

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2016 AT 5.35PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Philip Dell (Deputy Chair), Mr John Stagg, Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr Graeme Eberhardt, Cr Mary Knowles, Cr Janet Lambert, Mrs Gail Eacher (secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Michael Geeves, Mr Will Egan, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mr Wayne Chellis (Works & Infrastructure Manager)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

J Stagg/C Beswick

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 1 December 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:

- History walk – extracted from “the path of History: a walk through Perth” brochure – with map and all historical info.
- Places of Interest – William Street Reserve, Punt, Cairn, train park, etc. – also with map
- Monuments, Memorials and Artworks
- Recreation & Sporting Activities – sporting venues, etc.
- Public facilities
- School & Child Care facilities
- Business & Community directory
- Perth Local District Committee

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
- Council officers to assist with provision of photos and content. 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 (e.g. 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 other 'town' sites have been 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.

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.

Map of Perth provided to Will, for display of place markers.

Noted that Will has advised that he has completed some work on the website and would forward the link to the site for circulation prior to the next meeting.

ii) Perth Bypass

Noted that speed limits had been lowered and site offices established in preparation for the commencement of roadworks.

iv) Perth Community Centre

The decision of 4 August was considered by Council at the 17 August Council meeting, at which time the decision of Council was to note and investigate the recommendation of the Perth Local District Committee *That Council undertake a full review of the facilities at the Perth Community Centre.*

The Committee noted that a report was tabled at the 21 September Council meeting; consequent to which Council and Loop Architecture had signed an agreement to develop a master plan for the Perth Community Centre in consultation with the various user groups and Primary School, as well as liaising with the consultants undertaking Recreation Ground review.

Noted that the consultants would contact the committee to meet and provide input in due course.

v) Perth Structure Plan

Noted that on 2 February, GHD had met with members of the Perth Local District Committee re the Perth Structure Plan.

vi) Green Waste

Members enquired re the processing of green waste deposited at tip sites. What occurs, is it utilised?

The Committee noted that Council is unable to utilise contaminated waste, however, understands that green waste green waste is mulched by a local company and processed at a compost facility and sold by local businesses.

vii) 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.

Presentation developed titled *Perth Development and Traffic Plan*, 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, and that work was progressing on mapping of the footpaths.
- future plans included
 - a Land Use Strategy for Perth – noted that a project brief was being prepared and that it would be advertised or expressions of interest would be sought in the near future.

- Entrance Statement – would be placed on hold pending the progress of the bypass. Noted that Council had commenced with planning for the entrance statements for Ross and Cressy.

The Committee considered the following matters and agreed to include them in the PLDC's 10 year plan:

- Street Trees: the Committee noted that subdividers pay over monies to Council for street trees, the committee was of the opinion that the monies had not necessarily been utilised for the planting of street trees. In order to ensure that trees are planted the committee requested that a street tree program for Perth be drawn up and that Council commence with the planting of the trees.
- Main Street flowers: that Council plant petunias in the main street of Perth on an annual basis, as was done previously.
- Footbridge at William Street Reserve: that Council consider a cheaper option for the bridge, that is more visible to the road, and generally upgrade the proposed bridge locale.

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.	Complete.
2/6/15	Seccombe Street Park	Decision: That Council plant trees at Seccombe Street park	Addition of trees to be considered in the 2016/17 program.
6/10/15	Bus stop sign – Clarence Street	Bus stop sign removed/vandalised at the Frederick Street end of Clarence Street. Needs to be replaced.	Tassielink to provide new sign – to be installed by Council. Reminder sent.
6/10/15	Cemetery, Cemetery Rd, Perth	That a bench seat be installed in the municipal cemetery grounds in Perth	Included on list of future works, bench to be located near the entrance.
1/12/15	Hawthorn Hedge – Clarence St/ Elizabeth St	Hawthorn hedge (at the school) from Clarence Street to Elizabeth Street is overhanging the footpath.	Pruning complete. Noted that are was not tidied after pruning, and that prunings had been left behind.
1/12/15	Talisker St gardens	The flower /garden beds in Talisker Street need some attention as the flowers are spilling out onto the footpath leaving little space for pedestrians and prams.	Letter sent. Matter resolved.
1/12/15	Hawthorn Hedge – Old Punt Rd / William St corner	Requested a letter be sent to the property owner, as the hawthorn hedge on the corner of Old Punt Road and William Street is overhanging the footpath forcing pedestrians off the footpath.	Letter sent. Compliance matter.
1/3/16	Berriman Reserve – guide posts	Noted that guide posts at the Berriman Reserve were broken and need to be replaced.	
1/3/16	William Street Reserve	Requested the removal of the willow tree stump that had been left after the fallen tree had been removed.	

