
**MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 11.10AM**

PRESENT

Cr Bob Sinclair (Chair, Cobar Shire Council), Cr Peter Maxwell (Cobar Shire Council), Cr Kate Winders (Cobar Shire Council), George Millear, Warren Manns, Stewart George (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Wilcannia), Ian Fraser, Peter Vlatko (General Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Scott Casey (Director of Infrastructure Services, Cobar Shire Council) Kane Kreeck (Road Works Manager, Cobar Shire Council), Kelly Buerckner (Cobar Shire Council) and Kim Greenwood (Cobar Shire Council)

APOLOGIES

Mayor Lilliane Brady OAM (Cobar Shire Council), Cr Peter Abbott (Cobar Shire Council), Cr Julie Payne (Cobar Shire Council), Bonnie Vagg, Andrew Bryant, Jaymie Norris, Jonathon Thompson, Robynne Lawrence, Andrew Paul, Justin McClure and Maurice Bell (Roads Development Manager, Cobar Shire Council)

RECOMMENDATION: That the apologies received be accepted.

Kate Winders/Peter Maxwell

CARRIED

ITEM 1 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FILE: R5-36

Author: Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Truck Wash

- Confirmed Truck Wash not to be utilised for stock trucks;
- Peter Vlatko has spoken with truck industry representatives and working towards installing a stock truck wash in the future;
- Stock truck waste cannot be filtered into sewer mains;
- New Stock Truck Wash installed in Balranald is very satisfactory for primary producer needs;
- Primary producers are regulated by Biosecurity Act; required to clean trucks between delivery and pick up of stock;
- Council committed to building a Stock Truck Wash in the Cobar Shire region.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee adopt the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 August 2020 as a true and accurate reflection of the proceedings of that Meeting.

Kate Winders/George Millear

CARRIED

ITEM 2 – RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT

FILE: R5-36

AUTHOR: Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive and note the information contained in the Status Report.

George Milllear/Peter Vlatko

CARRIED

ITEM 3 – EXPENDITURE REPORT

FILE: R5-36

AUTHOR: *Director of Infrastructure Services, Scott Casey*

- \$227,000.00 worth of funds previously allocated to SR32 (20kms West of intersection) were reallocated to SR13 as works on SR32 were covered under flood damage. Money was for resheeting, section has only been graded. Scott Casey will investigate and distribute findings via email to Rural Roads Advisory Committee.
- R2R funds must be spent on allocated roads. Councillors can approve that modifications be made. Scope can be amended with Transport NSW.
- Council are bound by funding requirements and will apply for additional grant money.
- Will be an achievement to spend entire capital this financial year.
- Roads require water from landowners, some resistance which hinders progress.
- Stewart George advised that 78 Mile Road has water which we can access; is also a gravel pit at Tilpilli Station that can be utilised.
- Kiacatoo/Boobaro Road Restricted Bridge Load Limit signage needs improving. Signage has been ordered and Kane Kreeck will investigate when new signage to be installed. Currently yellow sign turned around with handwritten warning very close to bridge crossing.
- Budget not allocated to individual Shire roads; one whole budget is designated and distributed on a priority basis. Counters would assist with understanding traffic using Shire roads. Road inspections are undertaken which also drives designation of routine maintenance works.
- Roads to commence utilising program called REFLECT that will measure all Shire and Regional roads and break them up into segments. All data to be collated to assist with programming, actual location of works etc.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee receive and note the information contained in the Expenditure Report.

Peter Maxwell/George Milllear

CARRIED

ITEM 4 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Email from Ian Fraser – Wilga Downs Road – Sealing of final sections

- Bourke Shire Council received funding for Wilga Downs Road;
- Cobar Shire Council applied for funds for Wilga Downs Road, but The Wool Track outscored Wilga Downs Road works;
- Cobar Shire Council successful in obtaining \$5million of Fixing Local Roads funding for the next financial year. Sealing Cobar Shire's Council length of Wilga Downs Road to be considered (to join section being undertaken by Bourke Shire Council);

- Project chosen under funding requirements has to amount to \$5million – 15km seal on Wilga Downs Road will not amount to this, project may not be eligible;
- To consider completing with R2R funds in the 2021/2022 financial year;
- Kane Kreeck to do up a plan, survey will need to be completed and will then need to go to Council for approval;
- Ian Fraser is currently filling holes to ensure safe driving conditions;
- Council to look at maintenance works on Wilga Downs Road as a temporary measure.

- Stewart George will speak with local National Park representatives to ascertain if we can gain access to water and gravel within Cobar Shire.

- Building up of road on Tilpa Road; surface has turned clay like. Suggested to cap with gravel; to potentially utilise unallocated capital funds. Expenditure will need to go to Council for approval; likely to cost approximately \$200,000.

- Local ratepayers appreciate works done on The Wool Track; contractor doing an excellent job. Bob Sinclair and other locals from area are very thankful for the works.

- Drop off at Pipeline and Binya Bore is quite dangerous; Kane Kreeck to investigate and action works accordingly.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.14PM