

**Shire of Bruce Rock
Works and Services Committee Update
Held via Teleconference
on Friday the 24th April 2020**

MEETING NOTES

1. Meeting Opened

The Shire President, Cr Stephen Strange, opened the meeting at 6.09pm

2. Attendance

Cr SA Strange	Shire President
Cr R Rajagopalan	Deputy President
Cr AR Crooks	Councillor
Cr IS Dolton	Councillor
Cr KP Foss	Councillor
Cr PG Negri	Councillor
Cr BJ Waight	Councillor
Mr DRS Mollenoyux	Chief Executive Officer
Miss CE Negri	Acting Executive Assistant

3. General Business

Dam Water Catchment Update

A discussion was held on the information provided in the CEOs e-mail sent 23rd April 2020, copied below:

In regards to budget provision we have approximately \$20,000 remaining under drainage construction in this financial years budget.

Small Round Dam

As per agreement at the onsite meeting on Monday 20th April 2020, Peter Elliot has proceeded with plans to access water from the smaller of the dams inspected (located closest to the CBH site).

Peter has find the pipe, pipe and joiner etc have arrived and some works commenced. Peter plans to finish this off by early next week.

Peter has ordered the skid mounted pump and it will arrive on Tuesday. (\$5,200)

With this now all in place we would be able to start pumping the water from this dam next week.

Larger Rectangle Dam

As per the direction of the onsite meeting on Monday 20th April 2020 quotes have been sought for the clean out of the larger rectangle dam that was inspected.

QUOTE 1 – Twinkarri Tree Pruning Services (Ash Borgas)

Based on inspection with yourself and Laurence of town dam needed to be desilted, options are below.

*1. Allow seven days with excavator only to desilt dam. Our machine is charged out at \$195/hr gst exc. based on 10 hour day equates to 7 * \$1950 = \$13650.*

It is very difficult to price because if the mud is dry underneath we would do in five days, but if mud is wet and sloppy it takes a lot more time because we have to build levied banks to hold sloppy mud to swing mud over back of dam. If it was dry we would only charge for hours done.

2. Use of excavator and shire dozer and operator. We would set up silt so dozer could push mud out. Allow three days for our work \$5850.

You have to be very careful that dozer operator is experienced as they can not only push mud out but also push dam bank as well. Can end up with blowout and poor finish.

3. Hourly rate of \$195/hr

I have not allowed any mob or de mob as shire can do. If there is any further information you need just let me know.

QUOTE 2 – RE George

Clean out -desilt of dam

Using 30 tonne excavator

He is doing all himself

3 days work

Bucket has long reach so he will excavate from centre and run up over bank and drop over bank

\$9,000

Quote 3 – Shire of Bruce Rock

Peter Elliot has costed up for the Shire to desilt with a hired large loader, being \$10,000

Estimated 5 days (most probably longer)

This price does not factor in any additional machinery, labour for when/if we got bogged.

Additional Thoughts

Peter Elliot has advised that we are pushed for staff time at the moment with reinstatement works for the STED Scheme taking up the next few weeks and it appears likely that we will be undertaking the clean up works of Masons burnt shop in the next couple of weeks also

In regards to Ash Borgas quote of Council providing an experienced dozer operator we are unsure that we have anyone that is experienced enough for what is required but that could be further investigated should Council opt for this quote.

Ash Borgas has explained that he is wanting to do the right thing by the Shire and not overcharge and provide a workable and least financial solution

Cr Foss may wish to provide a response to the committee on any additional views from the meeting.

Cr Dolton has discussed another alternative idea, which he may wish to elaborate on via email to the committee.

In addition if Council doesn't wish to undertake any works due to the cost it may wish to leave any desilting or excavation for a later date and/or await results of costs for repair works to the main rear Negri dam.

Comment

I would like to thank Phil Negri and his family for their generosity in allowing Council to access the water and as per my previous discussions with Phil we will need to develop an agreement (MOU) that clearly outlines the agreed arrangements between all parties.

ACTION

1. The south rectangle dam will not be cleaned at this stage.
2. Pumping out of the small round dam to the North will begin next week.
3. The CEO will work with Cr Foss to get updated quotes for the cleaning of just the small round dam. If these are reasonable, and within budget parameters, the CEO will go ahead with engaging the contractor with best quote to carry out the works, in consultation with the Negri family.
4. Council staff will liaise with CBH to discuss the potential of stopping the flow of water into the dam on their property.
5. Council staff will investigate the potential of applying for grants to assist the funding of future dam catchment works.

4. Meeting Closure

The Shire President, Stephen Strange thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.38pm.