey.

## **APOLOGIES**

#### 2RRC.05.2011

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the apologies received from Marsha Isbester (Cobar Shire Council), Jarrod Marsden (Cobar Shire Council), Maurice Bell (Contracts Manager, Cobar Shire Council), David and Cheryn Greer, Julie McClure, Pauline Oliver, Jacqueline Mills, Carla Cowles, Danni Ward, be accepted.

Robert Neate / Justin McClure

**CARRIED** 

**RECOMMENDATION:** Resignation notice has been received by Council from Carla Cowles dated Thursday 28 April 2011. Carla has now officially resigned from the Rural Roads Advisory Committee.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### RRC.05.2011

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on the 2 February 2011 were passed as a true and correct record of the proceeding, of that meeting.

Robert Neate / Justin McClure

**CARRIED** 

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**NIL** 

# <u>REPORT 1 – COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL TRANSPORT ASSET</u> MANAGEMENT PLAN

**FILE: P5-76** 

AUTHOR: Stephen Taylor, Director of Engineering Services

Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor explained the adopted Cobar Shire Council Transport Asset Management Plan.

Council currently spends \$4.3 million per annum on its Transport Assets when \$11.1 million per annum is required.

The Plan sets a hierarchy of roads and the level of works required to be done on the different levels of roads.

At last Council now knows what level of funding is required to properly maintain its Assets. This will help with a better level of information for submissions for funding.

The General Manager, Gary Woodman advised the meeting of what is planned in regard to improve plant and equipment utilisation reporting and charges of how Council does things and the quality of the works completed.

#### RRC.02.2011

**RECOMMENDATION:** Information to be noted

Bob Sinclair / Roger Broughton

**CARRIED** 

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Gilgunnia Reserve – Information Board Signage needs to be renewed;

Would like to see extra gravel on the road in conjunction with the grader crew;

Improved crown on the unsealed roads i.e. 4-6% is required. Pull the road up properly;

Ivanhoe Road grade was very well done;

The wet weather is showing up the state of the road network and the current maintenance practices;

# WESTERN NSW STRATEGIC ROADS COMMITTEE

The General Manager advised the meeting that Kevin Humphries Western NSW Strategic Roads Committee is currently working on a submission to Cabinet and Infrastructure NSW for the bitumen construction of the Regional Road Network in the Council's Electorate of Barwon:

Maintenance of causeways after rain must be arranged;

Some causeways do not have concrete cutoff walls and this leads to service damage, add heavy gravel and a problem will be rendered;

Council to check Shire Road 9 for a dangerous causeway that is not properly signed;

Need to arrange for road signage;

Canbelego – Nymagee Road good condition;

Grid on part of Glenacre on Burrimugga road SR29 needs to be checked;

Agreement on the undertaking of the road maintenance on the network to an improved standard at a lesser grade rate;

Angels Pass wash-away need to be checked;

Bypass road of Cobar (\$1.7 Million) needs to be considered to improve the safety in town (need to lobby for funds);

Tilpa Road the best it has been for 20 years. Work is lasting, grading works fantastic congratulations;

Creek Crossings (causeway) needs attention on almost every road (Regional or Shire);

Tilpa Road bitumen patching was done however, a lot of potholes have been missed;

Ivanhoe Road is in good condition, has had a good grade;

Need to check road washouts, on SR32, near top of the hill.

Grids must be considered for improvement;

SR2– drainage system needs to be repaired to stop it being a bog hole;

Road Closed signage – how is the road opening communicated to the Works Supervisor so closed signage can be removed;

Mining royalties – it is hoped that funding can be returned to Cobar for Infrastructure:

Mitre drains and table drains need to be kept in order;

Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meetings – need to listen, take on board the constructive criticism to things and move forward;

Potholes, danger holes, need to be properly signed i.e. hazard signs, need to take into account the ability of trucks to slow down after the warning;

Works Program for the next 12 months, would like a briefing;

Flood damage claim for December 2010 Flood and Storm Damage is just about to be sent to the RTA for a first claim. There are other roads yet to be assessed because the water has only just gone down;

Repair Program Applications for Louth Road, Tilpa Road, Ivanhoe Road. Expect the Tilpa Road will receive Repair Program funding for 2011 / 2012. Need to check if we are obtaining as many points in the criteria matters;

Shape and gravel on our roads allows people to get to town;

Shift in thinking about causeways, gravelling, concrete cutoff walls, better quality grades, shape / cross fall correction may mean less funds for bitumen seal construction;

Accessibility of water is very important;

Accessibility of gravel is very important;

It was explained that there are different types of roads (Regional or Shire Roads) with different funding (Regional Roads – Seek Government Funding), Shire Roads – Council Funds;

Road Closure Project – a project to be completed;

Consider grading a road starting the furtherest from town so the grader crew does not damage the road;

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# **RESOLVED**

Would like a status report on items so matters are always listed until works complete.

Greg Martin / Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

## **RESOLVED**

Council should identify major maintenance problems on the network for future reporting for improvement.

Greg Martin / Bob Sinclair

**CARRIED** 

# **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held at the Tilpa Community Centre commencing at 10.00am Wednesday 3 August, 2011.

#### THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.40PM

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