
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT TILPA ON WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2011 COMMENCING AT
10.00AM**

PRESENT

Councillor Lilliane Brady (Mayor Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Bob Sinclair (Cobar Shire Council), Stephen Taylor (Director of Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council), Peter Morgan (Cobar Shire Council), Justin McClure, Councillor Jarrod Marsden, (Cobar Shire Council), Michael McInerney, Herb Henley, Ken Evans, Andrew Farnsworth, Robert Neate, George Millear, Julie McClure

APOLOGIES

2RRC.05.2011 RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received from Gary Woodman (General Manager Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Michael Cox, Roger Broughton, David and Cheryn Greer, Lance McBride, Andrew Paul, Stuart Maud.

Bob Sinclair / Robert Neate

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RRC.05.2011 RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on the 4 May 2011 were passed as a true and correct record of the proceeding, of that meeting.

Bob Sinclair / Justin McClure

CARRIED

Discussion on the accuracy of the minutes was held and the concern that they were too brief. The agenda and minutes sent to all Rural Roads Advisory Committee members 3 weeks prior to the meeting were accurate and complete, where as the minutes available on the day had 2 pages missing.

Thank you to Mayor Lilliane Brady for having her copy.

RECOMMENDATION: That a Council Executive Assistant attend future Rural Roads Advisory Meeting to take the minutes and ensure accuracy.

Justin McClure / George Millear

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / STATUS REPORT

Council is, where possible, is starting maintenance grading at end of roads to avoid grader crews damaging the road.

The 2011 / 2012 works program will be discussed by Council at its August meetings and will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Tilpa Road bitumen patching was only a partial job as the patching truck was using last of materials they had on board following completion of work on State Highway.

Rather than return to Cobar partly full the crew undertook repairs on the Tilpa Road. They are programmed to return to their road in September.

Gilgunnia Rest Area – improved signage is needed, this is being programmed through the RTA and the Traffic Committee.

REPORT 1 – COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT UTILISATION IMPROVEMENT REPORT

FILE: P5-76

AUTHOR: *Stephen Taylor, Director of Engineering Services*

Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor explained the recommendations from the report.

RRC.02.2011 RECOMMENDATION: Information to be noted

Bob Sinclair / Lilliane Brady

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Tilpa Community Committee – Road Closures – The concerns regarding full road closures when only part of the road was impassable was discussed. It was noted that recommendation 28 of the previous report.

28. *‘That a further report be provided on an improved road closure system and procedures that further protects the unsealed road network particularly during wet weather’.*

Addressed the issue and a new system would address the concerns.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Noted that the edge of some sealed roads need spraying to remove weed growth – particularly on roads that have been under water various times.

Vegetation Control sealed roads – concern was expressed at the height of grass growth on sealed roads especially the State Highways – this is currently being attended to with Councils slasher.

SR2 grading at the State Highway end is very good.

Road name – progress is being made on acceptance of names of MR7518 and SR2 as 52 mile and 78 mile roads

Coachman’s Hill – The Geographical Names Board has still not acceptance the name Coachman’s Hill on the hill on the Barrier Highway.

Major Mitchell Plaque on MR7518 – Advance information signs still to be erected.

Timing of grading of roads, some roads are graded at same time each year needs to be varied to avoid same conditions.

Potholes in sealed roads need to be repaired.

MR461 Balowra Road and SR26 Wilga Downs both need attention.

Road Closures concern that closed roads are not being investigated at weekends even if heavy rain occurs.

Suggestion that Council work with other Shires and even undertake work in other areas.

More work need to be done with water tables and mitre drains. This is proposed under the new heavy maintenance program.

Repair Program

The meeting was advised that a \$100,000 Repair Program had been approved by the RTA for MR7518. Council is required to match this grant 50/50 therefore \$800,000 of seal.

Extension will be undertaken on the road funding 2011 / 2012. A question was asked in relation to \$300,000 of gravel that was crushed and charged against MR7518 some years ago.

Advice was given that some of the gravel was used on previous seal extensions and the remainder would be used in this years work.

The Tilpa Community Committee would advise the Council following its next meeting on what section of the road the seal extension work should be undertaken.

Two staff from Central Darling Shire attended the meeting and answered a number of questions in regards to the roads.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at Cobar Shire Council Chambers commencing at 2.00pm Wednesday 2 November 2011.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.15PM

CONFIRMED.....

MINUTE NO.....

MAYOR.....