

Shire of Bruce Rock
Works and Services Committee Meeting held in
Bruce Rock Shire Council Chambers
on Thursday 20 March 2025, commencing at 9.00am

MINUTES

1. Meeting Opened

The chair, Cr KP Foss welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 10.24am.

2. Attendance

Cr KP Foss	Chair
Cr AR Crooks	Deputy Shire President
Cr BJ Waight	Councillor
Cr P Hodgkiss	Councillor
Cr S Strange	Councillor
Mark Furr	Chief Executive Officer
Greg Stephens	Manager of Works and Services
Shaan Wood	Executive Support Officer (Minutes)

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following disclosures of **Financial** interest were made at the Council meeting.

Date	Name	Item No	Reason

In accordance with section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following disclosures of **Closely Association Person and Impartiality** interest were made at the Council meeting.

Date	Name	Item No	Reason

In accordance with sections 5.60B and 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, the following disclosures of **Proximity** interest were made at the Council meeting.

Date	Name	Item No	Reason
24/03/2025	Cr Stephen Strange	Other Matters	Use of contractors for grading purposes, Cr Strange has a family member that may quote on such works.

4. Minutes

That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held on the 18 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record

COMMITTEE DECISION

Resolution WSCM March 25 – 3.1

Moved: Cr Waight
Seconded: Cr Hodgkiss

That the minutes of the Works and Services Committee held 18 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 0/5

5. General Business Roads, Drainage & Paths

6. ROADS, DRAINAGE & PATHS 2024/25

4.1 Cemetery Drainage

- A drainage pipeline has been constructed on the west side of the cemetery to capture water.
- The water will drain out to the north side into the paddock.
- The Manager of Works and Services referred to a map of the Bruce Rock Cemetery.
- Works are expected to be finalised by Wednesday, 26th March.

4.2 Bridge Replacement

- Works on the Erikin North Road Bridge have been completed.
- Erikin South Bridge works have commenced, with an estimated completion time of 4 to 6 weeks.
- Cr K Foss inquired whether the road could be patched while Erikin South Road is closed.

4.3 Old Beverley Road Reconstruction

- The project is behind schedule due to substandard gravel.
- The Construction Supervisor is sourcing alternative gravel, with samples taken from other roads.

4.4 Cumminin Intersection Reconstruction

- No updates at this time.

4.5 Reseals

- The Manager of Works and Services advised that reseals will be carried out by contractors.

4.6 Airport Seal and Works

- Works have been finalised, including line marking.
- Cameras have not been installed due to difficulties in sourcing a company before project completion.
- Pilots have provided positive feedback on the works.

4.7 General Roads and Infrastructure Discussions

- The patching truck will return in the next few weeks as the team is behind schedule. The truck will be available for another week to fill large potholes.

5. MACHINERY AND VEHICLES

- Depot Plant and Machinery Auction Items
- The auction of plant and equipment commenced on 19th March.

6. DAMS AND WATER CAPTURING WORKS

- General discussions on possible water usage.
- Limited water in dams; scheme water is currently being used for the oval.
- Further discussions will take place at the Councillor Information Session, including water usage and STED connections.

7. RECREATION CENTRE

- Discussions on possible water usage on the oval.
- A Football and Cricket Club meeting is scheduled with the CEO and Mark Furr.
- Water usage concerns are increasing annually, and costs are becoming a significant budget issue.
- Cr S Strange highlighted previous discussions regarding merging playing surfaces, as lighting and underground reticulation are aging.
- WEROC Board Meeting: Mark Furr reported that water is a regional priority.

8. OTHER MATTERS

- Positive feedback received from ex-Councillor Dolton regarding the patching truck crew.
- Plant equipment pressures: Heavy demand is anticipated during the next construction period.
- Secondary Freight Network: If all plans proceed, the Shire will be responsible for constructing a 7km section on the Corrigin Road. This will need to be considered in next year's program.
- Maintenance grading works: Discussion on whether a local farmer could assist.
- Cr S Strange declared an interest in this item.
- Contractors must meet all necessary requirements if hired.
- Similar to last year's discussions, an option to hire a grader but use a Shire worker to operate it was suggested.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

10. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Kevin Foss, thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10:49am.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on

Cr Kevin Foss
Committee Chairperson