

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Perth Community Centre on Tuesday, 6th December 2016

Present: Jan Davis (chair), Tony Purse, Graeme Eberhardt, Phillip Dell, John Stagg, Christine Beswick

In Attendance: Cr Janet Lambert

Apologies: Nil

1. OPENING

Jan opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed those present.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed that:

The minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 1st November 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No new declarations were tabled.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Perth/Breadalbane Bypass

- Committee members were impressed with the progress on the road bypass.
- Phillip Dell was supposed to be on a reference committee, but there has been no meeting for over twelve months.
- Council has had a presentation regarding the next stage concept plan. There are access issues with the design as it stands, in that there is limited access to Perth Township from the west. The only town accesses will be from the Drummond Street roundabout and the Devon Hills exit; but not directly from Longford. This is not acceptable – and representations need to be made to ensure a more appropriate outcome.

Action: Seek details of reference committee meetings, and request that a meeting be convened as a matter of priority.

Action: Seek further details from Northern Midlands Council as to status of next stage design plans and emphasise the importance of appropriate access to Perth town from the west.

4.2 Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

- The committee noted the good work done on the plans and looks forward to implementation.
- The consultation process, including the on-line survey, had been comprehensive and this was clear in the fact that the plans had effectively reflected community expectations.
- The committee agreed that the Master Plan for the precinct is good.
- The linkage between the school, the town centre and the recreation grounds is pleasing. In particular, parking and child safety have been dealt with well.

4.3 Perth Community Centre

The report was noted.

4.4 Perth Recreation Ground Master Plan

- Concerns about the relocation of the skate park have been addressed.
- The Tennis Club has indicated they want a separate tea making facility in the clubhouse near the courts.

4.5 Footbridge at William Street Reserve

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.

Action: Seek advice from NMC as to planned staging of the Structure Plan, with particular emphasis on the William Street riverside walkway/cycle.

4.6 Australia Day 2017

The committee expressed some concern that there seemed to be few details confirmed.

Action: Seek advice from NMC as to planning for the Australia Day function.

4.7 Flood Damage

The report was noted.

It was understood that there may be some funding for riverside clean-ups available through NRM North.

Action: Seek update on funding for repair of gazebo; and also progress of removal of debris.

Action: Seek a briefing from Monique at NRM North on funding applications.

4.8 MAST's Paddle Safe Program

The report was noted.

5. MATTERS PENDING

5.1 Roadworks, Intersection Upgrades and associated projects

The report was noted.

5.2 Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

The report was noted.

5.3 Website

The report was noted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Policy: Public Liability Insurance Requirement for Council Owned Facilities

The report was noted.

6.2 2017 Calendar

The dates suggested were endorsed.

6.3 West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group

The report was noted.

There was some discussion of the flood prone areas in west Perth. Committee members were keen to better understand the impacts of floods in that area.

Action: Seek a briefing on the flood impacts for west Perth and related mitigation proposals.

6.4 Signage

There was some discussion about a proposed sign on Main Road for the Perth School. The committee thought another sign would add to visual clutter; and suggested a sign board near the train station could indicate the school and the community centre.

6.5 Proposed subdivisions

Information with respect to proposed subdivisions in the shopping area and also in William Street was noted.

6.6 Other matters

- Tony indicated that the Evandale Master Plan was considering flood proof park furniture, and it would be good to see this also used in the Perth plan area.
- John noted that the gate to the William Street riverside reserve was still closed with winter signage. He also noted that weed control would be a high priority in the reserve now the sheep had been removed.
- Graham was concerned at staff changes within NMC and the fact that the senior engineer role had not been filled. Janet advised that the plan is to give internal candidates the chance to step up, but it was recognised this took time. The situation was being carefully monitored and would be reassessed in the new year.
- The availability of \$2500 funding for district committees that chose to look after themselves was noted.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set down for 5.30pm on Tuesday 7th February at the office of Brian Mitchell.

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business, Jan thanked members for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.