PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the Perth Community Centre on Tuesday, 6 February 2018 at 5.30pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

Present

Mr Tony Purse (Deputy Chair), Mr John Stagg, Mr Phillip Dell, Mr Don Smith, Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr Graeme Eberhardt

In Attendance:

Cr Mary Knowles, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

Apologies

Ms Jan Davis, Ms Teagan Wise, Cr Janet Lambert

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

C Beswick/D Smith

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 5 December 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

3 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.*

4 PRESENTATION

i) Northern Midlands Land Use and Development Strategy – JMG Engineers and Planners

Mat Clarke and Frances Beasley of JMG Engineers and Planners attended the meeting to present on the NM Land Use and Development Strategy.

It was noted that Northern Midlands Council has engaged JMG Engineers and Planners to prepare the Northern Midlands Land Use and Development Strategy. The document will provide the foundation for the Northern Midlands input into the Tasmanian Statewide Planning Scheme and a revised long term strategic direction.

Community and stakeholder consultation is an important aspect of this project, as it will assist towns in retaining their individual identity within the new statewide planning scheme.

JMG attended the committee meeting to discuss in particular, the context to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, approaches we can take to guide local development and the elements that give Perth its particular character.

Discussion notes relevant to the LUDS were taken by JMG.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

Noted

- Council is still awaiting the finalisation of the Perth Link Road (Bypass) to progress Perth Structure Plan.
- Perth Structure Plan will provide structure for identification of recreation zones, connectivity etc. for

rezoning.

- Consultants working on a plan to improve connectivity of William Street Reserve to Mill Road and George Street. Incorporating previous plan to link all recreation areas throughout Perth. Community input will be sought in due course.

Committee previously 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 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

The Committee noted that the gate to the reserve would remain open throughout the summer.

iii) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

The Committee noted that installation of the self-watering planter beds was currently in progress and the initial installation would serve as a trial for the installation of future planters, as well as form part of the plans for future main street streetscape works.

Committee members requested that the monies that Council receive from developers to undertake planting of trees in new subdivision be utilised to plant trees at the commencement of the subdivision, so that trees can be well established by the time a subdivision is fully developed.

Query raised as to the status of tree planting and Council's use of public open space, specifically in relation to the subdivisions in Shervan/ Mulgrave/ Seccombe streets.

iv) Perth Link Road

The Committee noted that the issues relative to the Perth Link Road construction project were a State Road matter and opted not to pursue the issues previously raised.

v) Roadworks, Intersection Upgrades and associated projects

The Committee opted not to pursue the following matters and noted that they would most likely be addressed with the completion of the Perth link road development:

- Connectivity of Streets – North Perth/Devon Hills
- Midland Highway/Drummond Street Intersection – part of Midland Highway upgrade.

Requested that, in the future, the significance of Gibbet Hill be recognised and an interpretation panel be installed.

vi) Perth Bicentenary 2021

Noted that the Perth Bicentenary is to be celebrated in 2021 and that a 150yr celebration had been held in 1971.

G Eberhardt/D Smith

That Council appoint a Special Committee of Council to coordinate and plan for the 2021 Perth Bicentenary. The Special Committee to include representatives from the various community groups active in Perth.

Carried

vii) General Matters:

Rate revenue - a verbal report was provided by the secretary.

6 MATTERS PENDING

i) West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group (WPFMWG)

The Committee noted that the membership of the WPFMWG committee, as listed in the January 2018 Council minute included: Representatives from State Growth, a Hydrologist, NRM Representative, Landscape Architect and Council officers.

The Committee requested that an invite be issued for a briefing on the project.

Item to be placed on hold, pending release of information.

7 NEW BUSINESS

i) Street Trees Report

The tree report tabled at the 29 January 2018 Council meeting (min. ref.: 14/18) was circulated and noted.

Requested that the author be invited to a future meeting of the committee at which time queries queries in relation to the report and programme could be addressed.

ii) Meeting Venue/Community Centre

Noted the 2017/2018 budget includes an allocation to refurbish a small meeting room at Perth Community Centre ($15,000).

The Committee agreed with the proposal, however, requested that:

- The entrance to the meeting room be wide, with the doors installed so that they can be opened fully;
- the partitioning be mostly glass, to allow for adequate natural lighting;
- the lockers within the area be removed to allow more space for meetings; and
- plans be provided to the committee for their consideration/comment.

iii) 2018/2019 Budget

The committee to consider items for inclusion in the 2018/19 budget deliberations at the April meeting.

iv) Perth Riverbank Open Space Strategy

Noted the Council Minute circulated.

v) Perth Prospectus and Perth Priority Projects

The Perth Prospectus and Perth Priority Projects documents were circulated for information.

vi) General

Queries raised:

- status of the construction of the Clarence Street Bus Shelter which was included in the 2017/18 budget.
- status of pedestrian crossover to be constructed at the Corner Clarence/Talisker Streets which does not link with the footpath.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Deputy Chair closed the meeting at 6.50pm.

The next ordinary meeting scheduled to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday,**10 April 2018, venue to be confirmed.**