

**MINUTES**  
**PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.

**1 ATTENDANCE**

Tony Purse (Chair), Shan White, Russell Mackenzie, Sue Field, Jo Saunderson, John Stagg, Don Smith, Jonathan Targett

**In Attendance:**

Gail Eacher (Secretary)

**Apologies:**

Phillip Dell, Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Jan Davis

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**S White/D Smith**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 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
  - South Esk River Parkland Proposal, including owner/developer of adjacent property
  - Perth Streetscape Improvements
- Mr Phillip Dell has an interest in the property being utilised for the proposed Perth Early Learning Centre relocation.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Main Street Redevelopment / Perth Streetscape Masterplan**

*Perth Streetscape Masterplan:*

The Committee noted that

- the Perth Streetscape Masterplan survey appears limited in input and does not necessarily provide for an adequate range of questions
- the survey questions should provide council with relevant community feedback on the entire Masterplan
- the committee discussed whether there was excess reference to tree plantings in the questions and limited other aspects of the masterplan
- the committee discussed whether the current survey could be amended to include a comments section with the capacity for respondents to provide adequate feedback over and above the questions

- the committee suggested the reviewed survey should include the following:
  - question 1 – Perth business owners / workers (who are not resident) as an option
  - additional scope for feedback (the number of characters should be increased – currently can only provide very brief input)
- the committee discussed whether another question could be included to seek community suggestions for practical uses for the Main Street.

Clarification be sought from council that the Train Park is to be included in the extended Perth Streetscape Masterplan.

Noted that the Department of State Growth has transferred ownership of the 3 Perth roundabouts to Council, and roundabout landscaping works can now be programmed.

Notes:

- Committee request to commence works in Bicentenary year, with preference being proposed upgrade of Main, Drummond, Clarence streets and Old Punt Road intersection
- Need for upgrade of the main street to be staged over a number of years, \$300,000 set aside in the 2020/2021
- Roundabouts included in master plan
- Request for inclusion of overnight parking for motorhomes
- Perth Streetscape Redevelopment Concept Plan survey in progress, prior to further report to Council
- Lions Club plough silhouettes at town entrances giving consideration to design and location prior to discussion with Council.

#### 4.2 Perth Projects / 2020-21 Budget Priorities

Update on the listed items

Priority List Item	Committee Comment	Officer Comments
Perth River Reserve: clean-up riverbank and installation of foot bridge	2021-06-01: request for progress report to July meeting	Funding sought, application results expected June.
West Perth connectivity footpaths		
Train Park additional play equipment	<p><b>Awaiting Council response (Nov 2020 meeting)</b></p> <p><i>MOTION: (i) request Council to consider urgent maintenance to the timber sculptures; play equipment and facilities as part of the 'Special COVID-19 Funding' to ensue appropriate and safe condition for the 2021 sesquicentenary of trains.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Request council to include upgrades to the Train Park in the Perth Main Street Masterplan.</i></p> <p>2021-06-01 progress report requested.</p> <p>Requested that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sculptures: the committee discussed the tree sculptures and request council to seek advice from Mr Freeman as to whether they can be repaired. If this is not possible, PLDC request council to seek professional advice as to a possible remediation plan for the top carvings section.</li> <li>PLDC request council to consider seeking advice for an overall master plan for the train park to include all aspects requiring upgrading not only the facilities but possible uses e.g. tree carvings, play equipment, toilets, bbqs, picnic tables, fencing, food vans. With a train park masterplan in place, the committee could then consider / recommend a priority list and a timeline for completion so council could incorporate in budget planning.</li> </ul>	Difficulty in contracting Eddie Freeman to conduct repairs/maintenance, he has been requested and will progress when his time allows.
Tree plantings in subdivisions – both existing and underway	Ongoing as developments progress	
Secombe Street & Talisker Street	2021-06-01 progress report requested	At design stage. Construction

Amenities		to be completed by 31 December.
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The following 13 April 2021 decisions of the Committee tabled at the 17 May 2021 Council meeting for consideration:

**1) Perth Train Park:**

*request Council consider the list of upgrades to the Train Park as a matter of urgency to make the park safe and attractive for the community and to coincide with the celebration of the arrival of trains in the town.*

Council decision: *The matter be considered further as part of the Perth Main Street Upgrade Program.*

**2) Budget 2021/2022:**

*request Council advise the committee of the 2021/22 Budget Priorities relevant to the Perth Township following approval of the budget by council*

Council decision: *That the recommendation be noted.*

### 4.3 Memorandum of Understanding Review

The 17 May 2021 Council Meeting report, minute and final amended MOU were circulated for comment and discussion.

In regard to membership, the following was noted

- membership applications close on 18 June
- membership appointments are to be endorsed at the 28 June 2021 Council meeting
- members appointed will need to attend an induction session prior to taking up membership
- a volunteer induction session for the Perth LDC will be held on 6 July 2021 at 5.30pm
- the Biennial General Meeting will follow the induction session; and
- a short first meeting of the new Committee will be held following the Induction Session and BGM.

In regard to the MOU - noted that the amended MOU included additional amendments in accordance with the decision of Council at the 17 May 2021 Council Meeting.

### 4.4 Footpath Trading By Law

Committee's comments submitted, minor amendments have been made to the draft By Law prior to a further report to Council and referral to the Director of Local Government for consideration (together with the RIS).

## 5 OTHER PROJECTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 5.1 Murals, Artworks, History interpretation panels

Perth Primary School mural is the final mural to be completed, mural is currently being finalised.

### 5.2 Perth Bicentenary Committee Report

The PLDC Chair congratulated and thanked the Perth Bicentenary Chair, Committee and those involved on the 2 very successful events held on 29 and 30 May 2021.

