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Also present were the Deputy General Manager- Infrastructure,
Department Leader - Transport, Executive Assistant - Cabonne
Infrastructure

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 5 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Proceedings in Brief

Deputy General Manager Cabonne Infrastructure advised that this item was issued as a tabled report and was required to be the first item of the meeting.

Clr Rawson nominated Clr Beatty for the position of Chair.

Clr Batten nominated Clr Nash for the position of Deputy Chair. Clr Nash accepted the nomination.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the committee elected Clr Beatty as Chairperson and Clr Nash as Deputy Chairperson for the term of council.

IT25/01

Carried

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Kevin Beatty

Clr Andrew Pull

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

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

IT25/02

Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Rawson)

THAT there were no Declarations of Interest to be noted.

IT25/03

Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Nash)

THAT there were no political donations to be noted.

IT25/04

Carried

ITEM - 4 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

The Chair handed over to the Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure to go through the report.

RERRF

The Department Leader – Transport noted that there had been a lot of positive comments from the community regarding the work being done under this program. He noted that there was funding available for further works to be done on Belubula Way – staff are developing costings to undertake culvert upgrades. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that the culverts were part of Council's application for betterment funding but were unsuccessful. Clr Rawson enquired to the amount of funding available and the Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that it was approx. \$200K. Staff are working on an Expression of Interest to undertake work at all three culverts.

R2R

Clr Rawson mentioned that he had been contacted by residents on Kangarooie Road requesting work to be undertaken – has this been completed. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that maintenance work had been completed earlier this year. Work had been requested prior to Christmas but resources had been unavailable. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that to put it in perspective, the resident making the complaint had just had major surgery and whilst the road was in good condition, gravel roads are still rough and there would have been some discomfort. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure also commented that the rain received in early December had not been helpful in getting the work completed.

Clr Batten enquired about Hunter Caldwell Road – had an assessment been undertaken? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised it had been assessed and would be added to next Financial Years program where it would be prioritised against other roads.

State Roads

Clr Rawson enquired about line marking on Packham Drive at the Molong end. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he would follow this up. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that the Mayor had previously raised that the roads handed over to a regional status – there was money promised by the previous government to upgrade these roads to a B Double status, the current government has not followed through with this. At present all we can do is keep doing maintenance and patching and don't count on any money for upgrades.

Bridge Replacements

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that they would aim to start with Pinecliffe Road.

Mandagery Creek Culvert

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that there had been issues with Fisheries regarding this project. The base slab for the culvert was not at the correct height as per the design plan. Additional work had to be taken to correct this. Council also received a Penalty Infringement Notice of \$1,000 from Fisheries. This has all now been rectified.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure confirmed that we need to be mindful when working within the rivers and creeks.

Peak Hill Road

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that the full scope for the funding deed – the minimum requirement was to achieve B Double access. Council added an additional requirement for further resilience particularly in the areas of inundation. It was noted that a pressing item is the requirement to acquit the deed by December 2026.

Council staff are currently working through a number of issues. Council will be engaging an external project manager to work in conjunction with staff out on site.

DRFA

Clr Batten enquired if the work being completed on Banjo Paterson Way near Bicton Lane was out team. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure confirmed that it was Council's Northern Construction crew.

Clr Nash enquired whether we have enough outdoor staff. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure confirmed we can always use more but have enough at the moment.

Bitumen Roads

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that we had received good feedback from the Forestry in regards to the work done on Four Mile Creek Road.

Clr Rawson enquired about the line marking for Bank Street, Molong. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that he has the draft plan to review, there is more work on the design to be done. It will be undertaken by the end of the Financial Year.

Future Works

It was noted that Banjo Paterson Way is underway and there is 2.6km of work to be completed on Nangar Road. This should commence in March.

Clr Batten commented that it was impressive to be able to tell the community that work will be done on Obley Road and then see the work being done.

Clr Rawson enquired as to the progress with work on Lake Canobolas Road, noting that there had been two accidents in two days, one of which was a fatality. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that it was currently not on track with the designs, quotes were being sought. There are a number of funding streams to consider – Fixing Local Roads (which may not continue); Fixing Country Roads; or Council Funds (R2R).

Clr Rawson asked if the project can be scaled back? Is it possible to resurface the worst sections to alleviate the safety concerns? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that this can be looked into and brought back to the committee. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that the preliminary scope of works broke the project into three stages. Clr Rawson noted that the Roads Advisory Committee had requested the worst section to be prioritised and Council had approved the funding.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that Shepherds had been engaged to undertake the road condition assessments. The report is due this month. It will give staff a list of priority roads to put to Council. It was noted that these condition assessments are based on the deterioration of the road pavement only.

RTRF

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that this funding was to repair and replace 64 culverts and causeways.

Clr Rawson advised that residents of Lewis Ponds had contacted him regarding a number of culverts in the area which were in poor condition, were these part of this? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he would follow this up.

General

Clr Batten enquired about the recycled material used in the East Area of Cabonne, how is it holding up? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that it was yet to be seen. It will be between 8 to 10 years before we know.

Clr Nash enquired about the Manildra footbridge funding. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised this was for landscaping which would not be done until the footbridge was done.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that Transport for NSW would be resurfacing the main street of Manildra over the next few weeks (from the bridge to Yellowbox Road). Work will be undertaken at night to minimise disruptions. Council are currently negotiating for some local streets to be undertaken at the same time (cost dependent).

Clr Batten asked how to we fund emergency tree vegetation work (storm clean up). The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that it comes from the maintenance fund.

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Rawson)

THAT the Committee note the information provided.

IT25/05

Carried

It was noted, that Item 5 was moved to be dealt with as the first Item of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 01.07pm.