

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT 5.30PM ON TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Tony Purse (Chair), Don Smith, Phillip Groves, Philip Dell, Shan White, John Stagg, Sue Field, Graeme Eberhardt, Lynne Wilton

In Attendance:

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

Apologies:

Cr Jan Davis

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Stagg / D Smith

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 4 December 2018, 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*
 - *Perth Early Learning Centre*
 - *South Esk River Parkland Proposal*

Mr Dell declared an interest in relation to 46 Clarence Street, Perth.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) William Street Reserve

Discussed in conjunction with South Esk River reserve concept plan.

ii) Murals/Artworks

The Committee were advised that Council had received a presentation from the proponents at a Council workshop and that a report is to be tabled at a future Council meeting, with the recommendation to include community consultation.

iii) Perth Bicentenary 2021

Perth Bicentenary to be celebrated in 2021 to be discussed in 2019 (deferred from June 2018).

Perth Local District Committee to set up a sub-committee for the planning of an event/ celebration for the bicentenary.

Committee members agreed that members: Lynne Wilton, Shan White and Sue Field, together with Councillors Lambert and Davis would meet to discuss and commence with an initial plan for consideration by the Committee at the March informal meeting.

Suggested that a consistent theme be set for Perth, to flow through to the murals/artworks and entrance statements.

iv) Development Applications

Recommendation of 7 August PLDC meeting:

Development Applications – That Council reconsider the notification of property owners in regard to development applications and expand notification to all affected property owners.

Noted that a report is to be tabled at February 2019 Council meeting.

5 MATTERS PENDING

i) Requests for consideration in Future Budgets

Following matters to be submitted to Council for consideration in the 2019/2020 municipal budget:

Project	Officer Response:	Committee Comment
Footpath Norfolk Street – Frederick to Drummond Street	Future budget consideration – PLDC to list.	No footpath
Footpath Frederick Street – Clarence to William Street.	Future budget consideration – PLDC to list.	No formed footpath – high volume of foot traffic.
Bus shelter – Clarence Street, vicinity of the School	Future budget consideration – PLDC to list. Only 1 bus shelter installed per budget period.	
Significance of Gibbet Hill be recognised and an interpretation panel be installed	Future budget consideration – PLDC to list.	Suggest that this matter be raised in the further implementation of the Perth Structure Plan, and included in funding requests for the 2019/2020 NMC budget
Christmas Lights @ the Train Park		Similar to those in the tree at Longford
Playground equipment @ the Train Park		
Seccombe Street Reserve – installation of BBQ and exercise equipment		
Amenities & Car Park at the rear of the IGA		Beautification of car park and provision of adequate signage identifying the toilet amenities
Dump Point		Provision of a dump point in Perth
Planter Boxes		Expansion of the Planter Box project to include a number of additional Planter Boxes in Main Street

6 NEW BUSINESS

i) Perth Early Learning Centre

The committee noted that:

- Council had agreed to provide in-principle support for a funding application submitted to the Australian Government’s 2018 Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Projects Stream for funds towards the upgrade and expansion of the Perth Early Learning Centre - \$2M (total cost estimate \$4M).
- Council has purchased Lot 2, 46a Clarence Street, Perth.
- Council supported the development of an expanded Perth Early Learning Centre or a new centre, with the development only to proceed with adequate external funding support.
- Council is to approach the State Government for funding support.
- A new PELC facility would allow the Community Centre to be more accessible for meetings, etc.
- Child Care and After Care are currently at capacity, with a number of potential clients utilising services in other areas.
- Population of Perth is currently around 3,000, population is set to double in the next 10 to 20 years due to increase availability of new lots in the proposed subdivisions and in-fill.
- Member commented that Perth had contributed 56% of the growth in the Northern Midlands since the last census.

ii) West Perth Open Space Corridor / Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)

Mr Jennings discussed the Sheepwash Creek WSUD Open Space Corridor concept plan with members.

Members noted that:

- In order to facilitate water flow, no further landscaping was planned for the Edward Street/Youl Road WSUD.
- Council has acquired land between Phillip and Edward streets to provide for the open space corridor.
- Wetlands are referred to in notation 8 on the plan.
- Possibility that section of Youl Road, between Edward and Drummond streets may be removed and maintained as a pathway, as part of the open space corridor.
- Council has purchased the 32 Norfolk Street property to provide additional open space. Remainder of the property is to be subdivided into 2 properties and sold.
- Council is finalising the purchase of 10 Norfolk Street to continue with the provision of open space, with some lots for development.
- Actions are part of the Perth Structure Plan which allows for green open space corridors, including a corridor in the proposed development area south of Drummond Street.
- The plan is long-term and provides for the inter-connection of green spaces.

iii) South Esk River Parkland Proposal

Mr Jennings tabled a conceptual plan for the area.

Members noted that:

- The proposal was costed at approximately \$1.7M, including pathways, signage, parking, etc.
- Consultant would undertake community consultation prior to finalisation.
- The plan is a concept for discussion and to seek direction, including in relation to extension of the walkway through installation of a causeway or bridge (as previously proposed).
- The Plan is concept only and priorities would be set through an implementation plan.
- Perth's assets are its natural features, i.e. the river.

iv) Visual Screening

Mr Jennings discussed the Department of State Growth tree planting plan which had been agreed as part of the approvals process. He noted that Council is currently in discussions with State Growth to take ownership of the 20m x 4.5km corridor (from the northern to southern roundabout). Council ownership will allow the tree planting to be less rigid and Council will be able to proceed with a proposal to construct a gravel pathway that meanders through the trees. State Growth will provide the trees which Council will plant, the first stage will involve planting 7,500 trees in April/May; second planting is proposed for Spring.

v) Street Trees

Query posed re the progression of planting of street trees in Perth.

Mr Jennings advised that Council

- trees are not to be planted over services located in the verge and where verge widths are insufficient.
- undertakes works in accordance with the state-wide standards for road and pavement widths.
- is in the process of development a Services Policy in relation to placement of services in council road reserves and public spaces.

vi) Town Square/Centre

Committee requested that Council give consideration to the establishment of a Town Square / Centre as there is no park located in shopping precinct and the community centre is located away from the town centre on a side street.

Committee was requested to provide details of the proposal so that a report can be tabled for Council consideration.

7 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.40pm.

Next formal meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 2 April 2019 at the offices of Brian Mitchell MP.

(Informal meeting scheduled for first Tuesday in March).