

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the special meeting of the Committee held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 commencing at 5.30pm.

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Jan Davis, Mr Tony Purse, Mr Graeme Eberhardt, Mr Phillip Dell, Mr John Stagg, Mrs Christine Beswick

In Attendance:

Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Mary Knowles, Cr Leisa Gordon, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mr Arend Boog (Works & Infrastructure Manager), Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Stagg/G Eberhardt

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 2 August 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Part 5, S48A – S56, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

* *It should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the general manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.*

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Website

Noted that in the interim, the website address reflects that the site is under construction.

Previously discussed the future direction of the website project and RESOLVED to progress with a web page linked to Council's website. Website notes and town website links circulated with minutes of 2 August meeting.

Status of work already undertaken not able to be determined.

Council is going to commence a review of the current Council website, consideration to be given to the development and/or review of current local district committee sites in conjunction with this project.

ii) Perth-Breadalbane Dual Carriageway and Link Roads

Noted that

Perth-Breadalbane Dual Carriageway - works are well underway.

Western and Southern Link Roads - no further information has been received in relation to the link road projects. Early planning of Stage 2 (southern link) has commenced. Understood that Stages 2 and 3 are to be designed concurrently.

Perth Roads Reference Group (PRRG) – last met in August 2015, no advice received re any further meetings. PRRG is a Dept. of State Growth (DSG) committee. Committee in recess, when DSG convene the next meeting Council will advise of representation changes relating to Council staff and PLDC Committee members.

iii) Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

Perth Structure Plan

Noted – report to Council to be tabled at 19 September meeting, following which draft plan will be advertised.

Perth Structure Plan will provide structure for planning decisions.

10 Year Plan

The Committee has raised concerns previously relating to the difficulty of preparing a 10 year plan as future land use would be impacted by the location of the Perth Bypass. Matter to be discussed further once additional information is made available; however, future planning should include provision for cycleways/ bikeways, footpaths and the creation of corridors and linkages to the various areas of the town.

iv) Perth Community Centre

Consultants presented to Council Workshop on 1 August. Council to consider further before being made available to the public.

Currently reviewing budget costs, once review complete will report to Council. Possible that a report will be tabled at the 17 October Council meeting.

Perth Recreation Ground and Perth Community Centre projects, as well as the Perth Primary School project, are separate, however, projects are being coordinated/integrated.

v) Perth Recreation Ground Master Plan

Consultants presented to Council Workshop on 1 August. Council to consider further before being made available to the public.

The Committee made comment in relation to the perceived deficiencies and extravagant provisions of the plan and noted the required changes to current infrastructure due to the limitations of the site.

Noted that the plan is a conceptual plan and implementation would occur in stages and review of the plan on implementation of each stage would be undertaken.

Committee members requested to email comments/concerns direct to Council.

Committee member strong advocate for retention of the skate park or provision of alternate recreation facility.

vi) Footbridge at William Street Reserve

Alternate solutions suggested and discussed, further information to be provided by members. Matter to be considered further.

To be considered in conjunction with and forming part of the Perth Structure Plan – further information to be provided in due course.

T Purse/P Dell

That Council reconsider the proposed design of the footbridge at William Street Reserve in light of the new information.

Carried

vii) Australia Day 2017

Planning has commenced, meeting held on 5 August, number of suggestions put forward. Following the meeting, suggested that consideration be given to the screening of an outdoor movie, noted that Australia Day 2017 Great Ideas funding was made available (closed on 23 August) for such an event. Committee supported the proposal to screen an outdoor movie.

Notes attached.

viii) Development Applications / Subdivisions

Further comment made in relation to whether Council is consistent in dealing with planning applications in relation to cul-de-sacs/developments and the application of Council's requirement for connectivity to allow ease of movement.

The committee commented that cul-de-sacs create communities, that there is consistency and that the right messages and advice are given to applicants.

Council representatives noted that:

- the decisions of Council are made in accordance with the planning scheme and no 2 applications are the same;
- Council is progressing the development of a Municipal Wide Land Use & Development Strategy which is currently out to peer review prior to being advertised.

ix) Flood Damage

The committee previously queried the progress on the clean-up following the recent floods.

Noted that the clean-up had commenced with priorities having been set. Following the floods William Street Reserve had been closed to vehicles and the gazebo structure is to be assessed.

