

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 3 February 2015, commencing at 5.30pm

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Michael Geeves (Chair), Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr John Stagg, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Phillip Dell, Mr Graham Eberhardt, Cr Janet Lambert, Mr Des Jennings, Mr Wayne Chellis

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr J Stagg/Mrs C Beswick

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 2 December 2014, subject to the following amendment:

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) William Street Reserve

... With regard to the ~~The~~ request to install a rubbish bin at the corner of the reserve, near Elizabeth Street, ~~was withdrawn as it was noted that the reason that the previous bin in the vicinity of 'Beulah' at that location had been removed was due to the dumping of household waste in the that bin.~~

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) William Street Reserve

With regard to the request to install a rubbish bin at the corner of the reserve, near Elizabeth Street, it was noted that the reason that the bin in the vicinity of 'Beulah' had been removed was due to the dumping of household waste in that bin.

The Committee requested that Council write to TasWater to remind them of their commitment to attend to the substantial water leakage/seepage from the ground below the Pump Station at the William Street Reserve once warmer weather prevailed.

Committee member advised that water testing had been undertaken, TasWater officers had advised that the water did not appear to be treated water; however, it was considered that the tests may not have been adequate as it appeared that no chlorine testing had been undertaken.

Advised that some bollards at the William Street Reserve had been damaged (some broken off others having had reflectors removed).

Action

Customer Requests:

- *That Council replace the rubbish bin at the corner of the reserve, near Elizabeth Street, in the vicinity of 'Beulah'.*
- *That the broken and damaged bollards be repaired/replaced.*

Council to contact TasWater re the water leakage/seepage from the ground below the Pump Station at the William Street Reserve.

ii) Website

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

Matter has been on hold pending finalisation of the Perth Tourism Town Map and receipt of artwork.

Website production to commence: Colour palette received from ThinkBig. Awaiting provision of the artwork of the town map.

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

Tabs to include:

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

The Committee to provide any additional information required. Committee to visit the websites of other towns in Northern Midlands, with a view to providing input re Perth’s website to the February 2015 meeting.

Action

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iii) Perth Bypass

Noted:

- In late 2013 Council wrote to DIER to establish the timeframe for the bypass; advise of the interest of the Committee in the project; and that the Committee wishes to have input into any plans formulated in relation to the bypass of Perth. Council’s and the Committee’s interest was acknowledged.
- The bypass was included in Council’s Priority Projects list to be circulated to candidates contesting the seat of Lyons in the 2014 state elections.
- On 24 May the Examiner newspaper reported to a \$400million, over 10 years, commitment of the Commonwealth government to the upgrade of the Midland Highway; the article further quotes DIER spokesperson as confirming Perth to Breadalbane section and a south-western bypass of Perth as key priorities.
- At 1 July meeting that correspondence to DIER had been prepared endorsing the previous request of the Committee that the PLDC be kept informed re the Bypass.
- 5 August, the Committee noted that a date had been set to meet with Minister Hidding to discuss the proposed upgrade of the Midland Highway and, in particular, the Perth By-pass.
- 2 September, noted that Council had written to Minister Rene Hidding and requested that a Steering Committee be established (the committee to include representatives from Council, NMBA, Dept of State Growth and Perth Local District Committee).

- 4 November, reported that State Growth were approaching affected property owners. Council to receive presentation from State Growth in the coming month. A steering committee appointed to focus on the master planning of the area affected by the bypass. Noted that PLDC had requested to have two representatives on the Steering Committee, this request will be taken to the first meeting of the Steering Committee (which will be late 2014/early 2015) and a decision made. The Steering Committee is to ensure Perth is informed on progress.
- The Hon. Rene Hidding MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Management, Minister for Infrastructure, to meet with Council in the new year re the establishment of the Steering Committee.

The Committee agreed to the inclusion of representation from the Perth Local District Committee and requested consideration be given to the inclusion of 2 representatives. Agreed that representative/s:

- would need to be committed to the project;
- advocate for the continued growth of Perth;
- promote the best entry and exit vantage points to Perth;
- dependant on the alignment of the bypass, that the 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 be recognised.

Michael Geeves and Philip Dell nominated as the Perth Local District Committee representatives to the Perth Bypass Steering Committee.

The Hon. Rene Hidding MP Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Police and Emergency Management, attended the Council Meeting on 19 January 2015. Council minute 17/15 is attached for the Committees reference.

Noted that:

- Appointments had been made to the reference group – M Geeves and P Dell appointed. The first meeting of the group to be held in February – date yet to be set.
- An information session would be held for the public on 28 February at the Community Centre.
- State Growth representatives would hold a meeting at the Devon Hills fire shed with the Residents Committee on 27 February (arrangements to be confirmed). Advised that the membership of the Perth Local District Committee invited to attend the meeting.

iv) ANZAC Day – Feedback on Traffic Management

At the 2 September meeting, Cr Lambert reiterated the information previously provided re the meeting of the ANZAC Day Traffic Management Sub-Committee: that following the meeting DIER (State Growth) were considering the possibility of diverting the ANZAC traffic via Arthur and Clarence Streets.

