

MINUTES
PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting of the Committee held in the Perth Community Centre Hall, on Tuesday, 2 February 2021 commenced at 5.30pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

In Attendance:

Tony Purse (Chair), John Stagg, Sue Field, Jo Saunderson, Don Smith, Russell McKenzie, John Targett
Jan Davis- Councillor

Apologies:

Janet Lambert- Councillor, Philip Dell

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday 10 November 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. **MOVED: J Stagg SECONDED: J Targett**

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

Perth Projects / Budget Priorities

Councillor Davis advised the 7 top priority projects for Council are Perth Projects

The Final Report is due to be considered by Council at their meeting 15 February 2021

MOTION: Invite General Manager Des Jennings to attend the 2 March 2021 meeting of the PLDC to provide an update on the Perth Projects and provide members with a briefing on the budget process.

MOVED: S Field **SECONDED:** R McKenzie

	Priority List Item	Committee Comment
1)	Perth River Reserve: clean-up riverbank and installation of foot bridge	
2)	West Perth connectivity footpaths	
3)	Train Park additional play equipment	Awaiting Council response (Nov 2020 meeting) 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. (ii) Request council to include upgrades to the Train Park in the Perth Main Street Masterplan. MOVED: S Field SECONDED: D Smith
	Secombe Street Reserve toilet block / Taliska Street toilet block	Works scheduled to commence soon
5)	Tree plantings in subdivisions – both existing and underway	Ongoing as developments progress
6)	Main Street Redevelopment / Perth Streetscape Masterplan	Consultants have briefed Council on plans ACTION: request Consultants attend the 2 March 2021 meeting to provide PLDC with a briefing and request Council to advise timing of the planned release to the community

5 Other Projects

1) **Sheepwash Creek:** Community park naming survey results were discussed. The PLDC noted 98 responses, the majority of which supported the name 'Sheepwash Park'. The PLDC support Council's endorsement of *Sheepwash Park* and appreciate the process Council has followed to allow community participation.

2) **Highway Maintenance:** the road has not yet been handed over to Council by State Growth. Council will ensure North and South entrance roundabouts are cleaned up, planted and maintained as soon as handover is completed. C/F

3) **Perth Dog Park:** Councillor Davis advised that the existing Dog Park (Arthur Street to Mulgrave Street) fencing is proceeding. Council will retain as much as possible of the existing vegetation, however, there will be a need to remove some to allow for the fencing to be installed. Replanting will be staggered and commence as soon as practicable.

Council is investigating a second location in Perth for a secure Dog Park and will provide PLDC with updates as this can be progressed.

4) **Secombe Street Connector:** commencement of works planned for March 2021 with completion EOFY 2021 C/F

5) **Perth ELC:** J Saunderson noted long grass on the vacant block now owned by Council. J Saunderson agreed to submit a Works Request to bring this to Council's attention.

6 Other Business

1) **Secretarial Committee Support:** the committee noted confirmation received of Council's approval to access funds (email 17/12/20)

Cr Polley/Cr Adams

That Council support the project and provide \$1,826 in funding to produce the calendars or for other appropriate purpose, to be funded from the secretarial services allocation for 2020/2021.

Carried unanimously

S Field advised that due to tight printing deadlines the calendars have not yet been printed and a smaller print run may still proceed. The BC subcommittee may use the remaining funds for 'tear drop' banners to promote the Bicentenary events around the town.

The committee noted this funding was in lieu of Secretarial support not provided January 2020 to December 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The committee noted the importance of maintaining a link between Council officers and the PLDC and requested, with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, bimonthly secretarial support continue to be provided by Council.

MOTION: advise Council that Secretarial support will be required for 2021 meetings: 2 March; 4 May; 6 Jul; 7 Sept; 7 Dec

MOVED: T Purse **SECONDED:** D Smith

2) Building Block Sizes: complete

3) South Esk River Speed Limits: J Stagg advised the committee of excess speeding by boats observed on Australia Day 2021 on the South Esk river opposite the William Street sewerage pumping station. Committee refer Council to PLDC minutes 6 October 2020 requesting Council approach MAST to undertake a public awareness media campaign for the 2021-21 summer season and install signage to alert users to the river speed limits.

***MOTION:** request an update from Council on outcome of discussions with MAST to address these matters.*

MOVED: J Stagg SECONDED: D Smith

4) Murals, Artworks, History interpretation panels: all murals have been installed except the Primary School which will be installed soon.

7 Perth Bicentenary Committee Report

Bicentenary pamphlet was approved by PLDC for distribution in the community

Initial Calendar of Events approved for publication in the pamphlet, noting more events may be planned as the year progresses.

Information about monthly draw winners and sponsors will be included on the BC Facebook page

***MOTION:** request Council approach the Examiner and Country Courier to feature a story on Northern Midlands ALL towns celebrating their bicentenaries in 2021 and events planned for the communities to participate in the celebrations.*

MOVED: T Purse SECONDED: J Stagg

The committee members discussed the effectiveness of the BC subcommittee and issues arising which has caused delay in progress of planning. R McKenzie agreed to take on a role as facilitator to ensure cohesive understanding of the BCSC objectives.

T Purse noted the extensive work completed to date by BCSC members and thanked them for their enthusiasm to make the Perth bicentenary a memorable year for the town. The PLDC offered their support by way of consultation through the Chair when required.

8 Matters Pending

1) Memorandum of Understanding: in progress, awaiting Council update

9 NEW BUSINESS

NIL

7 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7 pm.

The next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 5.30pm at the Perth Community Centre Hall