The committee requested that Council consider rebuilding the gazebo with table and seats included. Query raised as to the allocation of \$14,000 in the 2013/14 budget for the refurbishment of the gazebo.

Requested that Council notify Dept. of State Growth re the considerable debris which had collected around the bridge which required removal.

6 MATTERS PENDING

i) Roadworks, Intersection Upgrades and associated projects

The Committee agreed to list the following items as pending, to be considered in conjunction with information in relation to the Midland Highway Safety Upgrades for Perth:

- Connectivity of Streets – North Perth/Devon Hills
- Significance of Gibbet Hill and John McKay whom (in 1837) is believed to be the last person in the British Empire to be gibbeted after being hanged in Hobart.
- Midland Highway/Drummond Street Intersection – part of Midland Highway upgrade.

ii) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

The Committee agreed to list the following item as pending, to be considered in conjunction with the 10 year plan.

Entrances to Perth require upgrading, in particular, the improvement of the northern entrance to Perth (any improvements may be limited by land ownership, however, may be possible to plant low lying shrubs and gardens at the entrance to Youl Main Road)

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) Secretarial Assistance

The general manager outlined a proposal for Committees to undertake their own secretarial duties, the committee opted not to take up the opportunity but requested that in due course feedback be provided in relation to those committees who had taken up the opportunity.

The committee agreed to continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis.

Extraordinary meetings to be called on an as required basis without secretarial assistance being provided.

ii) MAST's Paddle Safe Program

Educational program for recreational paddlers – information circulated together with the minutes. To be considered for inclusion in the October Agenda.

iii) Defibrillators

Committee noted that

- a defibrillator is available at the Perth Medical Centre;
- deficiencies exist in relation to the Defibrillator Locater Apps; and
- that it is possible to register defibrillators with the Tasmania Ambulance Service.

Matter to be considered at the next meeting.

iv) Berryman Street Reserve Toilets

Concern was raised that signage indicates that the amenities are closed at 5.30pm, however, noted that on occasion the amenities have been closed earlier. Suggested that if an earlier closing time is to be implemented that the signage be amended accordingly.

9 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.27pm.

The next meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 4 October 2016 at the Community Centre Perth.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10 Year Plan

The Committee to consider projects for inclusion in the 10 year plan for Perth.

The Committee raised concerns relating to the difficulty of preparing a 10 year plan as future land use would be impacted by the location of the Perth Bypass. Matter to be discussed further following meeting of Perth Road Community Reference Group and once additional information is made available.

Committee discussed the 10 year plan concept and agreed that future planning should include provision for cycleways/bikeways, footpaths and the creation of corridors and linkages to the various areas of the town.

Presentation developed titled *Perth Development and Traffic Plan*, available on Council's website at

www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/files/Strategic_Projects/Perth_Development_Traffic_Plan_-_190315.pdf

The Committee noted that

- the footpath plan of Perth was being updated and would be circulated for consideration once complete, and that work was progressing on mapping of the footpaths.
- future plans included
 - a Land Use Strategy for Perth – noted that a project brief was being prepared and that it would be advertised or expressions of interest would be sought in the near future.
 - Entrance Statement – would be placed on hold pending the progress of the bypass. Noted that Council had commenced with planning for the entrance statements for Ross and Cressy.

The Committee considered the following matters and agreed to include them in the PLDC's 10 year plan:

- Street Trees: the Committee noted that subdividers pay over monies to Council for street trees, the committee was of the opinion that the monies had not necessarily been utilised for the planting of street trees. In order to ensure that trees are planted the committee requested that a street tree program for Perth be drawn up and that Council commence with the planting of the trees.
- Main Street flowers: that Council plant petunias in the main street of Perth on an annual basis, as was done previously.
- Footbridge at William Street Reserve: that Council consider a cheaper option for the bridge, that is more visible to the road, and generally upgrade the proposed bridge locale.

Website Notes

Website production to commence: Colour palette received from ThinkBig.

