
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, BYNG STREET, ORANGE

ON 2 AUGUST 2022

COMMENCING AT 7.08PM

1 INTRODUCTION

ATTENDANCE

Cr J Evans (Chairperson), Cr J Hamling (Mayor), Cr G Power (Deputy Mayor), Cr D Mallard, Cr K Duffy, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr G Floyd, Cr S Peterson, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr J Whitton

Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Development Services, Director Community, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Executive Support Officer

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

1.1 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

2 GENERAL REPORTS

2.1 CURRENT WORKS

TRIM REFERENCE: 2022/1402

RESOLVED - 22/298

Cr D Mallard/Cr G Floyd

That the information provided in the report on Current Works be acknowledged.

For: Cr J Hamling, Cr K Duffy, Cr J Evans, Cr G Floyd, Cr T Greenhalgh, Cr F Kinghorne, Cr D Mallard, Cr M McDonell, Cr T Mileto, Cr S Peterson, Cr G Power, Cr J Whitton

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

Cr Evans asked regarding Rutherford Road being built by the developer and not making it to half its life expectancy and asked who is liable for repairs.

The Director Technical Services advised it is Council and for a road to reach its design life it relies on good investigation, good design, good materials and good construction techniques. While construction techniques were thoroughly checked there was no catch all test for quality in all steps. From 2017, a Benkelman Beam Deflection test was introduced to ensure the standard of road is reached. If one thing in the steps goes wrong, then the road fails the test, and it is not passed until repaired. There is a 12-month defect period for new developments.

Cr McDonnell sought more information on the process of prioritising footpaths particularly where some areas are having footpaths renewed or installed on both sides of street where other areas have none at all.

The Director Technical Services advised high use areas close to the CBD or schools are preferred to have footpaths both sides of the road. Council often gets requests for both sides, but it does not always mean this will happen. Council prioritise paths based on use and demand.

Cr McDonnell noted some areas have not had footpaths for ten years and asked how we can advocate for those areas.

The Director Development Services advised new areas have contributions for footpaths and Council put new footpaths in after they are built. Shiralee developers are required to instal them as it is developed. There are Mechanisms under The Local Government Act to charge 50% cost to landowner this is something we currently do not do however it is available if Council wished to extend its footpath budget further.

Cr Greenhalgh noted there was nothing programmed for five years on Rutherford Road and asked if there was a backup plan.

The Director Technical Services advised the road will always be maintained, potholes filled, crack sealing, something to extend life of pavement where appropriate but there is limited road funding.

Cr Greenhalgh asked where the public could find information on 'condition 8'.

The Director Technical Services advised the Asset Management Plans are available on the Council website.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.19PM