
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 'BERANGABAH' STATION IVANHOE ON WEDNESDAY 2
MAY 2012 COMMENCING AT 10.45AM**

PRESENT

Gary Woodman (General Manager, 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), Councillor Greg Martin (Cobar Shire Council), Ken Evans, Leonie Sinclair (Berangabah Station), Robert Neate (Mopone Station), Jenni Rogers (Kulwin Station), Bernard Rogers (Kulwin Station), Keith Norris, Christine Norris, Jenny Paul, William Paul Col Morris, Sue Prendergast (Ex Assist/Engineering Services, Cobar Shire Council).

APOLOGIES

2RRC.05.2012 RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received from Councillor Ange Webb (Cobar Shire Council), Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM (Mayor Cobar Shire Council), David Greer, Cheryn Greer, Julie McClure, Justin McClure, Pauline Oliver, Barry Oliver, Paul Oliver, Stuart Maud, Dianne Noble, Andrew Farnsworth, Andrew Paul.

Keith Norris / Gary Woodman

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RRC.05.2012 RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on the 1 February 2012 at Mount Hope, were passed as a true and correct record of the proceeding, of that meeting.

Robert Neate / Gary Woodman

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ITEMS:

Stephen Taylor spoke of the Transport Asset Management Plan that will be tabled at the Council Meeting to be held on 3 May 2012.

Bob Sinclair spoke of the costs involved when the carriers would not come out on their road and how expensive it was to go on the alternative route. It can cost up to \$500 for these trucks to go around the long way and therefore this eats into any profit.

Jenny Paul asked how any money for roads would be spent. Is there money allocated to each road? Gary Woodman explained that the Asset Management Plan Hierarchy decides where any money is allocated and spent. Peter Morgan spoke of the isolated people in the Darling River area who have a priority because they cannot even get a vehicle in or out.

Peter Morgan explained that the Council could supply gravel for the damage caused at Yallock, RR (7522) turnoff due to the February rain. He said they could replace what gravel was lost but could not provide new structures through flood damage funding.

Keith Norris asked if Peter Morgan, in the future could come and inspect any damage himself first hand.

STATUS REPORT:

It was decided that any information on the status report should stay on the report for a couple of meetings after work has been completed or issues addressed. It can then be removed.

Director of Engineering Services, Stephen Taylor spoke of item 20 on the status report concerning the removal of old grids and the desire to get rid of them after consulting with the property owner.

Bob Sinclair said he felt there may have been a problem with the vehicle classifier and asked if it could be placed on RR7522 again. The idea that only 9 vehicles per day passed over it in approx 3 weeks was “unbelievable”.

Peter Morgan explained that the vehicle classifier should probably go back for a second count.

Bob Sinclair explained that when the graders come out and start work they usually do a stretch at a time and that a full decent grade from boundary to town has never been completed. Stephen Taylor explained that a full, heavy grade that was due to start in February/March on RR 7522 was delayed due to rain.

Leonie Sinclair spoke of her concerns for the safety of her family while travelling on these roads and the costs of getting their produce to markets. Leonie went on to express her frustration at the lack of action after each meeting. Jenny Paul feels that the roads should have been checked by Peter Morgan after the flood so he could see first hand the damage that has been done. Ms Paul also asked that the RTA should speak with the land holders and use them to get more money.

General Manager Gary Woodman explained that Council currently spends \$4.3 million per annum on its Transport Assets when \$11.1 million per annum is required.

RRC.05.2012. RECOMMENDATION: Information be received and noted.

Bob Sinclair / Stephen Taylor

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

That a report be made available to Council advising what funding other Councils are getting for Regional Roads and what is the short fall for Cobar. It was also suggested that we invite State and Federal Members to tour our road network and have a firsthand look at what is happening with the Rural Roads in our Shire.

Greg Martin/Jenny Paul

CARRIED

William Paul spoke of how he has blown three tyres driving on these roads. It is very unsafe.

Bernard Rogers explained that he felt the Council was doing a good job grading RR (7522); by doing a heavy grade and not skimming it will be much better in the long run. He was also pleased with slashing of vegetation in the Euabalong area.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at the Tilpa Community Centre commencing at 10.00am Wednesday 1 August, 2012.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.00PM

CONFIRMED

MINUTE NO

MAYOR