Previously agreed to proceed with the website design with minor amendments, the following to be included on the website:

Tabs to include:

- History walk – extracted from “the path of History: a walk through Perth” brochure – with map and all historical info.
- Places of Interest – William Street Reserve, Punt, Cairn, train park, etc. – also with map
- Monuments, Memorials and Artworks
- Recreation & Sporting Activities – sporting venues, etc.
- Public facilities
- School & Child Care facilities
- Business & Community directory
- Perth Local District Committee

The Committee agreed that Will would take the lead on construction and maintenance of the site. Will met with council officers on 22 April 2015, at which time the following was discussed:

- two options to be considered for creating the site; either council creates/hosts/maintains it or the committee does, but there really isn't any in between (we can't support sites that have been created by others)
- if the committee wishes to set up own site then they would be responsible for maintaining it and keeping it up to date
- Council officers to assist with provision of photos and content. Ultimately though what goes on the site and how it's setup is a decision for the committee. Will has some ideas on what he would like to do to 'Sell Perth'

- In terms of council content (e.g. halls, etc) the site should link directly to the relevant page on the council website so the content is always up to date. This is how other 'town' sites have been setup
- Committee will need to make sure all images are properly attributed (where needed) and that copyright is respected
- Will would like to use a platform called Wix to set up the website. The cost is fairly low and it's easy to use. Council agreeable; however, Will would need to provide Council with usernames and passwords just in case future maintenance need to be taken over. The Wix site can't ever be moved from their platform, once it's setup with them you are locked into it. The local district committee will need to be made aware that they're on their own.
- Will can develop the site using Wix's free plan and once it's ready, we will need to start paying for it and point the perthtasmania.com domain to the new site.
- Ben will need to be kept informed re progress, especially when the site goes live he will need to make the DNS changes.

2/6/2015 meeting - Committee were advised that the framework for the website had been prepared, skeleton at this stage; and that Will was awaiting responses from businesses.

Map of Perth provided to Will, for display of place markers.

Noted previously that Will has advised that he has completed some work on the website and would forward the link to the site for circulation prior to the next meeting (not provided).

2/8/2016

Status of work already undertaken to be determined. Update to be provided to the next meeting.

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Links to:

- Nabo (community website)

Links to town websites:

<http://www.longfordtasmania.com/index.html>

<http://www.avocatasmania.com/>

<http://www.campbelltowntasmania.com/>

<http://www.rosstasmania.com/>

<http://www.evandaletasmania.com/>

<http://www.cressytasmania.com/>

Midland Highway Safety Upgrades:

Steering Committee is Perth Roads Reference Group

Perth-Breadalbane dual carriageway

The Perth-Breadalbane dual carriageway will provide a four lane highway from Perth to link in with the Midland Highway north of the Breadalbane roundabout.

- Project Type: Dual carriageway
- Start of works: December 2016
- Completion of works: Mid 2018
- Main construction works started February 2016

Southern Perth link road

This project will improve safety in the town of Perth by providing a new link to remove heavy vehicles travelling between the south of the state and Burnie port from the township. It will also include installing flexible safety barrier to eliminate head on collisions.

- Project Type: New road link
- Public display planned: Late 2017
- Start of works: End 2018
- Completion of works: End 2020

Western Perth link road

This project will improve safety in the township of Perth by providing a new road link to connect the southern Perth link road with the Perth-Breadalbane dual carriageway. It will also include installation of flexible safety barrier to eliminate head on collisions.

- Project Type: new road to link the southern Perth link road with the Perth-Breadalbane dual carriageway
- Start of works: end 2022
- Completion of works: early 2024
- Early planning work is currently underway. This includes environment, heritage and engineering survey work

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William Street Reserve – Walking Track and Footbridge

To be considered in conjunction with and forming part of the Perth Structure Plan – information to be provided in due course.

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting - 15 February 2016

1 Public Questions : Walking Track – William St to George St, Perth

Mr John Stagg – Perth

Mr Stagg requested that Council consider completing the Perth Walking Track between William Street and George Street in Perth and noted that Mr McClintock's report had included a walking track from William Street to George Street that incorporated a bridge to cross the creek which would provide the necessary linkage, instead of the walking track currently terminates in William Street Reserve. Mr Stagg expressed the opinion that the project had stalled as a result of the cost of the installation of the bridge; he indicated that he believed that it need not be costly to install a bridge across the creek.

Mr Jennings advised that he would take the question on notice, investigate the matter and provide a response to Mr Stagg in due course.

Response provided by Mr Jennings in relation to above question circulated to March committee meeting

I refer to your question at Council meeting on 15th February 2016: that Council consider completing the Perth Walking Track between William Street and George Street in Perth, by installing a footbridge across the creek.

