

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the offices of Brian Mitchell MP on Tuesday, 3 October 2017 at 5.30pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

Present

Ms Jan Davis, Mr Tony Purse, Mr John Stagg, Mr Phillip Dell, Mr Don Smith, Ms Teagan Wise, Mrs Christine Beswick

In Attendance:

Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Mary Knowles, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

Apologies

Mr Graeme Eberhardt

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

D Smith/J Stagg

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 1 August 2017, 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.*

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

Perth Structure Plan

Noted

- Council is awaiting the finalisation of the Perth Link Road (Bypass) to progress.
- Perth Business Owners and Operators were invited to attend an information session at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 15 August 2017. The purpose of the information session was to seek the views of the Perth business community on proposed plans to address key landscaping issues.
- Link to the Priority Projects 2017 document was circulated. Document includes the following projects relative to Perth: Perth Structure Plan, Perth Recreation Ground and Perth Community Centre.
- Consultants working on a plan to improve connectivity of William Street Reserve to Mill Road

and George Street. Incorporating previous plan to link all recreation areas throughout Perth. Community input will be sought in due course.

The Committee thanked Mr John Stagg for sharing his knowledge of the local area and his continued efforts in relation to the furtherance of the project.

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) William Street Reserve

Committees recommendation of 6 June 2017:

That the Perth Local District Committee encourage Council to prioritise (before summer) the clearing of the willows at the frontage of the new gazebo structure at William Street Reserve and the removal of debris from the swimming hole.

In regard to the Committees recommendation, the Council report/minute of 18 September, and following decision was noted:

That Council

- i) take no further action in regard to this request;*
- ii) continue with scheduled maintenance of the area, including removal of damaged or broken limbs to keep the area tidy; and*
- iii) inspect the jetty and ascertain responsibility for maintenance of the structure.*

Council officers advised that the gate to the reserve had not yet been opened for the season due to the area being considered too wet.

Committee members advised that:

- The jetty had been built in the 1990's under the 'Red Scheme' or similar project; and
- Considered the September Council report to be incorrect in relation to the cost of flood repairs.

iii) West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group (WPFMWG)

The Committee noted that the membership of the WPFMWG committee, as listed in the January 2018 Council minute included: Representatives from State Growth, a Hydrologist, NRM Representative, Landscape Architect and Council officers.

The Committee requested that an invite be issued for a briefing on the project.

Item to be placed on hold, pending release of information.

iv) Website

The committee noted that

- council officers are in the process of populating the new websites;
- revised deadline has been set, with testing planned to commence end October;
- the town websites were linked to the new Council website;
- the town websites would be launched subsequent to Council's website;
- the committee will be able to submit information to the Committee Secretary for upload to the town website;
- most of the information on the website will have links to Council's website.

v) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

Previously noted/requested:

- conceptual designs for the Longford, Perth to Breadalbane Cycleway, Roundabout Treatments and Streetscape Treatments tabled for information at the June meeting.
- that the Committee felt that the beautification of Perth should not be held up by the completion of the Perth Link Roads and that the planting of street trees and upgrades should

be progressed.

- General beautification of the main street and town entrances to be reviewed as part of the Perth Structure Plan (PSP) .
- Street tree reports being prepared by consultant for towns within Northern Midlands Council.

Following recommendation of Committee from August meeting referred to Council and report tabled at 18 September Council meeting:

That Council note the disappointment of the Committee that the planting of annuals in the Main Street of Perth had not occurred and that the plantings be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

The following was the decision of Council at the 18 September meeting:

That Council progress the planting of appropriate annuals at the entrance to Perth as was done previously.

The Committee noted that Council officers had met with the consultants and it is proposed to install planter beds between the trees, the plants would be of a more permanent nature, would tie-in with the street plans and be low maintenance (with irrigation installed). The Committee accepted the proposal in-principle.

vi) Perth Link Road

At the August meeting the Committee raised concerns about the road surface and the safety of the highway; especially with regard to the sections where the road crosses over from the old to the new sections and vice versa, where traffic has been redirected from two lanes to a single lane and the inadequacy of the signage.

Council at its meeting of 21 August 2017 considered the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the Stage 1 Perth Link road conditions, at which time the following was the decision of Council:

That Council convey the concerns raised by the Perth Local District Committee to the Department of State Growth, as follows:

That Council request the Department of State Growth to undertake a safety audit as a matter of urgency (taking into consideration all users – vehicles and pedestrians) on the sections of road which have been opened.

In response to Council's correspondence, a letter was received from the Department on 25 September, extract as follows:

... The Department is disappointed with failure of sections of the spray seal on this project and is working with the contractor to fix this as soon as possible. Repairs and a final surfacing will occur during October and November this year when the weather is suitable.

The connection between the old highway (now slip lane to Devon Hills) and the new highway south of the Breadalbane roundabout has been audited on a number of occasions and modified to improve the safety.

The Department will continue to monitor this connection and work with the contractor to make changes, as required ...

The Chair noted that a Ministerial Press Release in relation to the matter had been circulated to members.

Further, the Committee expressed concern that the Midland Highway/Leighlands Road intersection was hazardous and were advised that Council officers had contacted the Department of State Growth in relation to the perceived hazards of the intersection.

vii) Wifi

The Committee noted that a report was tabled at 18 September Council meeting. Council decision:

That Council agree to fund the installation of a public WiFi service in Perth, within the vicinity of the Community Centre or Train Park, subject to the provision of further information to be provided to the 2 October 2017 Council workshop. Information to be provided is to include usage of current free WiFi services available in the various towns.

Advice received that Telstra had been contracted to install WiFi with the preferred option being the Train Park (with the Community Centre as an alternate location if the park location was not feasible).

5 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.

Matters to be reconsidered at the 5 December meeting.

6 NEW BUSINESS

i) Christmas Dinner

Perth Local District Committee to host the 2017 Northern Local District Committees Christmas function. Venue - Perth's Queens Head Inn on 5 December for 6.30pm. Possibly hold meeting at the venue prior to the function.

ii) FOGO's - Food Organics Garden Organics collection service

Committee member enquiry received re Launceston City Council's introduction of FOGO'S (Food Organics Garden Organics collection service).

A voluntary collection service, residents who opt in to the service will pay a one-off fee.

This is an initiative of the Northern Regional Waste Management Group of which Council is a member.

Council has a contract with Aussie Waste to collect our kerbside refuse bins until July 2019. Council plans to review the kerbside collection frequency and to look at the possibility of food and organics (FOGO) at that time.

Other regional Councils will also be considering bringing in FOGO collections around the same time, Launceston and Meander Valley will commence sooner.

iii) General Matters:

Other matters raised:

- Committee requested details of local rate revenue raised in comparison to expenditure.
- Noted that Cape Weed was widespread on verges throughout Perth, requested community be educated through the media in relation to eradication.
- Corner Clarence/Talisker Streets, the pedestrian crossover does not link with the footpath.
- Information on Council's policy in relation to heavy vehicle parking in urban areas requested.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.

The next **ordinary meeting** to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, **5 December 2017, venue to be confirmed.**