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PRESENT Clr M Nash (in the Chair), Clrs P Batten & A Rawson

Also present were the Deputy General Manager – Cabonne
Infrastructure and Executive Assistance – Infrastructure

OBSERVERS Clrs A Pull, L Oldham

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr K Beatty

Bradley Byrnes – General Manager

Rodney Chown – A/Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Rawson)

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

IT23/06 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

THAT there were nil Declarations of Interest to be noted.

IT23/07 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

THAT there were nil political donations to be noted.

IT23/08 Carried

ITEM - 4 DRAFT ROADS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure advised the policy is currently in draft form. It is being brought to the Committee for consideration prior to being referred to Council for endorsement.

There was a discussion regarding the purpose of the policy which is to provide clarity regarding maintained and unmaintained roads.

There was a discussion regarding the flexibility of the policy.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

THAT the Committee endorse the draft Roads Management Policy for presentation to a future Ordinary meeting of Council.

IT23/09

Carried

ITEM - 5 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Batten requested an update on the Priority Roads noted at the previous meeting – specifically Lake Canobolas Road. The Deputy General Manager advised that the assessment has been undertaken and the report is forthcoming. He also noted that the purpose of these assessments was to have reports/information on hand should funding become available. He is unaware of any grant funding on the horizon.

Clr Batten also noted that the Yeoval Progress Association were happy that Obley Road had been included in the list of Priority Roads. The Deputy General Manager noted that Council had supported a submission from Dubbo Regional Council for Obley Road to be made a regional road during the re-classification process, to his knowledge this has not yet been assessed.

There was a discussion about the Nyrang Creek bridge side track. The side track is not a permanent arrangement but the concrete causeway will be maintained as a sidetrack should it need to be utilised in the future once bridge repairs have been completed.

The Deputy General Manager updated the Committee on the Four Mile Creek Road project and Washpen Creek Bridge project – both of these have now gone out to tender. Clr Batten wanted it noted that the Yeoval Progress Association would like to be included in the consultation and kept informed on the design. There was some discussion on the background of the project.

The Deputy General Manager updated the Committee on the changes to the Cargo Road program. With the onset of winter Council had to abandon repairs on Coffee Hill Creek and move to the safer section of Cargo Road. This is the section of road south of Barragan Road which was slated to be undertaken in September 2023. It now has good sight lines and improved road condition. This is stage 1 of 2. Council will be going back to Coffee Hill Creek next September.

Peak Hill Road project was ready to go to tender however the Federal Government has advised that they are reviewing funding and Council were asked not to enter any contracts.

Molong Main Street project is tracking well. Will move to Stage 2 in the next 2 weeks, it is a longer section. Stage 2 is to be completed by end of August 2023 including street furniture. Stage 3 and 4 in the lower end of Bank Street are due to commence in February 2024.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

THAT the information be noted.

IT23/10

Carried

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Deputy General Manager distributed a Communique from the recent Local Roads Congress and noted that a report to Council would likely be done in July 2023. The key messages from the Congress were:

- Concerns regarding the Emergency Services Levy and the impacts on Council's budgets.
- Encouraging transparency around forward planning.
- Big emphasis on updating Asset Management plans.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.53pm.