

Roads Working Party Meeting - Notes

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2023

Time: 3.04pm

Location: Minlaton Council Office

Meeting Objective: To consider the future utilisation of the road network within our Council area for community access, freight, tourism, and agricultural needs.

Item No.	Item	Who	When
1	Attendees and Apologies		
1.1	Attendees Mayor Darren Braund (Mayor DB) (Ex Officio) Councillor Naomi Bittner (Cr NB) Councillor Alan Headon (Cr AH) Councillor Scott Hoyle (Cr SH) Councillor Roger Johns (Cr RJ) Andre Kompler (AMK), Director Assets and Infrastructure Services <i>(Arrived 3.08pm- Advised the Chair of delay before meeting)</i> Michael McCauley (MSM), Asset Manager Richard Murdoch (RM), Community Representative - Agricultural Industry Anthony Trengove (AT), Community Representative - Transport Industry Karen Brokenshire (KLB) (Note Taker), Executive Assistant to the Director Assets and Infrastructure Services		
1.2	Apologies Andrew Cameron (AWC), Chief Executive Officer; Roy Dick (RAD), Works Manager; Greg Twelftree (GT), Community Representative - Agricultural Industry; Michael Cadd (MC), Community Representative - Transport Industry		
2	Review of Previous Notes		
	All present accepted as true and correct.		

3	Appointment of Community Representative – Agriculture, Transport and Tourism		
	<p>One only Expression of Interest was received from Roger Francis. Cr NB will contact to confirm he is still happy to participate with the understanding that a Maitland bypass has been explored in-depth by Council and is unfortunately not feasible.</p> <p>Readvertise on Councils Facebook and Web pages only for Transport and Tourism noting associates welcome to apply.</p>	<p>Cr NB</p> <p>KLB</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>
4	Feedback from the Working Party – Draft Heavy Vehicle Access Strategy (DHVAS)		
	<p>AMK explained the aim of DHVAS's "Annexure 9- Primary producer rates versus rates expenditure", was to provide an overall indication of apparent inequity that needed to be considered in the future. The annexure looked at the percentage of budget allocated to roads benefiting primary production versus percentage of the rate pool contributed by primary producers. The RWP discussed how to raise extra funds into the future (ie introduce new tiered rate to include Extractive Industries).</p> <p>Next steps will be to put to Council to endorse, seek community feedback then back to Council with strategy planning for approving.</p>		
5	30m A Double access to Council's road network and the conditions that apply to some permits (Seeking a uniform approach)		
	<p>Discussion on risk options to reduce P1s to P3s, options to improve sight distances, and increase in tourism (more caravans etc on our roads).</p> <p>Emails sent from DIT:Public Notice to subscribers when there are any updates. Website has updated information and Phone Apps available also for heavy vehicle operators.</p>		
6	Speed limits on unsealed roads for vehicles above Class 1 Licence operation		
	<p>Discussion on how to reduce risk. Suggestions were to place conditions on gazetted roads of concern and signpost accordingly (SAPOL can then act). AMK to seek confirmation from DIT and NHVR of process.</p>	AMK	Next meeting
7	Current Patrol Grading Schedule and Output Achieved by Individual Sectors		
	<p>Discussed the % output from October 2022, staff numbers through leave, sickness etc impacting the available time for grader operation in view of no back up staff. Encouragement received to seek further staff numbers and or work with external operators via the Roads Working Party.</p>		
	Next Meeting		
	3.00pm, Wednesday 23 August 2023.		