



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

10 MAY 2018

**STRATEGIC ASSET AND WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ADOPTED PUBLIC BUSINESS PAPER AND
MINUTES**

Monday, 7 May 2018

TO:

- Councillors
- General Manager
- Director – Corporate Services
- Director – Planning and Community Development
- Director – Engineering Services
- Manager – Water and Waste
- Manager – Executive Projects

Notice is hereby given that the **Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 10 May 2018** commencing at **2pm**.

Please note that all Committee meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Ian Dinham
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Reports
 - a) Questions on Notice Responses
6. Standing agenda item: Questions on Notice
7. Standing agenda item: Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates
 - a) Presentation from Tourism Moree
8. Standing agenda item: Overseas Trade and Investment
9. Close meeting

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MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC ASSET AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HEBER STREET, MOREE ON THURSDAY, 10 MAY 2018, COMMENCING AT 2.00PM

PRESENT:

Councillors K Humphries (Mayor), S Ritchie (Deputy Mayor), G Smith, K Cassells, J Crawford, G Chiu, S Price, J Tramby OAM, and M Montgomery AM.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr L Rodgers (General Manager), Mr I Dinham (Director of Engineering), Mr J Carleton (Executive Projects Manager), Mr M Johnson (Director of Corporate Services), Mr A Probert (Finance Manager), Mrs S Pearse (Senior Communications Officer), Ms D Murray (Executive Coordinator), Mrs N Griffiths (Revenue Accountant), Mrs A Colbran (Governance Project Officer), Ms T Elbourne (Tourism Moree), Ms J McDonald (Tourism Moree), Ms A McDonald (Tourism Moree) and Mrs C Cosh (Executive Assistant – Engineering).

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the Strategic Asset and Works Committee Meeting held 12 April 2018.

18/05/01 RESOLVED (CASSELLS/CRAWFORD)

That the minutes from the Strategic Assets and Works Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2018 be adopted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Humphries declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Tourism Moree Presentation as she is Chair of the Moree Tourism Committee.

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18/05/02 RESOLVED (TRAMBY/CASELLS)

That the presentation from Tourism Moree be brought forward and dealt with in this juncture of the meeting.

RESOLVED

That:

- 1. The Tourism draft budget be included in the exhibition of Council's 2018/2019 budget.**
- 2. Tourism be invited to come back and make a further presentation to Council**
- 3. Councillors submit questions for response in Tourism's next presentation to Council.**

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| Report Title | 1 Questions on Notice Responses |
| Report by | Executive |
| Contact | Lester Rodgers, General Manager |
| Attachments | Two (2) attachments; refer to Attachments section |
| File | FILE 15/185 |

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Strategic Asset and Works Committee receive the Questions on Notice responses for information.

18/05/03 RESOLVED (PRICE/HUMPHRIES)

That the Committee move into closed Committee

The Committee moved into closed Committee at the time being 2.56pm.

18/05/04 RESOLVED (HUMPHRIES/PRICE)

That the Committee move out of closed Committee

The Committee moved out of closed Committee at the time being 3.11pm.

18/05/05 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (MONTGOMERY/SMITH)

That the Strategic Asset and Works Committee receive the Questions on Notice responses for information.

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REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

An Inclusive, Caring Community

Not applicable

Sustainable Spaces and Places

Not applicable

A Vibrant Regional Economy

Not applicable

A Leading Organisation

L1.7 Be accountable and transparent in our affairs, operate with integrity, improve our responsiveness and pursue innovative solutions for organisational improvement

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Questions on Notice (**QON**) provide an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of the General Manager which are then recorded within the meeting minutes and the Council's Customer Request Management (**CRM**) system. A response to this question is either provided verbally at the meeting or taken on notice if the response requires further research.

In response to requests from Councillors, a QON response system has been implemented where all responses are made available to the public through a Standing Committee Meeting business paper (as per this report). This will ensure that the answers not provided at the meeting are publically available for review by members of the public and Council's transparency is enhanced.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

Review of the QON's has no significant financial implications.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Code of Meeting Practice (2016) includes the provision for QON's as part of the Committee Meeting Standing Order of Business. The Code of Meeting Practice is consistent with the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Model Code.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified risk implications associated with QON responses.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

QON responses are provided as part of a Standing Committee Meeting business paper on a regular basis to ensure all responses are made available to the public.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Question on Notice responses

Attachment 2 Confidential Question on Notice response

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Question on Notice – Engineering - Councillor Tramby

3. Is Council aware that at Kempsey Airport a plane hit a kangaroo? Costs were up to \$200,000 in damages, no one was injured but Kempsey Shire was held responsible as it was unfenced. We should check our responsibilities for Boomi Airport.

A further response is required.

(Finance and Governance Committee 16 November 2017)

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT:

Council has received a response from our insurer in relation to this matter, however they advise that the information they provide to us on our insurance product with them is commercial in confidence and therefore pursuant to Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 should Council wish to discuss the confidential QON memo then they will need to resolve to go into Closed Committee.