Through review of Council's files, the advice I have is that the matter was no longer supported by the Perth Local District Committee. However, Council would be happy to receive a request from the Local District Committee to reconsider the installation of the footbridge.

If this was the case, Council may review the situation and give consideration to supporting a future external funding application to fund its installation.

Previous costings indicate that construction of the footbridge works is in excess of \$100,000; and it is understood the footbridge would need to span 26 metres and be 2 metres wide to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

I look forward to giving this matter further consideration.

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting - 27 June 2016

Min. Ref 154/16 - Funding Application to Extend Perth's William Street Reserve Walkway

Responsible Officer: Amanda Mason, Governance and Community Development Officer

Report prepared by: Lorraine Green, Project Officer

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report:

- i) provides Council with background on the Tasmanian Community Fund's targeted grant round focusing on Community Infrastructure;
- ii) briefs Council on the application for funding for the extension of Perth's William Street Reserve Walkway that has been submitted to the Community Infrastructure targeted grant round;
- iii) seek Council's approval of a funding allocation to this project subject to securing the Community Infrastructure grant.

2 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) has two general funding rounds each year, allocating around \$5 million. The TCF Board also sets aside a proportion of funding for targeted grant rounds to fund projects in areas which will make a significant difference to the Tasmanian community. On May 14th 2016 the TCF Board announced a targeted grant round for Community Infrastructure projects.

The funding round guidelines state the TCF is seeking community infrastructure projects that focus on improvements to existing or the development of new skate parks, bike tracks/parks, walking trails/tracks and/or playgrounds.

The Board has allocated up to \$2.5 million in grants for this funding round, with the maximum allocation to any one project being \$50,000 GST exclusive.

Council officers reviewed the funding round guidelines and identified the extension of Perth's William Street Reserve Walkway as the best fit with the guidelines and application information requirements.

The extension of the William Street Reserve walkway requires the installation of a 28 metre aluminium footbridge across a gully where a creek flows into the South Esk River, the construction of concrete footpath approaches and landscaping.

The funding round opened May 14th 2016 and closed June 22nd 2016. Given this tight timeframe, Council Officers were not in a position to bring this proposed funding application to Council for consideration prior to the application being submitted.

3 STRATEGIC PLAN 2007/2017

The Strategic Plan 2007/2017 (2012/2013 Revision) provides the guidelines within which Council operates. The following "Volume 1 – Mapping Our Direction" goal is relevant to this issue: 3.2 Health "To develop the health and well-being of Northern Midlands communities".

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The quotes received indicate the total cost of the project to be \$194,572 GST exclusive. The maximum grant available from the TCF grant round is \$50,000. Council's contribution to bring the project to fruition, if the TCF grant is secured, is \$144,572.

5 RISK ISSUES

The application for TCF funding through the Community Infrastructure targeted grant funding round will need to be withdrawn if the Council funding allocation cannot be secured.

6 CONSULTATION WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

The Client Manager North, Sport and Recreation Tasmania provided a letter of support for the funding application.

7 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The suggestion to install the footbridge to enable the extension of the William Street Reserve Walkway came from the Perth community.

8 OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Council can either approve the allocation of \$144,572 to this project (subject to securing the TCF Community Infrastructure grant), or not approve the allocation of funds towards this project.

9 OFFICER'S COMMENTS/CONCLUSION

This project will provide Perth residents and visitors to the town with a 1.2km river reserve walkway that can be accessed from both the western and eastern ends of the walkway, and will enable walkers to complete a circuit walk that takes them from the town, along the walkway and back via streets to their starting point.

The extended walkway will enable more Perth residents and visitors to the town to experience and enjoy the many benefits of regular physical activity, thus assisting with the Tasmanian Government's Plan for a Brighter Future: AGENDA 16 ambitious goal of making Tasmania the healthiest state in the country by 2025.

10 ATTACHMENTS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the matter be discussed by Council.

RECOMMENDATION 2

That Council allocate \$144,572 to the Perth William Street Reserve Walkway Extension project, subject to securing a Tasmanian Community Fund Community Infrastructure grant of \$50,000.

Cr Polley left the meeting at 5.12pm.

DECISION

Cr Calvert/Cr Knowles

That the matter be put on hold until further funding opportunities become available.

Carried unanimously