Contract for Traffic Management awarded, Council and contractors met on site and plans are being compiled to be tabled at the next meeting of the Anzac Day Traffic Committee on 19 February.

v) Country Courier Article

Previously, the Committee noted that Council is preparing news items re the membership and achievements of each Committee.

The Committee noted their input into the following projects:

- Bypass
- William Street Reserve improvements
- Footpaths, kerb and gutter
- Beautification of Perth project, including street trees;
- Relocation of the school bus stop;

- The Town Tourism Map; and
- Agreed to the inclusion of membership in the article.

To be progressed once Bypass Steering Committee established and meeting held.

vi) 2015 Calendar – Committee Meeting Dates

Noted that dates for the 2015 monthly committee meetings had been set and that the date for the November Committee meeting coincided with the date set for the Councillors Workshop, i.e. Tuesday, 3 November.

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/planning for the Perth Bypass.

- Connectivity of Streets – North Perth/Devon Hills
- Elizabeth Street Intersection with the Midland Highway
- Perth Bypass (NMBA) - consideration be given to the implications, prepare and plan for the bypass of the township of Perth; that a working group be formed to prepare and have input into the process. Importance of pre-planning was noted.
- 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.

Noted that:

- Black Spot funding application submitted to address the issues related to parking and vehicle movements in Fore Street, Perth - unsuccessful.
- Midland Highway/Drummond Street Intersection – part of Midland Highway upgrade.
- Elizabeth Street and Talisker Street – plans complete consultant to manage and carry out works before winter.
- Eskleigh Intersection complete.

ii) Beautification of Perth

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)

Programmed to plant more trees in the main street, with plans to continue tree plantings to the north of the Honey Company.

Noted that, as required, additional trees would be planted in the Main Street in June/July 2015.

Matter pending – awaiting provision of concept design details for the Perth Bypass.

iii) Australia Day 2017

2017 Australia Day event to be held at Perth. Agreed that the committee would participate in the facilitation and assist with communications with the various service groups in the community. Interested parties to contact Ms Mason.

7 NEW BUSINESS

i) Development Application – P14-359

The following application for a development in your Committee's area has been submitted to Council:

Ref no: P14-359
Site: 180 FAIRTLOUGH STREET, PERTH
Proposal: Change of use to medical centre (heritage-listed place)
Closing date: 09-Feb-2015

Details of the application are shown on the attached plans; please note that these plans and drawings can be made available to view by your Committee but should not be copied as they are subject to copyright. The application will be on public display online at www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au, and at the Council Offices, 13 Smith Street, Longford until 09-Feb-2015. Written representations may be made during this time to the General Manager; mailed to PO Box 156, Longford 7301, delivered to Council offices or a pdf letter emailed to Planning@nmc.tas.gov.au.

If representations are made, the application is likely to be heard at the next possible Council meeting after 09-Feb-2015. Representors are forwarded a copy of the planning report in the week before the meeting and invited to attend.

If you have any queries, please telephone Council's Planning Section on 6397 7301 or e-mail Planning@nmc.tas.gov.au.

Date of notice under s57 of
Land Use Planning & Approvals Act 1993: 24-Jan-2015

Action

Noted – no issues raised.

ii) WiFi Hotspot

Consideration given to the possible implementation of free WiFi in Perth and the location thereof.

Action

Train park identified as suitable location.

iii) West Perth Drainage Study

The Committee noted the detail of the report which had been tabled at the Council Meeting of 19 January 2015.

iv) Fairtlough Street Footpath

The Committee discussed the merits of the relocation of the Medical Centre to Fairtlough Street, concerns were raised as to the mobility of some patients and that they may have issues with accessing the facility as there is no footpath on the northern side of Fairtlough Street between the Midland Highway (on the northern corner of Fairtlough Street) and the frontage of the proposed Medical Centre. The Committee viewed the provision of a footpath to be essential and requested that if the Development Application is approved, that the footpath be considered to be a high priority.

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That the Committee recommend to Council that in view of the Planning Application to change the use of 180 Fairtlough Street, Perth to a Medical Centre, that the footpath from the Midland Highway (on the northern corner of Fairtlough Street) be extended to the east to the frontage of the proposed Medical Centre, prior to the opening of the facility.

Carried

Action

Recommendation to Council.

v) 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 made available.

vi) Budget 2015/16

Noted that the Committee consider budget items for Councils 2015/16 budget at the March Meeting.

Action

To be considered at the 3 March meeting.

vii) Train Park Hand Dryers

Noted that the hand dryers installed in the amenities at the Train Park were out of order.

Action

Customer Request – That the hand dryers in the amenities at the Train Park be repaired/replaced.

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the **Community Centre Perth** on **Tuesday, 3 March 2014**.