CRM8848/2018

Question on Notice - Engineering - Councillor Montgomery

5. Is there any further funding or planning for the continuation of works completed on the Carnarvon Highway between Moree and Yarraman? Specifically, at the location of the Carole Creek Bridge and property 'Sappa' as it is dangerous with the water that runs down from the property and it cuts the road when it rains.

Director of Engineering Services, Mr Ian Dinham: The next section for this project has been delayed by approximately 12 months due to the Environmental Impact Statement and native title investigations and it won't be done this financial year. We are currently in discussion with the Roads and Maritime Services as we would like to do the shoulders in the very least immediately as they are dangerous and this may also address the water issue. A further response is required.

(Strategic Asset and Works Committee 8 March 2018)

Response:

The drainage problem is an issue that requires a complex resolution. New pipes are required across the "Sappa" driveway to drain the water from the northern table drain into the floodway. When it does drain into the floodway the water lays there as the floodway is lower than the surrounding land. We have currently engaged SMK to start surveying the fall of the drains to the nearby Carole Creek.



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| Report 1 | Question on Notice responses |
| Attachment 2 | CONFIDENTIAL - Question on Notice response |

Provided under separate cover due to confidentiality

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Questions on Notice:

Councillor Crawford:

- 1. I have been approached by a member of the public who told me that there are 44 lights out in the CBD area? I have noticed myself that there are some very dark areas of the main street at night including the pedestrian crossings.**

General Manager, Lester Rodgers: Thank you Councillor Crawford, Mr Dinham may wish to comment on this but we do regularly audit the streetlights with Essential Energy and this has been done recently.

Director of Engineering Services, Ian Dinham; I'll take that on notice.

Further response required.

Councillor Smith:

- 2. There seems to be some confusion amongst the community groups applying for funding through Stronger Country Communities that they need to supply money up front to cover Councils costs? We might need to check the wording of any correspondence that has gone out?**

Manager Economic and Community Development, Mark Connolly: I will just clarify that there no requirement under those grants for matched funding. We have, in our discussions with community groups said that if they have any cash contributions, it would be good to have that in writing as it increases the opportunity of that application being successful. Council will not take money out of the hands of community groups just to cover our costs.

No further response required.

Councillor Tramby:

- 3. I would like some clarification on the street lighting in urban areas. Do we pay a fixed fee and if a light is out for a certain amount of time, do we get a refund on that electricity cost. I'd also like clarification on the street lighting on the Bypass and ANZAC Park? Who pays for what? Council or RMS?**

General Manager, Lester Rodgers: Councillor Tramby we will get some clarification on that.

Further response required.

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4. With regard to the Inland Rail, I note that they're calling for community consultation for the area north of North Star? Did they ever request community engagement with Narrabri to Moree or Moree to North Star?

Executive Project Manager, John Carleton: To answer your question initially, no there was not a Community Consultative Committee for the Narrabri to North Star area. There were none in NSW up until some issues occurred in QLD and there were concerns from the community about the direction of the rail so Community Consultative Committee was formed. Things are moving well in our area from ARTC's point of view, I suggest. There have also been a number of issues in the area between Narrabri to Narromine so a Community Consultative Committee was formed. The approach from ARTC is to have very strong consultation with us, they have had a community consultation session with us that was widely advertised but not well attended.

General Manager, Lester Rodgers: ARTC are amenable to Council representation on the Consultative Committee for the North Star to QLD border area.

No further response required.

Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates:

Use of modified MPSC logo for Ski Club Event

The Moree Water Ski Club have requested use of a modified version of the MPSC logo for a national event at the Moree Water Park next year. Council staff to work with the Club to come up with a marketing scheme that will benefit both organisations.

Report on Education in Regional and Remote Australia

Mrs Colbran provided the Councillors with information regarding a recently released report in response to last year's review into education in regional and remote Australia. Council made a submission to the review and it appears that some points from our submission may have contributed to the outcomes of the report. Report will be circulated to Councillors.

Country Universities Proposal

The proposal was submitted to the investment panel last Friday, 4 May 2018 and we may have an announcement on the outcome of the State funding as early as Friday, 11 May 2018.

Transport Study.

Mr Carleton provided an update on the Transport study on behalf of Mr Witherby. There was a recent workshop with good representation from a number of stakeholders.

Border Regional Organisation of Councils

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Recent BROC meeting was attended by Councillor Ritchie and Mr Witherby. After the BROC meeting there was a meeting of the newly formed Bruxner Way Joint Committee. Attendance at future meeting was discussed and it was decided that Councillor Price and Mr Rodgers would attend with Councillor Ritchie as an alternate.

Current Grant Applications

Mr Connolly provided an update on some of the current grant applications.

Overseas Trade and Investment:

Nil.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at the time being 3.57pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR OF THE STRATEGIC ASSET AND WORKS COMMITTEE, WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS BELOW.



CHAIRPERSON

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