



MINUTES

Rural Lands Committee Meeting Friday, 27 November 2020

**MINUTES OF WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
RURAL LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL DEPOT
ON FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 9.00AM**

1 COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 9.00am with Cr White welcoming those present.

2 PRESENT

Cr Cathy White, Cr Tina Elliott, Cr Anne Seymour, Mr Suneil Adhikari (Director of Works), Mr Geoff Cox (Rural Services Manager), Miss Courtney Brown (Rural Lands Officer), Mr Peter White, Ms Dolly Grant, Ms Natasha Howard, Mrs Debbie Nichols, Mr John Paine, Mr Dale Elliott (Works Supervisor) and Mrs Tiffany Neilson (Minute Secretary).

3 APOLOGIES

20.11.01

Moved: Mr John Paine

Seconded: Mrs Debbie Nichols

THAT apologies from Cr G Baskett, Mr R Bruhn (CEO) and Mr B Elliott be received and noted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

20.11.02

Moved: Ms D Grant

Seconded: Cr Anne Seymour

THAT the minutes of the Rural Lands Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Magnetic Sweeper

Cr A Seymour noted that a magnetic sweeper is being trialled.

Frensham / Dagworth Road

Mr D Elliott noted the Frensham / Dagworth Road will be repaired before the Christmas Shut Down. More investigating needs to occur with how the causeway is treated.

Rain Gauges

Discussion was held about locations of the gauges.

Erosion Workshop

Cr C White asked about the progress of the erosion workshop and expressed interest from DCQ as well.

Mr S Adhikari confirmed this workshop will be investigated early next year.

Neighbouring Grids

Mr J Paine asked if Council assists when neighbours have shared grids and aren't willing to share replacement costs.

Mr S Adhikari confirmed Council do not assist with these issues. Council have also entered a joint procurement project with RAPAD, who will conduct grid inspections.

Mr P White mentioned there are several dangerous grids around the Shire.

Mr D Elliott noted if there are any dangerous grids to notify Council, include any pictures if possible.

Race Reader and Required Forms for Showgrounds

Ms D Grant asked if the Stockroutes Department had been receiving any of the required forms when the Showground's are hosting events which include livestock.

Mr G Cox noted no forms have been handed in.

Discussion regarding the race reader and responsibility of the livestock transfers.

All committees have been made aware of the requirements at the Showground Users Meeting

Road Conditions

Mr D Elliott explained to the group how Council conducts Road Inspections.

Special Guest Miss Leanne Hardwick from DAF presented two PowerPoints regarding Grasshoppers and Soil.

Mrs T Elliott departed the Meeting at 10.00am

6 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 Stock routes Update

Copies of the Stock Routes Management Plan was distributed to the group.

Mrs D Nichols made comment there was no section in the plan that relates to the drover's responsibility.

20.11.03

Moved: Mrs Debbie Nichols

Seconded: Mr Peter White

1. THAT Council amend the Stock Routes Management Plan to add a section regarding the drover's responsibility.

CARRIED

Council Rural Service Manager provided the group with an update on the Stock Routes Department:

- Windstorm damaged several solar panels
- Middleton pressure pump not working, investigating costs and responsibility.
- Majority of the water facility pumps have been turned off.
- Loader fixing wing at Bendermeer water facility.
- Issues with the fence along Riley Street as Common Cattle keep escaping.

6.2 Organic Saleyards

Council's Rural Service Manger updated the group on the approval for the Organic Saleyards to go ahead in the beginning of 2021 (trialling for 12 months).

6.3 Stock Routes Meeting Debrief

Council's Rural Service Manager updated the group on the Shire Rural Lands Officers Group Meeting that took place on 25th & 26th of November.

7 ACTION LIST

Action	Person Responsible	Date Raised	Update
Making sure Council employees are aware of Landowners Biosecurity Plans	DOW	01/03/2020	Ongoing
Education for Council employees of land care when constructing roads	DOW	30/03/2020	Ongoing
Organise Erosion Workshop	DOW	25/09/2020	
Provide location of Rain Gauges to next meeting	DOW	25/09/2020	
Advise DCQ when Erosion Workshop commences.	Works Manager	15/02/2021	
Investigate Showgrounds Race Reader/Wand	RSM	15/02/2021	
Investigate funds transfer from pest and weeds to grasshoppers	RSM	15/02/2021	
Herald Advert regarding soil project (if required)	Tiffany	15/02/2021	
Distribute Leanne's details to members	Tiffany	15/02/2021	
Organise lick distribution on town common and notify users	RSM	15/12/2020	
Ensure enough signage is placed along stock routes water notifying users of regulations.	RSM	15/02/2021	
Investigate gates of Exclusion Fencing	RSM	15/02/2021	

Commented [SVB1]: Why is the Dow responsible for this?

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mrs T Elliott/Ms Natasha Howard

Lick blocks for the Town Common

Would Council consider allowing a bounty for pig snouts?

20.11.04

Moved: Ms Natasha Howard

Seconded: Ms Dolly Grant

1. THAT Council consider offering a bounty for pig snouts.

CARRIED

Mr John Paine

Asked about the requirement timeframe for baiting signs.

Noted that as a Landowner he would be more than happy to pay for the ground bait that Council distributes.

Noted his concern with exclusion fences not containing many gates.

Cr Anne Seymour

Noted the amount of rural damaged power poles as well as remaining poles not being transported away.

20.11.05

Moved: Cr Anne Seymour

Seconded: Mrs Debbie Nichols

1. THAT Council present a letter to Ergon expressing their concern for the number of rural damaged power poles as well as the number of unused poles left on properties around the Shire.

CARRIED

Mrs Cathy White

Asked if another edition of the Rural Newsletter can be produced before the Christmas Break.

Thanked members for their attendance and assistance throughout the year.

Mrs Debbie Nichols

Commented that the Ayrshire Road needs repairing.

Miss Courtney Brown

Updated the group on current activities with the funding applications.

Mr Peter White

Commented about the dangerous state on some approaches to grids.

Noted his concern with landowners burning during summer.

MOTION NUMBER	MOTION	COUNCIL RESPONSE
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6 CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The Meeting closed at 10:50am.

Next meeting will be held in the new year, dates still to be confirmed.

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CHAIRPERSON