

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the offices of Brian Mitchell MP on Tuesday, 6 June 2017 at 5.32pm.

1 IN ATTENDANCE

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

In Attendance:

Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Mary Knowles, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Des Jennings (General Manager)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Davis/G Eberhardt

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, 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.*

Noted that Mr Tony Purse is consulting and/or has an involvement in the following projects currently being undertaken by Council:

- *Perth Community Centre Master Plan*
- *Perth Recreation Ground Master Plan*
- *Perth Municipal Development – including Cycleway, Roundabouts and Streetscape Design*

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

Perth Structure Plan

The committee noted the minute and attachments from the Council meeting of 10 April 2017 which were tabled.

10 Year Plan

Noted that the Committee had 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.

ii) William Street Reserve

Footbridge

Noted that

- the budget estimate for the Culvert Proposal had been received by Council and the request has been included in the 2017/18 budget deliberations.
- once the footbridge installed it is imperative to ensure the connectivity of William and George streets.

Gazebo

- The Committee were pleased to note that the gazebo had been replaced, however, were disappointed that they were not consulted in relation to location and design as had been requested.

- Noted that installation of the setting within the gazebo would occur shortly.
- Commented that the structure appeared to have been erected in a better position than had been indicated on the Development Application (DA); that the structure was therefore not in compliance with the DA and did Council amend the DA.
- Requested that the willows be cleared (leaving the stumps for bank stabilisation), primarily at the frontage of the structure.

General

- Requested that the debris be cleared from the swimming hole prior to the spring season.
- Noted that the type of work required to be undertaken at the Reserve was not suited to a Working Bee.
- Noted that the Chair had been contacted by Council's NRM facilitator whom advised that there was currently no funding available for the suggested works.
- The Committee thanked Council for installing the doggy bag dispensers.
- Enquired as to whether any budget funding was available from previous years to be carried forward, and if so, how much.

J Stagg/P Dell

That the Perth Local District Committee encourage Council to prioritise (before summer) the clearing of the willows at the frontage of the new gazebo structure at William Street Reserve and the removal of debris from the swimming hole.

Carried

iii) West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group (WPFMWG)

The Chair noted that advice had been received from Council, re this request. Advice as follows:

The management of stormwater is an operational matter and Council, together with a group of suitably qualified professionals, is undertaking measures across the municipality to work towards compliance with the Act. As such the request for this information and representation on the working group is not supported. However, updates on the progress of stormwater management in your area will be provided by management once Council has received the information and authorised its release.

The Committee again requested details of membership of the WPFMWG.

iv) Website

Preliminary designs for the town websites were tabled for comment. Noted that the committee were pleased with the progress and hoped that the website would be live, or at the very least being populated, by the next meeting. (The website address reflects that the site is under construction.)

v) 2017-18 Budget / Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

Conceptual designs for the Longford, Perth to Breadalbane Cycleway, Roundabout Treatments and Streetscape Treatments tabled for information, were well received by the Committee.

Noted that the Committee felt that the beautification of Perth should not be held up by the completion of the Perth Link Roads and that the planting of street trees and upgrades should be progressed.

Previously noted/requested:

- A component of the Perth Structure Plan relates to the beautification of Perth.
- Pot plants in the main street (similar to Longford), can create a working group and talk to businesses (re maintenance), Council could supply pots and flowers.
- The committee reiterated the request for flower plantings on annual basis and the general beautification of the main street and town entrances.
- To be reviewed as part of the perth structure plan. (Leon Lange)
- Requested installation of a bus shelter for travellers on the eastern side of the main road (budget request).

vi) Meeting Venue/Community Centre

The committee previously advised that the meeting venue is not considered suitable, possible other venues to be considered by Council officers.

That Council remove the fence and gate at the entrance to the Community Centre as it is a health and safety issue.

The above recommendation of the committee from the 4 April meeting was considered by Council at the 15 May council meeting, at which time Council agreed to note and investigate the recommendation.

The following information has been provided by Council officers:

- that a risk assessment had been conducted
- the fence and gate are in place to prevent children in the after school childcare facility exiting the building and placing themselves in harm's way; the gates being another security barrier for the protection of the children
- that the gate would not be removed at this time.
- the latch on the front gate has however been lowered by 300mm which brings it down to 1530 mm (still compliant with the standard AS 1926.01 2012), which should now make the latch more accessible to people with disabilities or the elderly
- the gate is easily operated by adults exiting the building and the gate swings out meet the fire exit requirements
- the latch on the side gate has also been reversed to address safety issues.

The Committee

- reiterated their discontent that the facility was no longer accessible as a Community Centre.
- noted that they had concerns about safety, in particular with regard to fire danger
- requested that the gates be opened outside of the Childcare operating hours until a better solution can be found
- noted that there is no gate on the hall exit.
- noted that the carpeting at the Community Centre needs replacing.

vii) Perth Link Road

Noted

- that following the Committees correspondence sent to Minister Hidding the Chair had received correspondence from Council in relation to the role of the Committee.
- the Chair had a positive meeting with Minister Hidding re the Illawarra Road access to Perth from Longford; and that there was a concept proposal on the table which included a slip road into Perth from Illawarra Road; the proposal would address concerns relating to tourists bypassing the town.
- that the Tasmanian Government, plans and layouts for the link road were on display in the foyer at the Council Chambers.

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.

7 NEW BUSINESS

i) NMC Strategic Projects - Perth

The Committee noted the following update in relation to the Strategic Projects relative to Perth which had been tabled at the 15 May Council meeting:

Perth			
Recreation Ground Master Plan (Lange Design)	Jul-15	Oct-16	External funding sources being pursued 17 Jan 2017: Northern Economic Stimulus Package funding secured for the oval lighting upgrade
Community Centre Development Plan, (Loop Architecture) addressing collective & shared functions with adjacent Primary School & Recreation Ground	Oct-15		Briefing notes from key stakeholder sessions received 25 Feb 2016 Draft concept plans submitted to Council
Town Structure Plan (GHD)			Community feedback on draft plan closed 18 November 2016. Two design strategy options submitted.

Sheepwash Creek Open Space Plan
(Lange Design, GHD Woodhead)

Contract with NRM North signed December 2016 to access funds through National Landcare Program Investment in Tamar River Recovery Plan
Dec 2016: West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group established
Draft concept plans received from GHD Woodhead
Lange Design requested to prepare Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) for the open space on eastern side of subdivision

ii) Wifi

The Committee were advised that Council had halted its program to install free Wifi in Northern Midlands towns as the State Government had commenced a program to roll-out free Wifi, currently Perth has not been identified for connection; however, Council officers will follow up and advise in due course.

G Eberhardt/P Dell

That the Perth Local District Committee wishes to ensure that Wifi access is available to Perth, if not through the State Government process, then through the Council process.

Carried

iii) General Matters Raised

- **Seccombe Street Playground:** The Committee were pleased to note that a shelter had been and seating would be installed; however, noted the lack of trees in the area as an issue.
- **Street trees:** Suggested that Council plant street trees in a uniform manner, without consulting with residents and that homeowners should not be expected to water the trees.
- **TasWater:** Comment re takeover by Government.
- **2016 Floods:** Discussed the clean-up of the area (William Street Reserve) at the bottom end of George Street, post the 2016 floods had not yet occurred and noted that this was a seldom used area.
- **Footpath Plan:** The Committee requested a copy of the Perth footpath plan.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.40pm, the next ordinary meeting scheduled to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, **1 August 2017** venue to be confirmed.