

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the special meeting of the Committee held at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 7 February 2017 at 5.30pm.

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Jan Davis, Mr Tony Purse, Mr Graeme Eberhardt, Mr John Stagg, Mr Phillip Dell

Guests:

GHD: Sarah FitzGerald (Manager, Environment and Planning) and Greg McGuire (Project Manager)

In Attendance:

Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Mary Knowles, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs Christine Beswick

3 PERTH-BREADALBANE DUAL CARRIAGeway AND LINK ROADS

Sarah FitzGerald and Greg McGuire attended the meeting to discuss the alignment for the proposed Midland Highway western and southern link roads.

The following was noted:

- Access points, both north and south, had been revised.
- The revised access did not allow for direct access from Illawarra Road into Perth.
- Committee strongly supports direct access to Perth from Illawarra Road, and supports 3 entrances/exits to/from Perth.
- Existing South Esk River bridge has a useful life of 20-30 years. Probably would be replaced in 15-20 years to provide a new river crossing and southern entrance interchange replaced. Current plan provides an interim solution.
- Access to link road from Illawarra Road is to facilitate large vehicle movements.
- Northern entrance to Perth opened up, roundabout provision to slow traffic.
- Link Road will reduce number of heavy vehicles travelling through Perth.
- Stages 2 and 3, now 1 project.
- Timing: within three years, funding guaranteed for 2019, potential to be brought forward.
- Roadworks will only affect general public in final stages when being tied in, as most of the construction will be on private land.
- Committee wishes to pursue reestablishment of the Perth Roads Reference Group for stages 2 & 3.
- GHD to facilitate community consultation on Saturday, 18 March – request that it be advertised through Council website, facebook, etc.
- Consultation with affected landowners will take place prior to the community consultation.
- Dedicated Midland Highway website www.midlandhighway.tas.gov.au

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Stagg/T Purse

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 6 December 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

5 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.*

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

Perth Structure Plan

Noted

- 180 responses received in relation to the first round of consultation.
- 6 responses received to second round (summary of information for release to be provided to Committee).
- Water Sensitive Urban Design – adjacent to Edward Street and Youl Road - currently being prepared.
- Committee supported appropriate development.
- Municipal Wide Land Use Plan brief to be tabled at February Council meeting.
- Representation received by Chair – ratepayer did not support subdivision of property south of Drummond Street and referred to the 2014 Pitt & Sherry report.
- There was opportunity to make submissions, and a further opportunity through the Land Use Strategy.
- Use of flood proof park furniture preferred for the Perth area plan.

10 Year Plan

Noted that the Committee had raised concerns previously 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) Perth Recreation Ground Master Plan

Noted that consideration will be given to requests received, when actual design takes place

iii) William Street Reserve

Footbridge

Noted:

- Culvert proposal previously tabled for comment, the committee was supportive of further investigation of the proposal as a cost effective alternate. To be considered in conjunction with and forming part of the Perth Structure Plan – further information to be provided in due course.
- The Committee felt there were still issues about the footbridge in the extension of the William Street riverside walkway/cycle path. The sooner this part of the program was commenced, the better.
- Budget estimate being sought for the Culvert Proposal, for inclusion in the 2017/18 budget deliberations.

General

Noted

- The Committee sought advice from NMC as to planned staging of the Structure Plan, with particular emphasis on the William Street riverside walkway/cycle.
- Committee expressed interest in Working Bee, still some flood debris at river to be cleaned up. – NRM Officer to be requested to facilitate Working Bee clean-up.
- J Stagg advised he had attended the December Council meeting and commented re the state of the Reserve and the need for wethers (or goats) to be introduced into the reserve to control the weeds and vegetation. He noted that he had not received a response from Council and felt that this solution should be pursued.

iv) Australia Day 2017

Concerns were expressed that a notice re the Australia Day activities in Perth was not issued to locals, and that the event was not adequately advertised. Committee was advised of the advertising carried out by Council.

v) Flood Damage

Noted:

- Repair of the gazebo was to be progressed.
- The committee is seeking information from the NRM facilitator on funding applications.

vi) West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group (WPFMWG)

At the December meeting an extract from 21 November 2016 Council meeting minutes was circulated for information. There was some discussion in regard to the flood prone areas in west Perth. Committee members were keen to better understand the impacts of floods in that area.

Noted that the inaugural meeting of the WPFWWG was held on 12 December 2016, Terms of Reference was agreed. Committee to be provided information once Council has authorised release.

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 in relation to the Midland Highway Safety Upgrades for Perth:

- 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.

ii) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

The Committee agreed to list the following item as pending, to be considered in conjunction with the 10 year plan.

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)

At the February 2017, the Committee noted/requested:

- A component of the Perth Structure Plan relates to the beautification of Perth.
- Petunias had not been planted in the main street for the past 2 years.
- Pot plants in the main street (similar to Longford), can create a working group and talk to businesses (re maintenance), Council could supply pots and flowers.

iii) Website

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

Previously discussed the future direction of the website project and RESOLVED to progress with a web page linked to Council's website. Website notes and town website links circulated with minutes of 2 August meeting.

Status of work already undertaken not able to be determined.

Council is going to commence a review of the current Council website, consideration to be given to the development and/or review of current local district committee sites in conjunction with this project.

The Committee agreed to list this item as pending until works are planned to commence on the local district committee websites.

At the February 2017 meeting it was noted

- work has progressed on Council's new website.
- the Committee is keen to progress the Perth website in the short-term.

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) Shipping Container By-Law

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- draft Shipping Container By-Law; and
- paper *Making By-laws (2)* which details the steps Council must follow when making by-laws were circulated together with the Agenda.

Noted :

- As part of the initial process, Council is inviting comment from Key Stakeholders
- This is the first step to making a by-law and public consultation will follow later

The Committee considered the draft by-law, comment was made and the Committee agreed that the Chair would make a submission.

ii) Other Matters

The following matters were raised and requested that action be taken:

- The untidy state of the riverbank precinct and the Clarence Street bus stop

- A bus shelter is not provided for commuters travelling southbound to Hobart on the bus. To be included in the Committees budget request to Council.
- Requested timeframe for the painting of the train at the Train Park.
- Hedge on the corner of Clarence & Frederick Streets was overgrown onto footpath creating a hazard to elderly residents.

iii) Meeting Venue/Time

The General Manager to give consideration to the venue for future meetings of the Committee. Committee to be advised of alternate arrangements.

9 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, ***venue to be advised***.