

MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 12.00pm

PRESENT:

Cr Ron Campbell (Chair), Cr Lorna Driscoll, Cr Sue Abbott (arrived 12:04pm) and Cr Maurice Collison (Mayor).

APOLOGIES:

RESOLVED that the apology was received from Cr James Burns be accepted.

Moved: Cr Maurice Collison

Seconded: Cr Lorna Driscoll

CARRIED

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Glenn Inglis (Acting General Manager), Mr Nicholas Havyatt (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Phillip Hood (Acting Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Alan Fletcher (Manager Special Projects), Ms Daele Healy (Communications Officer) and Mrs Karen Boland (Infrastructure Support Officer).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

ISC.10.06 – Village Reticulation and Murrurundi Reservoir Monthly Report

Cr Abbott declared a non-pecuniary and non-significant conflict of interest for the reason that she is a Moobi Village landholder and her husband is one of the community advocates seeking information on water connection to Moobi. Cr Abbott advised that she would remain in the meeting but not contribute to discussion or take part in decision making.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Nil

ISC.10.5***WATER CONSUMPTION UPDATE AND SUMMARY*****RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services**AUTHOR:** Phillip Hood - Manager Water & Sewer**RESOLVED that the Committee:**

1. receive the report and note the information;
2. recommend to remain on Level 2 Water Restrictions for Scone, Aberdeen and Murrurundi; and
3. recommend to remain on Level 1 Water Restrictions for Merriwa and Cassilis.

Moved: M Collison

Seconded: L Driscoll

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISC.10.6***VILLAGE RETICULATION AND MURRURUNDI RESERVOIR MONTHLY REPORT*****RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Nicholas Havyatt - Director Infrastructure Services**AUTHOR:** Chris Agosto - Project Manager**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:**

Cr Abbott declared a non-pecuniary and non-significant conflict in item ISC.10.6 for the reason that she is a Moobi Village landholder and her husband is one of the community advocates seeking information on water connection to Moobi. Cr Abbott remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion.

RESOLVED that the Committee receive the report and note the information.

Moved: L Driscoll

Seconded: R Campbell

CARRIED

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Driscoll	Councillor Abbott (Abstained)
Councillor Campbell	
Councillor Collison	
Total (3)	Total (1)

ISC.10.7***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: M Collison

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Cr Campbell

1. With regards to ISC.10.1 Works Program – Infrastructure Services – Water and Sewer, will all areas of the shire be included in the UV, pre-chlorination and fluoride project?
2. Can Council please provide an update on the bus shelters (Ref # 303 Capex)
3. With regard to the Cassilils Sewer Scheme, how much is funded through grants and how much is reliant on Council funding? (Ref # 373 Capex)
4. With regards to ISC.10.6 Village Reticulation and Murrurundi Reservoir Monthly Report, is this project fully funded?
5. With regards to ISC.10.2 Works Program – Infrastructure Services – Works Delivery and the Murralla Street Causeway, is it the intention of Council to engage a contractor for this work?
6. What equipment is planned for the Cassilis playground?
7. Can the Bunnan Road be inspected for maintenance works?
8. The Merriwa BP fuel station would like to put up entrance signs, what is the process?.

Cr Abbott

1. With regards to ISC.10.1 Works Program – Infrastructure Services – Water and Sewer report and the renewable energy options for UHSC infrastructure assets, will a copy of the progress report from Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (NIER) be made available to Councillors?
2. Can a site inspection of Campbells Corner be arranged?
3. With regards to the possibility of the library moving to the first floor of Campbell's Corner will the flooring be able to take the weight?
4. When did council start paying rent to the aero club for the use of their building?
5. Under whose authority was this arrangement made to demolish the terminal and then to rent the aero club building for \$1,000 a week?
6. Why was the aero club chosen and not other airport businesses out at the airport? How was the process done? Were tenders called or were expressions of interest called? What was the timeline?

7. Please can I be provided with all Upper Hunter Shire Council communication to this effect?
Were other businesses given a chance in the process for Council to pay them \$1,000 a week?

8. I am looking forward to working with the mayor regarding bicycles and bicycle infrastructure, and I would like to know what grants are available to Council to apply for with respect to tourism, in order to build up cycling, and cycling tourism and cycling holidays in the Upper Hunter Shire?

Cr Collison

1. Can Council please provide an update regarding RV camping at Bill Rose Sporting Complex?

2. With regards to Campbell's Corner Scone, can Council please confirm if there is provisions for a lift for the community to get to the second floor?

3. Can Council please confirm when the disabled steps will be available to use at the Scone and Merriwa Pools? (Ref# 234 Capex)

4. Can a project plan for the Moonan Brook Road works be provided at the next ISC meeting?

5. Can Council please provide staff recommendations for the Local Communities Infrastructure Program Grant at the next ISC meeting and consider investigation of the mountain bike track proposal as a finding option?

6. Can a full report be provided regarding the cost effectiveness of Council using electric cars across the shire now that Scone has an electric vehicle recharge station?

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.15pm