
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 2
NOVEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 2PM**

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 (Works Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Gary Woodman (General Manager, Cobar Shire Council) Angela Shepherd (Special Projects Officer, Cobar Shire Council), Carly Hunter (Technical/Administration Officer – Contracts, Cobar Shire Council) Councillor Jarrod Marsden (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Harley Toomey (Cobar Shire Council), Andrew Farnsworth, George Millear, Roger Broughton, Lance McBride.

APOLOGIES

RRC.11.2011 **RECOMMENDATION:** That the apologies received from Councillor Michael Cox (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Greg Martin (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Angela Webb (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Marsha Isbester (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Gerard Francisco (Cobar Shire Council), Justine McClure, Robert Neate, Pauline, Barry and Paul Oliver, Ken Evans, Jacqueline Mills.

George Millear / Andrew Farnsworth

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RRC.11.2011 **RECOMMENDATION:** That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on the 3 August 2011 were passed as a true and correct record of the proceeding, of that meeting.

George Millear / Bob Sinclair

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES / STATUS REPORT

Concerns were made about the bitumen programmed for near the Nangara mail box on MR7518.

Stephen Taylor noted that there was consultation regarding the sealing on MR7518 at the last Rural Road Meeting. The option was given to the Tilpa Community and this is what was decided. There was also engineering science involved in the decision, as there are safety concerns with this section of road near the Nangara mail box and it needs to be sealed. Committee to note the first part of the \$800 000 is to go on the 2km of seal near the Nangara mail box and an assessment will be undertaken on where the remaining funds will be spent.

SR9 still has issues with signposting and causeways. Note that drivers need to travel to a speed limit that suits the road conditions. It was noted that almost every sign and causeway needs attention within the shire.

It was also raised that there is a report to go to Council on SR9, this could have been brought to the Rural Roads Meeting. Stephen Taylor gave a verbal report that he has

been right along the road (70km) and it is the far end, the last 15km that has issues and this is mainly caused by lack of traffic.

There is also one causeway that has issues, it was said that \$60 000 was spend on this causeway in 2007 and it can not be seen where this money has gone.

Concerns were expressed that maybe the road isn't being traveled on because it is un-trafficable. The mail doesn't even run on this road anymore.

RR228 Kangeroo Springs report isn't very good. Some flood damage repairs were done approximately 18months, this was a poor job. This time drainage has been improved. The seal will be stabilised later this year in conjunction with other work.

Questions raised about the Kidmay way South, near Gillgunnia, the work Allan Clarke is doing out there. Stephen Taylor reported that RTA is paying 100%. The issue there is a spring under the road, keeps making the road fail and they are trying to get the water away. This is proving to be a challenge.

The Major Mitchell Plaque on MR7518 is part of the identified sign work to be done.

MR7518 there has been a lot of pot holes missed and a few areas of bitumen have lifted of the road. The Shire could have spent more time on this road.

Bob Sinclair reports that the Belarabong section of MR7522 has potholes that are dangerous. And there is a bad corner on Yallock. Heavy maintenance grading needs to be completed all the way to the shire boundaries. SR7522 was incomplete although the section that was completed has held up well.

Bob Sinclair believes that Council needs more funding and we aren't doing enough to get it. Lilliane Brady believe that Council is active in rallying for funding. There is just no funding to be given and everyone is the same situation.

Lance McBride excused from meeting at 3.23pm.

Noted that a good job was done on SR29 possibly the best in 30 years, more gravel was put on it and it was formed a bit higher.

Mt Boppy Road closed sign, someone keeps pulling the sign down, it was noted that Council needs to put a padlock on it.

Maintenance grading needs to be completed every 12 months, concerns raised that this is not the case in some areas.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tilpa Community Committee – Sealing on 52 mile road. It was noted that this had already been discussed previously in this meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ivanhoe Road has a bitumen crossing that is bad and a nasty hole near Yallock.

RR7518 is starting to deteriorate now. Has had a lot of tourist and trucks running on this road.

Vegetation control on RR7518 on the Innesowen end.

Concerns raised about the after hours number for road closures. It was noted that both General Manager and Director of Engineer can be contacted. Also all number are found on the website www.cobar.nsw.gov.au

George Millear reported that flood signs and dept gauges need to go on Tambua Creek. Also the gird on RR7518 on Tiltagoona needs cleaning out. He also reported that he has had the State Government at Tiltagoona investigating a site to put liquefied carbon dioxide. If this goes ahead it will mean up to a 30 man camp and increased traffic on RR7518.

Council to investigate the possibility of sending state and federal members an invite to the next Rural Roads Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at Mt Hope commencing at 10.00am Wednesday 1 February 2012.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4PM

CONFIRMED.....

MINUTE NO.....

MAYOR.....