



HEAVY HAULAGE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Section 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

The duties of the committee shall be to:

- *Advise the Council relating to heavy haulage movement within the Shire of Plantagenet; and*
- *Make recommendations to the Council relating to the use of local roads by classes of heavy vehicles.*

Ordinary meeting of the Heavy Haulage Committee
held in the Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
9.00am 8 November 2016

John Fathers
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr B Bell, Cr J Oldfield and Cr M IUO'Dea (Resolution No. 227/15) and Cr J Moir (Resolution No. 170/16)

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Presiding Member: Cr J Oldfield

Deputy Presiding Member: Cr B Bell

Membership: Quorum (2)

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr J Oldfield	Council Representative
Cr M O’Dea	Council Representative
Cr J Moir	Council Representative (Left the Committee Room at 10.02am, returned at 10.05am)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 9.02am, due to the resignation of the Presiding Member from the Heavy Haulage Committee, Deputy Presiding Member Cr Oldfield declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr J Oldfield	Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Cr J Moir	Council Representative
Mr D Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Ms A Chadbourne	Senior Administration Officer, Works and Services

Observer

Cr C Pavlovich Council Representative

3 ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER / DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER

Mr Le Cerf called for nominations for the position of Presiding Member.

Cr Moir nominated Cr Oldfield for the position of Presiding Member. As there were no other nominations Cr Oldfield was declared Presiding Member.

Cr Oldfield called for nominations for the position of Deputy Presiding Member.

Cr Bell nominated himself. As there were no other nominations, Cr Bell was declared Deputy Presiding Member.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Bell, Seconded Cr O'Dea:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Heavy Haulage Committee, held on 27 October 2015, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

Cr J Moir

Item: 6.2

Type: Code of Conduct Disclosure Perceived interests (Clause 2.3 Code of Conduct)

Nature: Employed by Elders, Mount Barker

Transport Operator, Adam Heath delivers to Elders in Mount Barker

Extent: Not applicable

6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

6.1 REVIEW OF SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET RESTRICTED ACCESS VEHICLE (RAV) NETWORK

At the Heavy Haulage Committee held on 27 October 2016, the Committee resolved that:

'A report to Council be prepared to recommend Porongurup Road from Knight Road to Chester Pass Road be reclassified up to and including RAV 2 on the Main Roads RAV Network.

Further, the same report to Council recommend that Lowood Road from Albany Highway to McDonald Avenue and McDonald Avenue from Lowood Road to Marmion Street be removed from the RAV Network.'

Breaking Down of Complex Question

The Presiding Member directed that the motion be considered as two separate motions in the order 6.2 and 6.3.

6.2 PORONGURUP ROAD – RAV NETWORK

Cr Pavlovich was invited by the Presiding Member Cr Oldfield to comment. Cr Pavlovich explained that some members of the Porongurup Community being the owners of the Porongurup Caravan Park and the Porongurup Shop as well as the Porongurup Progress Association had requested the section of Porongurup Road from Knight Road to Chester Pass Road be reclassified on the RAV Network due to heavy vehicle movement through the townsite.

Members discussed the item and noted factors such as tourism, the National Park, transport of farm commodities, the wine industry and the inevitability of timber plantations in the area needing to be harvested. Funding for future works on the road was looked at and concern was expressed that if the RAV network classification was reduced then funding may be reduced as well. It was also noted that Porongurup Road has the following conditions for Transport Operators using the road:

- 30km/h below posted speed limit; and
- CA07 – All operators must carry written approval from the road asset owner permitting use of the road.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr Bell, Seconded Cr O'Dea:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the current RAV Network classification of Porongurup Road from Knight Road to Chester Pass Road remain as RAV 4 and that all of Porongurup Road from Albany Highway to Chester Pass Road remain classified as RAV 4 with its current conditions.

CARRIEDReason for Change

Councillors were of the opinion that Porongurup Road remain as a RAV 4 road for the entire length for the following reasons:

- No change to transport route for the viticulture and farming industry;
- The number of trucks accessing Porongurup Road were less than 10% of traffic;
- Some timber plantations in the area are still to be harvested and may continue to produce over the next 30 to 40 years. RAV 4 trucks are considered to be the most economical and efficient method of transport;
- Possible loss of external funding to maintain the road due to a reduction in transport of commodities; and
- Conditions are in place on the Main Roads website for Transport Operators including the provision that trucks must travel at 30km/hour below the posted speed limit.

6.3 LOWOOD ROAD AND MCDONALD AVENUE – RAV NETWORKCr J Moir

Type: Code of Conduct Disclosure Perceived interests (Clause 2.3 Code of Conduct)

Nature: Employed by Elders, Mount Barker
Transport Operator, Adam Heath delivers to Elders in Mount Barker

Extent: Not applicable

10.02 Cr Moir withdrew from the meeting.

Moved Cr Bell, Seconded Cr O’Dea:

That Cr Moir be permitted to take part in the discussion about Mount Barker townsite roads particularly in relation to Lowood Road.

CARRIED

10.05 Cr Moir returned to the meeting.

It was noted that McDonald Avenue and the section of Lowood Road from Albany Highway to McDonald Avenue were classified as RAV 5. Committee members looked at current users of the two sections of road and agreed that access was needed to the ‘Industrial’ area of Mount Barker at the western end of McDonald Avenue. Cr Pavlovich highlighted that vehicles could access the industrial area from the Taylor Road end.

It was agreed that RAV access to Frost Park and Sounness Park was not required as the majority of vehicles accessing the equine facilities at Frost Park were as-of-right vehicles (ie less than 19.5m).

Other roads within the townsite were discussed and Mr Le Cerf advised he would be holding a workshop with the Council in February 2017 to discuss the rating of roads for heavy vehicles within the Mount Barker townsite.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr Bell, Seconded Cr O'Dea:

That is be a recommendation to the Council:

That Lowood Road from Albany Highway to McDonald Avenue and McDonald Avenue from Lowood Road to Marmion Street be removed from the RAV Network.

CARRIED

6.4 ACCREDITED MASS MANAGEMENT SCHEME (AMMS) NETWORK

Mr Le Cerf highlighted the new Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS). See Attachment One.

Following this introduction, at the request of the Presiding Member, Cr Pavlovich provided extra information about the scheme.

The Committee then discussed a number of issues including the Harvest Mass Management Scheme, and the 'First Mile' farm access amendment for the 2016/17 season. Cr Pavlovich commented that roads which have received funding from external sources should receive approval as requested by Transport Operators.

Mr Le Cerf advised that as a result of the new Main Roads RAV request system, road assessment is now taking longer and costing the Shire more. He also advised that a workshop with the Council would be held in February 2017 to look at Shire of Plantagenet roads on the RAV network. This workshop would involve discussion on policy for RAV and AMMS access within the Shire.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS / MATTERS ARISING

7.1 RAIL CROSSING AT CARBARUP ROAD

Mr Le Cerf advised a request had been received to upgrade the Carbarup Rail Crossing and make it suitable for RAV vehicles to use. Currently heavy vehicles are not permitted to cross the railway and have to travel via Moorilup and Red Gum Pass Roads into Kendenup or take other longer routes. He advised Main Roads was looking at options for the improvement and upgrade of the crossing. Mr Le Cerf also informed the meeting Moorilup Road was to be sealed in the 2016/17 Road Construction Program.

It was agreed this item would carry over to the next Agenda.

8 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 9.00am

9 CLOSURE OF MEETING

At 10.30am, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date

ATTACHMENT ONE