

**Shire of Bruce Rock**  
**Works and Services Committee Meeting held in**  
**Bruce Rock Shire Council Chambers**  
**on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, commencing at 8.25am**

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Opened**

The Chair, Cr Kevin Foss, opened the meeting at 8.25am

**2. Attendance**

Cr KP Foss	Chair
Cr AR Crooks	Deputy Shire President
Cr BJ Waight	Councilor
Darren Mollenoyux	Chief Executive Officer
David Holland	Manager of Works & Services

**Apologies**

Cr SA Strange	Shire President
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**3. Minutes**

That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Resolution WSCM FEB22 – 3.1**

**Moved:** Cr Waight

**Seconded:** Cr Crooks

**That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**Carried 3/0**

**4. General Business Roads, Drainage & Paths**

**4.1 All Roads, Drainage & Paths**

• **Roads Maintenance**

The patching crew have completed a lot of areas around the Shire and are continuing on most of the major roads

• **R2R & Council Funded**

These are the proposed projects for the 21/22 year,

- Totadgin Hall Rd, construction & seal 3km
- Yarding North Rd, gravel re-sheet 1.2km
- Yarding Ardath Rd, construction & seal 1.4km
- Butcher St (Bath to Bruce St) asphalt and kerb replacement
- Dampier St (Swan to Bath St) asphalt and kerb replacement

I have had testing completed on the roads in town that were to be Asphalted, I have been advised that putting asphalt on them without putting in subsoil drainage would not achieve the desired result we are looking for, we will have to complete kerb works to deliver a grant we have, but should put these two roads on hold till we can complete the drainage works.

- **RRG Program**  
The sections of road for the 21/22 year are on the Old Beverley Rd, we have now started one section before we had to evacuate due to the fire, we are now completing the second section and will do the third when that is complete.
- **Drainage Works**  
Only general maintenance works will be carried out this year.
- **Townsite Footpaths & Kerbing**  
Proposed paths for 21/22,
  - Noonajin St (Bruce to Swan) has been partially completed
 Proposed kerbing for 21/22
  - Butcher St (Bath to Swan St)
  - Bath St (Sections)
  - Butcher St (Bath to Bruce St)
- **Blackspot Funding**  
Cumminin & Narembeen Rd intersection projects are still in progress, we are now waiting for them to be sealed which should happen after the Christmas break.
- **Bridges**  
Five Bridges to be completed for this year are:
  - Yarding Ardath 4059A
  - Yarding Ardath 6023 (Council funded) May have to be carried forward as there is a problem with the size of bridge
  - Old Beverley Rd 6041 (carry forward)
  - Shackleton-Bilbarin 5130
  - Belka East Rd 6008
 We may have to carry forward some bridges or get contractors to complete one or two as the crew is short of 2 personnel.
- **Other Funded Works**
  - Regional Road Safety Program, Corrigin Rd, edge widening and line marking,
  - RADS, apron up-grades,
  - WSN, investigations and some drainage work.

#### 4.2 New Roads, Drainage & Paths 22/23

For Committees consideration for next meeting for next year's budget submissions.

- **R2R & Council Funded**
  - I would ask the Committee to advise me on what roads you would like to be included into this funding.
- **RRG Program**
  - Old Beverley Rd continuation 2km worth,
  - Bruce Rock - Doodlakine Rd, re-seal from boundary in bad areas,
  - Shackleton - Kellerberrin Rd, re-seal sections in the "S" bends through the lakes.
- **Drainage Works**
  - Butcher and Dampier streets.
- **Townsite Footpaths**
  - Completion of Noonajin Rd (65m),
  - Parry St (Noonajin Rd to Westral St)

- **Blackspot Funding**
  - I have not put in for one this year but will look at other “Y” intersections to apply for.
- **Bridges**
  - We have only been able to have 1 bridge approved for funding with one being paid for by the shire.

## 5. Machinery and Vehicles

- As discussed in council info session, I would like to have the committee to look at vehicles going forward with the diesel variant becoming less of an option with most major manufactures going away from diesel and going to either electric or unleaded fuel. As Council has a diesel only purchase policy this will need to change and reflect the situation that has arisen, and how the unleaded fuel is purchased.

*Discussion was held as to the review of Council’s current purchasing policy for its fleet vehicles. The appropriateness of restricting purchases to diesel and types of vehicles going forward for positions. Discussion was also held, and the committee felt that Hybrid vehicles should now be an option that Council considers when trading current vehicle fleet, in particular administration vehicles.*

### COMMITTEE DECISION

Resolution WSCM FEB22 – 5.1

Moved: Cr Waight

Seconded: Cr Crooks

**That staff review Council’s current Vehicle Purchasing Policy, taking into consideration discussion held and direction from the Works and Services Committee. The draft Policy Review should be presented to Council for consideration by the April 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

**Carried 3/0**

- These are the vehicles I have put up for the 22/23 year:
  - Low Loader to be considered for change over to a drop deck,
  - Construction Loader to be considered as we are hiring one at the present time which is paying for itself as an inclusion it the cost of the project,
  - A couple of work ute’s to be changed as per the plant list,

## 6. Dams and Water Capturing Works

The Manager of Works will provide an update on the dams and funding streams applied for.

## 7. Recreation Centre

The Manager of Works will provide an update on the works to be completed.

## 8. Other Matters

- General update of works.
- RRG Tech Group Minutes.
- Aerodrome upgrades,
- Various road funding streams,
- Roads for the 23/24 RRG submissions.

## 9. Date Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held in the first week of April 2022.

## **10. Meeting Closure**

The Chair, Cr Kevin Foss thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.29am.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on

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Cr Kevin Foss  
Committee Chairperson