

## PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT 5.32PM ON THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRTLOUGH STREET, PERTH

### 1 ATTENDANCE

#### Present:

Tony Purse (Chair), Philip Dell, Sue Field, John Stagg, Don Smith, Graeme Eberhardt

#### Apologies:

Shan White, Lynne Wilton, Phillip Groves,

### 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

*P Dell / S Field*

That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 4 June 2019, 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 a number of Perth projects currently being undertaken by Council, as previously reported*

### 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### i) South Esk River Parklands/ William Street Reserve

The Committee noted that work has commenced at the end of George St, cleaned up dangerous trees.

Still looking at concrete bridge at William St Reserve. Don't want the playground in the quarry.

Update at next meeting when NMC councillors attend.

#### ii) Perth Bicentenary 2021

The Committee noted

- Council's decision and requested clarification in relation to the provision of secretarial support.
- that a number of towns across Tasmania are to celebrate their bicentenaries in 2021 and Council has made enquiries with the State Government with regard to events they may be planning and advice re any funding sources.

The Committee requested that Council place on its Website and Facebook pages an invitation seeking Expressions of Interest to be involved with the Perth Bicentenary Projects from Perth residents. This has not had any response from the community.

The history committee now consists of: Sue Field (PDC), John Stagg (PDC), Carol Jones (Pres Perth Lions). The school has been approached for a teacher to join the committee. It will be a committee of four with Sue Field as the coordinator, but all members of the PDC will be given the opportunity to be involved.

The committee was reminded that 2021 is also the sesquicentenary of trains in Perth. So the 2021 event will be a combined celebration. Hence the involvement of Perth Lions Club, with respect to the Lions Train Park.

Sue Field has met with Rosalie Wrigley and the team of mural painters to discuss the first mural for Perth: a timeline of the 200 years of history in Perth. Proposal that it is a trial and it could be launched by the Mayor to raise awareness in the community of the coming bicentenary in 2021.

There was discussion around the entry statements and the need to link these to a mural. Various suggestions for other murals were discussed.

### **iii) Perth Early Learning Centre**

The Committee noted that the plans are being developed to get the Federal Grant and it is to be submitted by 4th October.

There was discussion around the space that will become vacant in the current community centre. Funds will need to be used to upgrade the community centre. A part of the space could be used to develop a history room / museum for Perth as part of the Bicentenary project.

### **iv) Budget**

- A budget allocation had been listed for a BBQ to be installed at the Secombe Street park.
- Each town needs an equitable share of funds. Blowout of funds with Longford Recreation Ground and parklets a waste of money.
- Flower pots still an issue. There needs to be a report and it is well overdue since February.

### **v) Tree Planting in Subdivisions**

Tree planting still an issue, 154 trees owing in Perth from developers.

Report tabled at 24 June Council meeting, decision as follows:

*That*

*in relation to bonds paid by developers for the planting of street trees, Council officers continue to work with developers to identify areas where trees are able to be planted and/or return the tree bonds; and Look to address the planting of trees where bonds have been taken.*

*a Council Policy be developed in relation to the responsibility of developers/designers to plan and plant trees in new subdivisions.*

**vi) Food Vans**

The Committee noted that the matter of the installation of an accessible power source at the Train Park for use by the food van vendors is being investigated. Need a response, has this been sorted?

**vii) Meeting times/days**

The organisation of meetings was discussed and it was declared that all meetings be regarded as “ordinary meetings”, some have clerical support.

All meetings from now on will be on a Thursday starting at 5:30 and going through to 7pm if necessary.

It was agreed that all meetings proceed on the advertised date even if there is no quorum. There is too much to discuss to be able to miss a meeting. Minutes will still be taken so absent members can stay informed of current discussions.

**5 OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED**

**i) Bus stops at cenotaph**

Planning application discussed regarding the placement of new bus stops at the cenotaph in line with the new bus routes and close to the pedestrian crossing across the main road.

**ii) MOU**

Progress report still due

**iii) Woolmers Lane**

Improvements have begun

**iii) Town Square**

Discussion around a suitable location, but really the school, community centre and recreation ground need to be developed as such. To be considered in conjunction with the Perth Structure Plan and identification of a possible town centre.

**iv) 2019 Christmas Function**

To be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

**6 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

At the next meeting on 3 October, councillors from NMC will be invited to attend.

The meeting will be a special meeting to focus on our concerns for Perth’s future and inequity of council expenditure.

It will be an opportunity to brief councillors on our plans for the Bicentenary.

Meeting requested that Tony asks Gail Eacher for a list of the councillors who will be in attendance.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.55pm.