

MINUTES OF THE

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023, AT THE PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

MEETING COMMENCED AT 5.32P.M.

1 ATTENDANCE. Russell MacKenzie, Jo Saunderson, Tony Purse, Don Smith, Jon Targett, Michele Elgersma, Councilor Janet Lambert, Councilor Paul Terrett

In Attendance:

Apologies: Sam Beattie

2 Russell conducted the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In keeping with the spirit of reconciliation, The Perth Local District Committee acknowledges the First Peoples- the traditional owners of the plipatumila land where we live and work. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water, sky and community. We pay respects to Elders -past, present and emerging- and acknowledge the important roles Tasmanian Aboriginals continue to play as part of our community.

3 PROCEDURAL

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday 11 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MOVED: Tony Purse

Seconded: Jon Targett

3.2 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
- South Esk River Parkland Proposal, including owner/developer of adjacent property
- Perth Streetscape Improvements (passed at the July 2022 meeting of the NMC)

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PLDC MINUTES

4.1 The Future of Local Government Review – Stage 2 – Interim Report

The following advice is provided re recent enquiries:

Despite the State Government advising that there are to be no forced amalgamations, the Local Government Review process being conducted by the Board is continuing with the final report due in October.

Council's Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting General Manager presented to the Board on 10 August.

Councilor Lambert gave a brief account of the presentation made to the Local Government Review Board outlining NMC's reasons as to why they are not in favour of an amalgamation with any other council area G\Government response will come back in December.

4.2 Main Road Streetscape Upgrade

Council's Project Manager attended the 11 July 2023 meeting and provided an update on the main street project.

Sheriff Civil Contracting have been appointed to undertake the Perth main street stormwater upgrade, works have commenced. It is necessary to undertake these works prior to commencement of the Main Street Upgrade works.

Storm water drainage works have commenced on Main Road between Drummond St and Old Bridge Road

4.3 Secretarial Allowance

Suggestions for use of available funds included: training on how to run meetings, communication/newsletter.

News letter being produced in the community so no need to duplicate.

CONTEXT: The William St Reserve is currently closed 24/7 to vehicle traffic from April to October. The reason given for this closure was to stop the slopes being used as "hill climbs" thus damaging the slopes. A barbeque has now been built in this area to stop this occurring thus we would like to put the following motion.

MOTION: FOR THE WILLIAM STREET RESERVE TO BE OPENED DURING THE DAY (AS PER CHARLES BERRYMAN PICNIC GROUND) COMMENCING NEXT YEAR AT THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS. TO BE CLOSED DURING TIME OF FLOOD AS CURRENTLY HAPPENS.

Jo put forward the suggestion that some of the secretarial money could be used for an information kiosk at the Train Park. This could be in the form of a lockable (at night) cabinet positioned under cover where the current out of date map is. This would tie in keeping with the council's digital promotion of the NMC area. At the moment the only information is from the Post Office which is only open weekdays.

Michelle raised the issue of incidents in the dog park where people and dogs had been injured. Users of the dog park had raised the need for CCTV in that area. Councilor Lamber said there may be grant money available and that Lorraine Green was the person to contact.

MOTION: Due to incidents involving injury to both patrons and dogs (which have been reported to the ranger), we request CCTV be provided at the dog park as a matter of urgency.

4.4 Old United Service Station Site

Council continues to explore options and seek a resolution in regard to the property. Further advice is to be provided to the Committee in due course.

The dilapidation report was noted

4.5 Youth Facilities

The Chair and Perth School Principal attended the Council workshop on 7 August to present on the PLDC's concerns relating to facilities for Youth. Since that time, Council's Youth Officer has met with Ms Dean.

Russell stated that he and Abbi Dean (Principal of Perth PS) attended a workshop at the council. This has resulted in some action regarding sporting activities for youth. Janet also stated that Rec Link would be providing some opportunities for activities for youth. Cricket nets upgraded, grant funding

for junior soccer field. Maybe Girls free to be girls to be set up in Perth.

4.6 Meeting schedule

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2023 is to revert to 5.30pm the 1st Tuesday of each month.

4.7 Municipal Budget

26 June 2023 Council Meeting agenda for Committees information, includes **attachments**.

A summary of capital works for 2023/2024 for Perth is **attached**.

Don asked the question as to where are we at with the pledge of \$8 million dollars by the Labor government for upgrades to Perth and Campbell Town's Main streets . Has this money been received yet and what is Perth's share.

Could we please have an update on the pledge of \$8million on January 28th 2022 by the Labor Party and he breakdown of the money re Perth and Campbelltown

4.8 Napoleon Street

Costings are being prepared for the project which will be progressed when funding becomes available, and only likely to occur following the completion of subdivision infrastructure works.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 13.2 Napoleon Street Park, Perth: Detention, Fencing and Safety

For information. At the 21 August 2023 meeting, Council received the **attached** report.

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5.2 13.7 Entry Signage: Longford and Perth

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NOTED

5.3 Local District Committee end of year function

The date for the Northern LDC end of year function has been set and is to be held on Thursday 23 November 2023, at the Blenheim Hotel in Longford. Further details/ invites will be sent out in due course.

NOTED

Tony noted that work had been done at the Quarry. There is still soil being stored at this site.

5.4 MOTION: The PLDC requests if we could please have a timeline and a project update on the quarry.

MOVED: JON TARGETT

SECONDED: DON SMITH

5.5 Could we please have an update on the Train park playground equipment instillation and project completion date?

MOTION: The PLDC requests updated banners to replace old and faded Christmas banners, displayed at the Lion's Train Park.

**MOVED: DON SMITH
SAUNDERSON**

SECONDED: JO

6 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.31.pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 3 October 2023.