

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

4 AUGUST 2015 AT 5.30PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Michael Geeves (Chair), Mr Graeme Eberhardt, Mr Philip Dell, Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr John Stagg, Cr Mary Knowles, Mr Des Jennings, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Will Egan, Cr Janet Lambert

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G Eberhardt/P Dell

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 2 June 2015, 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.*

No declarations received.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Website

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

Website production to commence: Colour palette received from ThinkBig.

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 next meeting.

The Committee agreed that Will would take the lead on construction and maintenance of the site. Will met with council officers on 22 April, at which time the following was discussed:

- two options to be considered for creating the site; either council creates/hosts/maintains it or the committee does, but there really isn't any inbetween (we can't support sites that have been created by others)
- if the committee wishes to set up own site then they would be responsible for maintaining it and keeping it up to date
- Kerin and Fiona have both offered to provide whatever photos and content that they have. Ultimately though what goes on the site and how it's setup is a decision for the committee. Will has some ideas on what he would like to do to 'Sell Perth'
- In terms of council content (eg halls, etc) the site should link directly to the relevant page on the council website so the content is always up to date. This is how all the 'town' sites were supposed to be setup
- Committee will need to make sure all images are properly attributed (where needed) and that copyright is respected
- Will would like to use a platform called Wix to set up the website. The cost is fairly low and it's easy to use. Council agreeable; however, Will would need to provide Council with usernames and passwords just in case future maintenance need to be taken over. The Wix site can't ever be moved from their platform, once it's setup with them you are locked into it. The local district committee will need to be made aware that they're on their own.
- Will can develop the site using Wix's free plan and once it's ready, we will need to start paying for it and point the perthtasmania.com domain to the new site.
- Ben will need to be kept informed re progress, especially when the site goes live he will need to make the DNS changes.
- Kerin and Fiona can assist Will with content, photo's, etc.

At the 2 June meeting the Committee were advised that the framework for the website had been prepared, skeleton at this stage; and that Will was awaiting responses from businesses.

Noted that no further information was made available to the Committee at the meeting.

ii) Perth Bypass

Perth Local District Committee, Michael Geeves and Philip Dell, elected as representatives to the Perth Road Community Reference Group (PRCRG).

Noted that Council had formally considered the matter of a Perth Town Structure Plan and resolved:

That

1. *Council supports the preparation of the Perth Town Structure Plan;*
2. *Council's Management seek external financial support for the preparation of the Plan;*
3. *Council's Management engage with the Perth Local District Committee and local businesses to seek support for the project; and*
4. *a funding allocation is incorporated in the 2015/2016 Budget to progress the project. Council Officers will engage with the local businesses to seek support for the project.*

Noted that a meeting was being scheduled for 13 August with time and venue to be advised. Invitations would be forwarded to PRCRG in due course.

iii) 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 – pending further information on the Perth Bypass project.

iv) 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 is made available.

Committee discussed the 10 year plan concept and agreed that future planning should include provision for cycleways/bikeways, footpaths and the creation of corridors and linkages to the various areas of the town.

Noted that a power point presentation had been developed titled *Perth Development and Traffic Plan* and is available on Council's website at

[www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/files/Strategic Projects/Perth Development Traffic Plan - 190315.pdf](http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/files/Strategic%20Projects/Perth%20Development%20Traffic%20Plan%20-%20190315.pdf)

The Committee noted that

- the footpath plan of Perth was being updated and would be circulated for consideration once complete.
- future plans included a Land Use Strategy for Perth and Entrance Statement.

v) Budget 2015/16

Noted that the following items were included in the 2015/16 budget:

- Fairtlough Street (to Doctors surgery) footpath – footpath program
- Arthur Street (Fairtlough to Clarence) – footpath program
- Fore Street turning head – road program (funded from Black Spot grant)
- Street Trees Main Street – allocation included in Street Tree Program

Hard Waste Collection for all ratepayers was not adopted for 2015/16. Waste collection/disposal options to be further considered in 2016/17.

vi) William Street Reserve

It was noted that the committee passed a resolution: *That Council investigate the opportunity of a designated dog exercise area at William Street Reserve, Perth.*

The committee discussed the virtues and encumbrances relating to the provision of a dog exercise area at the Reserve. It was noted that dogs were permitted on leash within the reserve.

G Eberhardt/J Stagg

That the motion from 2 June:

That Council investigate the opportunity of a designated dog exercise area at William Street Reserve, Perth

be rescinded.

Carried

4 members voted in favour

1 member voted against

vii) Seccombe Street Park

The Committee noted that a customer request had been issued in respect of the motion past at 2 June meeting:

The Perth Local District Committee requests Council plant trees at Seccombe Street park.

The Committee were advised that the addition of trees would be considered in the 2016/17 program; however, seats and bins would be installed in the near future.

6 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

Date	Item	Description	Comment/ Action Taken
3/2/15	William Street Reserve	replace the rubbish bin at the corner of the reserve, near Elizabeth Street, in the vicinity of 'Beulah'.	Bin not to be installed in short term. Issue to be monitored.
31/3/15	Bus Stop – Clarence Street	Consideration be given to upgrade of Clarence Street bus stop, gravel and possible bus shelter.	The Committee noted that this issue requires urgent attention as the surface is inclined to be wet/boggy. May be appropriate for a hard stand be installed and for the hawthorn hedge to be cut back.

7 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
- 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.

Noted that the following projects were complete or nearing completion:

- Elizabeth Street Intersection with the Midland Highway – substantially complete, only island splitter to be installed.
- Talisker Street Car Park – complete.
- Eskleigh Intersection – complete.

ii) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance

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 (2016 at Longford).

Noted that the Cricket Club would consider participation in the event at their next meeting.

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) Talisker Street Intersection

The Committee noted issues in relation to the alignment of the intersection, in particular that on exiting Talisker Street (in order to proceed in a southerly direction) larger vehicles found it necessary to cross the median strip of the main street.

ii) Perth Community Centre

The Committee noted their displeasure at the installation of the child proof fence at the entrance to the Community Centre as:

- no consultation had taken place with the management committee;
- elderly and disabled persons found the access difficult; and
- consideration may need to be given to fire safety.

The Committee acknowledged that the safety of the children was paramount, and requested that a review of the access be conducted.

G Eberhardt/P Dell

That Council undertake a full review of the facilities at the Perth Community Centre.

Carried

iii) Weir at Perth

The Committee thanked Council for the excellent job done in regard to the repair/maintenance of the weir in the South Esk River at Perth.

9 NEXT MEETING / CLOSURE

The next meeting to be held at the Perth Community Centre Perth at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 01 September 2015.

The meeting closed 6.05pm.