

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 12.00pm

PRESENT:

Cr Ron Campbell (Chair), Cr James Burns, Cr Lorna Driscoll, Cr Sue Abbott and Cr Maurice Collison (Mayor).

APOLOGIES:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Glenn Inglis (Acting General Manager), Mr Nicholas Havyatt (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Sam Wooden (Manager Works Delivery), Mr Jeff Bush (Manager Strategic Assets), Mrs Nilakshi Fernando (Acting Manager Water & Sewer), Mr Gavin McKenzie (Project Manager) and Mrs Karen Boland (Infrastructure Support Officer).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

ISC.08.07 – Moobi Rd Rural Connection Area – Investigation Report

Cr Sue Abbott declared a pecuniary and non-pecuniary, significant and non-significant conflict of interest for the reason that she owns property on Moobi Road and her husband is one of the community members who has approached Upper Hunter Shire Council with respect to a rural H2O supply to Moobi. Cr Abbott advised that she would remain in the meeting but not contribute to discussion or take part in decision making.

ISC.08.08 – Moobi Road High Pressure Zone – Investigation Report

Cr Sue Abbott declared a pecuniary and non-pecuniary, significant and non-significant conflict of interest for the reason that she owns property on Moobi Road and her husband is one of the community members who has approached Upper Hunter Shire Council with respect to a rural H2O supply to Moobi. Cr Abbott advised that she would remain in the meeting but not contribute to discussion or take part in decision making.

Cr James Burns declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for the reason that he lives in the area surrounding Moobi Road. Cr Burns advised that he would remain in the meeting with limited involvement as the report is for information and consultation purpose only.

Mr Nicholas Havyatt declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant conflict of interest for the reason that they he lives in the area surrounding Moobi Road. Mr Havyatt advised that he would remain in the meeting with limited involvement as the report is for information and consultation purpose only.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Nil

ISC.08.1

WORKS PROGRAM - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - WATER AND SEWER

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Phillip Hood - Manager Water & Sewer

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: L Driscoll

Seconded: S Abbott

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.2

WORKS PROGRAM - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Sam Wooden - Manager Works Delivery

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: M Collison

Seconded: L Driscoll

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.3

SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Alan Fletcher - Special Projects Manager

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: M Collison

Seconded: J Burns

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.4

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: J Burns

Seconded: L Driscoll

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.5

WATER CONSUMPTION UPDATE AND SUMMARY

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Nilakshi Fernando - Engineer Water & Sewer Treatment

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: J Burns

Seconded: L Driscoll

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.6

***VILLAGE RETICULATION AND MURRURUNDI RESERVOIR
MONTHLY REPORT***

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Chris Agosto - Project Manager

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: L Driscoll

Seconded: J Burns

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.7

MOOBI RD RURAL CONNECTION AREA - INVESTIGATION REPORT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Gavin McKenzie - Project Manager

Recommendation

That Council:

1. endorse the concept design;
2. agree to progress the development of the scheme via further discussion with the proponents who initiated the project and community consultation; and,
3. receive a further report following consultation.

Moved: L Driscoll

Seconded: R Campbell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.8

MOOBI RD HIGH PRESSURE ZONE - INVESTIGATION REPORT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Gavin McKenzie - Project Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. endorse the concept design;
2. agree to progress the project and community consultation; and,
3. receive a further report following consultation.

Moved: L Driscoll

Seconded: R Campbell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.08.9

ANSWERS TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Karen Boland - Infrastructure Support Officer

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive and note the report.

Moved: L Driscoll

Seconded: R Campbell

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cr Campbell

1. How can UHSC overcome the ongoing boiled water alerts and can this be made a priority?
2. Please provide an update on Cassilis Sewerage System and the public works advisory costs?
3. With regard to the Bunnan Road project, is it funded yet and can updates be provided?
4. Can an update of the Murulla Street causeway be provided?
5. With regard to the grant funded works at Merriwa Oval, what is the upgrade to lighting lamps?
6. What painting is happening at Merriwa (Ref #198 Capex)
7. Can Council please provide an update regarding the upgrade to BBQ at Merriwa Swimming Pool (Ref #228 Capex)
8. Can another funding stream be considered for new disabled steps at Merriwa & Scone swimming pools?
9. With regard to the flushing of water lines, does Council have any data on how much water was lost?
10. With regards to ISC.08.06 Village Reticulation and Murrurundi Reservoir Monthly Report, will it be compulsory for the residents to connect?

Cr Abbott

1. Are there any plans for Scone to get a new water treatment plant soon?
2. Can the UHSC please provide a weekly media update so that public can be informed on what is happening with MR358?
3. What was the variation to the Muralla Street Causeway?
4. With regard to the CBD revitalisation and 133 Kelly Street re-developments, will there be any community consultation? Could a similar briefing that Special Projects Manager gave be also done with the community?
5. Will the independent survey results for the Scone Airport Development be released to the public?

6. What was the upgrade at Murrarundi Waste Management? (Ref # 104 Capex)
7. What are Council's plan for tree planting?
8. With regard to the disabled steps at Merriwa & Scone swimming pools, can this be included in the Drought Communities Program?
9. What is the likelihood of one or both of the disabled steps being installed by the start of October when the pool season opens?
10. What is the development project happening at Scone Library? (Ref# 188 Capex)
11. Is UHSC looking to work with NSW Health with regards to the trial of detection of Covid-19 in sewer?
12. Can UHSC look into placing direction signs to Scone town centre coming from Gundy?
13. Can UHSC discuss options for pathways around Hammond Care to encourage cycling to and around Scone?

Cr Burns

1. Why is 145 Liverpool Street in the current budget? (Ref #76 Capex)
2. Can council please provide an update of the Hunter Road – Naracoote to Glenmore Bridge (Ref# 281 Capex)
3. Can Council please provide an update on the cleaning out of the pipes on Barrington Forest Road. (Ref# 282 & 283 Capex)
4. With regard to the recent flushing of water lines, does Council have any solutions that would allow us to recycle this water? Can the watercart be used in Aberdeen to capture this or could the same flush project that was used in Murrurundi be adopted?
5. With regard to ISC.08.07 Moobi Rd Rural Connection Area – Investigation Report, would RFS shed have enough pressure for a quick fill if the proposal is successful?
6. With regard to ISC.08.08 Moobi Rd High Pressure Zone – Investigation Report, can a Section 94 contribution be used and can Council please confirm how much is in this fund?
7. Can Council please inspect Yarrandi Road, it was graded 7 weeks ago and while the bends are still intact, the rest of the road has deteriorated.
8. Can Council please initiate an expression of interest to form a committee for the user groups of Bill Rose Sports Complex?

Mayor Collison

1. Congratulations to the team with regard to the two grant funded upgrade projects that were recently opened; St Andrew's Reserve Arena and the Cricket Nets at Bill Rose Sports Complex. Feedback from the community has been extremely positive.
2. Will there be a meeting regarding the airport tenders?
3. Can Council please provide an update with regards to the projects funded through the Drought Communities Program and if the delivery date of December 2020 is achievable?
4. With regards to ISC.08.06 Village Reticulation and Murrurundi Reservoir Monthly Report, what is the defined area of the 'village'?
5. Can the pine trees around the fire shed at Stewart Brook tennis courts be inspected, they have died from the drought and now with recent rains have been uprooted.
6. Can Council please contact TfNSW to remove the weeds that are on the southern side of the Scone bypass.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.36pm