The Chair of the PBC provided an overview of the events and the attached report.

### 5.3 Perth Early Learning Centre

Tenders called, closing 17 June 2021.

### 5.4 Perth Dog Park

Council is investigating a second location in Perth for a secure Dog Park and will provide PLDC with updates as this can be progressed, no site has as yet been identified.

The following 4 May 2021 decision of the Committee tabled at the 17 May 2021 Council meeting for consideration:

*That Council, in consultation with the Perth Lions Club, progress with the planting of appropriate tree species at the Mulgrave Street dog park to replace the vegetation removed.*

Council decision: *That the recommendation be noted.*

Noted that

- appropriate tree species have already been ordered
- Council officers will contact Perth Lions Club
- Member advised that Perth Lions member has already contacted Council.

## **5.5 Banner Poles**

The Committee

- thanked and commended Council officers on the banners and on the timing of the banner installation, being prior to the commencement of the weekend's bicentenary celebrations.
- noted the following 13 April 2021 decision of the Committee tabled at the 17 May 2021 Council meeting for consideration:

*add the bicentenary dates 1821 to 2021 to the banners listed below. Committee agreed these banners would be suitable to use ongoing in future years with the bi-centenary dates.*

Council decision: *That the recommendation be noted.*

## **6 MATTERS PENDING**

### **6.1 2021/2022 Budget Priorities**

Budget priorities submitted for consideration - in order of priority:

- 1) Train Park: maintenance for play equipment to ensure appropriate and safe conditions; maintenance to timber sculptures.
- 2) Perth River Reserve: extension to George Street including installation of footbridge
- 3) Main Street Redevelopment: commencement of Stage 1
- 4) West Perth Connectivity footpaths: continue development to connect with other areas of Perth
- 5) Tree plantings in subdivisions: continue plantings in existing and planned developments
- 6) Punt Road Toilet Block: redevelopment / upgrade
- 7) Drummond Street/ Main road Corner: clean up and landscaping to link with Main road Streetscape masterplan

### **6.2 Highway Maintenance**

Roads have not yet been transferred to Council by State Growth (roundabouts have been transferred to Council, landscaping works to be programmed).

The Committee requested that Council lobby for the transfer of the roads so that Main Street works can commence.

### **6.3 Old United Service Station Site cnr Drummond and Main Street**

Ms Saunderson noted that she had received permission from their head office in Melbourne to decorate the temporary fencing at the Service Station. The committee discussed the possible future uses of the building in the event that it becomes available.

### **6.4 South Esk River Speed Limits**

Council contacted both MAST and TasWater re the PLDC request for installation of signage and a locked gate at the northern end of William Street.

MAST have advised that they will provide signage, to be installed by Council.

TasWater is yet to provide comment to Council re the proposal to lock the gate.

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 2021 State Election Promises by Liberal Party**

The following information was listed in the 17 May 2021 Council meeting agenda/minutes and provided to the Committee for information.

The Committee agreed that in order to attract funding for Perth it would be beneficial for members to lobby candidates prior to the next Federal election.

*This information item has been prepared following the request by Councillor Davis for a consolidated list of the election*

*promises for the Northern Midlands Council.*

*The Liberals promised the following commitments to the Northern Midlands Council if re-elected as a majority government:*

- *\$100,000 towards the development of a children's road safety park at Longford*
- *\$50,000 towards installation of pillars at the Longford Railway Bridge*
- *\$24,200 for equipment to transition between football and cricket seasons at various Northern Midlands Ovals*
- *\$20,000 to towards a range of dog exercise and training equipment for the Perth Dog Park*
- *\$15,000 for a new goal post net system at Perth Recreation Ground*
- *\$15,000 to the Longford Legends Avenue Project which is to build and install a Lyche Gate at the entrance of the Longford Legends Avenue.*

*Other commitments within the Northern Midlands region made by the Liberals if re-elected as a majority government included:*

- *\$23.7 million to supersize irrigation schemes to meet increased demand for the Don, Tamar, Sassafras, Northern Midlands & Fingal areas*
- *\$2.8 million investment towards turning Ben Lomond into a year-round destination*
- *\$2 million to Campbell Town District High School to upgrade and consolidate agricultural facilities*
- *\$100,000 to Longford Golf Course to replace their ageing fairway mower and undertake upgrades to their change rooms*
- *\$88,388 to Evandale Panthers Cricket Club towards the replacement and installation of three new cricket nets at Morven Park Recreation Ground*
- *\$30,000 to assist the Tasmanian Working Sheepdog Association in hosting a major national and international working sheep dog event in Campbell Town this October*
- *\$25,000 to Longford Bowls & Community Club to refurbish their kitchen and upgrade kitchen appliances*
- *\$18,000 for upgrades to amenities at Longford Showgrounds*
- *\$18,000 for Longford Art Group, upgrades to Longford town hall (arts and exhibition equipment)*
- *\$13,000 to Toosey Aged & Community Care to construct and install shade sails*
- *\$10,000 for the Longford RSL Memorial Club to install carpet to sound proof their hall*
- *\$6,000 to Evandale Football Club towards the purchase of new IT equipment*
- *Commissioning a feasibility study for a new Safe Emergency Accommodation facility in the Northern Midlands to better support women from rural areas*

## **7.2 Membership**

The Committee agreed that it would be advantageous to attract new members and promote membership of the PLDC on the Perth Community Facebook page. R Mackenzie to progress.

## **7.3 Line Marking in Perth**

The Committee requested that Council review and refresh the line marking in Perth.

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 6.36pm.

The next meeting to be held at the Perth Community Centre on Tuesday, 6 July 2021.

Meeting to be preceded by a Volunteer Induction session at 5.30pm and the Biennial General Meeting.