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.

ii) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

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) Safety of the river precinct between Arthur Street and the commencement of Mill Road

The committee noted the recent accidental drowning in the South Esk River at Perth and referred to a similar incident some 30 years previous; and considered the river precinct between the end of Arthur Street and the commencement of Mill Road to be unsafe. The recommendation of the Committee was noted for investigation by Council at the 19 October Council meeting, and a letter sent to Crown Lands (copied to DPIPWE). Acknowledgement of receipt of letter received from DPIPWE confirming that Crown Land Services is responsible for the subject land.

iv) Examiner Newspaper Article

The Committee noted that Council officers would commence with the placing of articles in the Northern Midlands News page of the Tuesday Examiner, advising communities of the membership of the committees and the role of those committees within the community.

Further, noted that Council would prepare a news items re the membership and achievements of each Committee, agreed that this matter would be progressed once further information on the Perth Bypass project becomes available.

The Committee noted the following projects for inclusion:

- Bypass
- William Street Reserve improvements
- Footpaths, kerb and gutter
- Beautification of Perth project, including street trees;
- Relocation of the school bus stop; and
- The Town Tourism Map.

Noted that during January/February Council advertised for nominations to fill vacancies on local district committees.

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) Land Use and Development Strategy

This matter was considered at the 18 January Council meeting. A copy of the minute and report was circulated for information.

ii) Footbridge at William Street Reserve

Mr Stagg attended the 15 February Council meeting and requested that Council reconsider the installation of a footbridge across the creek to provide the walking trail link between William and George streets.

Council response to Mr Stagg was circulated for information.

Noted that at the 4 November 2014 the Committee had been advised that funding for the footbridge had not been forthcoming, at which time it was agreed not to pursue the installation of the footbridge.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that Council be requested to:

- Consider/pursue a cheaper option for the footbridge,
- that the proposed footbridge be more exposed and visible to the road (understood that walkways are required to be sighted from a roadway),
- that the locale of the proposed bridge be upgraded, i.e. waterway be cleared of growth,
- that the project be considered as part of the Perth 10 Year Plan; and
- that Councillors visit the site on their annual bus tour in April 2016.

iii) Release of Rabbit Calicivirus / Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV)

Noted that

- RHDV would be released by DPIPWE over the Autumn, signs will be erected.
- Details of release will be published on the Biosecurity Tasmania website once confirmed. Noted that Council had already advertised in local newspapers.
- RHDV poses no threat to human health or non-target species, recommended that domestic rabbit owners and commercial rabbit breeders consult their local veterinarian re vaccinations.

iv) Rural Alive and Well Tas (RAWTas)

Noted that RAWTas proposed to contact the chairs of Local District Committee, to arrange meetings with Committees to discuss establishing suicide prevention and wellbeing groups in communities.

v) Keep Australia Beautiful (Tasmania) – Tidy Towns Awards

The committee noted that Council had received information in relation to the programs. Information re the program circulated together with the minutes. Tidy Towns entry details to be found at <http://www.kabtas.com/tasmanian->

vi) Australia Day 2017

Agreed that the community needed to commence planning for Australia Day 2017, noted that Perth Cricket Club had expressed their interest at being involved.

Suggested locations:

- Eskleigh – Eskleigh could be approached in relation to the possible holding of the event in their grounds;
- Perth Recreation Ground.

vii) Defibrillator

Noted that RACT community funding grants are available to purchase a defibrillator (also provide training). Current availability of units in Perth to be ascertained.

viii) Cat Control

The committee resolved to request that Council approach LGAT to put pressure on the State Government to enforce the provisions of the Cat Management Act 2009.

ix) Amalgamations/Benchmarking/Resource Sharing

The committee sought clarification in relation to the newspaper article in which it appeared that Mayor Downie supported amalgamations.

Noted that the content of the article was not very clear and that Council was required by the Local Government Minister, Minister Gutwein, to consider all the options, including amalgamations.

9 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.45pm, the next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Community Centre Perth at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 5 April 2016.