# MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING AT 12.30PM

## PRESENT:

Cr Ron Campbell (Chair), Cr Maurice Collison and Cr Tayah Clout.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Greg McDonald (General Manager), Mr Rag Upadhyaya (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Jay Jeyakanthan (Executive Manager Works Delivery), Mr Jeff Bush (Manager Strategic Assets), Mr Grahame Wilson (Manager Water& Sewer), Mr Allan Greer (Project Manager), Mrs Anna Brennan (Infrastructure Support Officer) and Ms Karen Boland (Governance & Executive Support Officer).

# APPLICATIONS FOR ATTENDING MEETING VIA VIDEO LINK:

Nil

## **APOLOGIES:**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the apology received from Cr Allison McPhee be accepted.

Moved: Cr M Collison Seconded: Cr T Clout CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nil

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Nil

## **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**

ISC.03.1 WORKS PROGRAM - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WATER

**AND SEWER** 

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

**AUTHOR:** Grahame Wilson - Manager Water & Sewer

### **RESOLVED**

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr T Clout Seconded: Cr M Collison CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

Cr Campbell enquired with regard to the village water supply, how much water is being used? Response: Taken on notice by Manager Water & Sewer to provide updated water usage figures.

ISC.03.2 WORKS PROGRAM - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WORKS

**DELIVERY** 

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Jayarajah Jeyakanthan - Executive Manager Works Delivery

**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr T Clout Seconded: Cr M Collison CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.03.3 STRATEGIC AND CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

**AUTHOR:** Jayarajah Jeyakanthan - Executive Manager Works Delivery

**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr T Clout Seconded: Cr M Collison CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS** 

Cr Campbell enquired if the gravel pushed up at the southern end of Comialla Road is suitable to be used?

Response: Director Infrastructure Services advised the local gravel is not up to spec with the next

best option being gravel sourced from Ulan however, this would incur higher transport costs. Taken on notice to provide an update on the quality testing results of the gravel.

Cr Collison requested an update of the roof over the cattle yards at White Park. (Ref line item # 178 of CAPEX report)

Response: Taken on Notice.

ISC.03.4 MR358 WILLOW TREE ROAD UPGRADE

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

**AUTHOR:** Jeff Bush - Manager Strategic Assets

**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr M Collison Seconded: Cr T Clout CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.03.5 LOCAL ROADS INITIAL SEAL - PROJECT UPDATE

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

**AUTHOR:** Chris Agosto - Project Manager

**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr T Clout Seconded: Cr M Collison CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

Cr Collison enquired with regard to the Moonan Brook Road initial seal project and the out of scope work for the Moonan Brook Tennis Club, can the contribution of \$4,000 from the Moonan Brook Tennis Club go back to the club if the project comes in under budget?

Response: Taken on notice by the General Manager to investigate if this is possible without

breaching Council policy.

ISC.03.6 SCONE CBD REVITALISATION PROJECT

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

**AUTHOR:** Allan Greer - Project Manager

**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr M Collison Seconded: Cr T Clout CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.03.7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services **AUTHOR:** Anna Brennan - Infrastructure Support Officer

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**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee note the question received and response provided.

Moved: Cr T Clout Seconded: Cr R Campbell CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.03.8 RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Rag Upadhyaya - Director Infrastructure Services

**AUTHOR:** Anna Brennan - Infrastructure Support Officer

**RESOLVED** 

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: Cr T Clout Seconded: Cr M Collison CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

Cr Campbell enquired who owns the land where the Merriwa silo art is located and could a lighting project be considered?

Response: Director Infrastructure Services advised that the silos are owned by Graincorp with the land owned by ARTC and managed by UGL. All key stakeholders would need to be involved for consideration of lighting project in conjunction with grant funding opportunities.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 1.09PM