

## PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Perth Community Centre on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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**Present:** Jan Davis (chair and minutes), Tony Purse, Graeme Eberhardt, John Stagg, Christine Beswick, Don Smith, Shan White

**Apologies:** Phillip Dell, Teagan Wise

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#### 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, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 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 Structure Plan

- Committee members were pleased to note the inclusion of stage 2 of the Riverside Reserve in council's 2018/19 budget.
- It was noted that there is no formed footpath in Frederick Street from Clarence Street to William Street.
- There was some discussion about issues with overflowing drains in heavy rain events. Committee members were of the view that the time taken to repair/remove such blockages was unacceptable.

##### 4.2 Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements Street Trees Report

- The committee noted the good work done on plantings along Main Road. Mulching the plantings will complete the job and should ensure the plantings are protected for winter conditions.

##### 4.3 Street Trees Report

- The committee noted the discussion at the previous meeting with respect to street tree planting. Graeme queried where the money collected from developers has gone, and asked that the information that was to be provided by council be followed up.

*Action: Follow up on request to council from April meeting as follows:*

*Council officers to undertake investigation in relation to funds received and plantings undertaken. The committee requested information be provided in regard to the funds not yet expended/trees not planted and future plantings.*

- Information was also requested as to council's response to the motion from the April meeting namely: That Council make it a condition of development applications that trees be planted by developers prior to maintenance of subdivisions.

*Action: Follow up on action in response to motion to council re street tree plantings.*

- Graeme mentioned that recent plantings in concrete tubs in Launceston were very attractive, and John supported this. Use of large planters like this could overcome issues in areas where services precluded in-ground plantings.

#### **4.4 General works related enquiries**

*Action: Seek advice from NMC as to response to issues raised on council's recent bus tour.*

*Action: Seek advice from NMC as items listed for Perth area in the 2018/2019 budget.*

#### **4.5 Perth Bicentenary 2021**

The committee considered this matter and decided to defer further discussion until 2019.

### **5 MATTERS PENDING**

#### **5.1 West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group (WPFMWG)**

The Committee noted that an invitation had yet to be issued for a briefing on the project.

*Action: Confirm that the committee is still seeking a briefing from the WPFMWG.*

#### **5.2 Roadworks, Intersection Upgrades and associated projects**

*Action: 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.*

### **6 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 Food, Greenwaste and Organics Recycling Survey (FOGO)**

The report was noted.

#### **6.2 MOU between NMC and Perth Local District Committee**

- The committee considered the MOU with the NMC. It was recognised that this document was most likely consistent across all Local District Committees, but believed that this needs to be reviewed and updated when the new committee was appointed. The document could be reformatted and expanded to better reflect a terms of reference and operating guidelines for the committee.
- There was some discussion about how the committee operates, and whether the option for self-management was still on the table. If so, what are the funding arrangements?
- It was noted that at some stage in the past the committee had apparently agreed that it only needed to be advised of development applications that were in the main town commercial area and the heritage listed area. However, the committee now wished to be advised of all applications in the Perth area. Committee members noted that they would only make formal comment where there were considerations that would have significant impact on the district.

*Action: Seek confirmation from NMC as to whether the option for self-management was still available and, if so, what the funding and organisational arrangements would be.*

*Action: Advise NMC that, in future, the committee wished to be advised of all development applications in the Perth district.*

*Action: Advise NMC that the incoming committee would like to review and update the committee's MOU.*

### **6.3 Advertising development applications**

- The committee noted that there had been some anomalies in the advertising of the development application for 21-43 Clarence Street.
- Some property owners who would be affected by the development but were not adjoining had not received notification of the DA. As an example, 2A William Street would be impacted by run off and any activity in the drainage easement across the property in question and 1 George Street.
- The committee suggested that, where ratepayers opted in to receiving correspondence by email, it would be more efficient for council to communicate that way rather than by posted hard copy letters.

*Action: Suggest to NMC that properties which could be potentially directly impacted by developments should receive notification of such applications.*

*Action: Suggest to NMC that ratepayers be offered the opportunity to elect to receive correspondence from council by email.*

### **6.4 Other matters**

- Recommendations in the report of the animal control officer in the recent council papers were noted, as was the fact that there had been no consultation with the committee. The committee indicated they wished to better understand the process by which such decisions were made.
- If sheep were to be excluded from the riverbank reserve, alternative methods of weed control needed to be implemented.
- The committee strongly rejected the recommendation that, except for playing surfaces, dogs should be allowed on the recreation grounds. Dogs should be prohibited from the skate park area, the practice nets and other areas where children would congregate. Dog faeces are not acceptable in such areas, and inevitably some dog owners would not clean up after their dogs.

*Action: Request NMC to prohibit dogs from the recreation area.*

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

No next meeting date had been set, as new committee appointments were to be considered by council at their next meeting.

The committee was of the view that meetings needed to be monthly rather than bi-monthly, and that the Community Centre foyer was not considered to be an appropriate venue. However, it was agreed this should be referred to the new committee.

## **8 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, Jan thanked members for their contributions and declared the meeting closed at 6.28pm.