

AGENDA

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024, AT 5.30PM AT THE PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Gail Eacher
1 February 2024

1 ATTENDANCE

Jon Targett, Jo Saunderson, Don Smith, Janet Lambert, Russell MacKenzie, Paul Terrett and Michelle Elgersma

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Tony Purse

2 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 5 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Don Smith, Second 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)

4.1 Shade Sales at Playgrounds

Extract from Minutes of the meeting:

MINUTE NO. 24/019

DECISION

Cr Adams/Cr Andrews

That Council note the recommendation.

Carried Unanimously

Committee Recommendation:

That the PLDC finds it unacceptable that the council is unwilling to provide shade over playground equipment to align with modern expectations of sun safety and usability of the equipment. There are numerous examples of council playground around the state with shaded playground equipment.

Officer Comment:

The Committee have suggested that community concerns regarding shade need to be canvassed and that Council apply for grants to provide shade.

The PLDC has previously raised concerns about the lack of shade over playground equipment, in particular at the Seccombe Street playground.

At the December 2023 Council meeting the Playground Shade and Fencing Policy was adopted, the policy states the aim is to reduce the incidence of skin cancer in the Northern Midlands Council municipality by increasing the provision of sustainable, quality shade within the municipality and encouraging the sun protection practices of the community.

Motion: We request a review of the policy in relation to playgrounds located in Perth such as the Seccombe St Playground with a focus on shade making the equipment safe to Cancer Council standards, safe to touch and useable all year round.

Moved by Don Smith, Seconded by Michelle Elgersma

Please note: Point 5.1 of the policy regarding Playgrounds Shade and Fencing mentions an audit of shade across the NMC, how is this progressing?

It is worth noting that any audit should include how hot the surfaces within our playgrounds are. Community members report that the equipment in parts can be too hot to touch during the summer months, meaning the sun protection is needed for many reasons.

4.2 Municipal Budget 2024/2025

Prior discussion re budget:

- More playground equipment of an adventure-based play nature (all ages) and other opportunities for inclusive play equipment
- Relocation of main street planter boxes to Train Park and Seccombe St playgrounds for a sensory garden for children
- Pump track (update requested) – no funding streams currently available.
- Discussion regarding provision of a ladder for the small jetty at Perth River.
- Clean and maintain South Esk River Perth
- Seating and tables at the BBQ area on the William St Reserve
- Upgrading or extension to the Skate Park
- Soccer pitch next to the football oval
- Upgrade of the facilities at the Charles Berryman Park

4.3 Train Park Upgrade

See proposal from Perth Tasmania Historical Society and the Perth Lions are proposing erection of panels

explaining the Train Park history and the history of trains in Perth.

Extract from Minutes of the meeting

MINUTE NO. 24/021

DECISION

Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Terrett
That the matter be investigated.

Carried Unanimously

Committee Recommendation:

That the Train Park (Lions Train Park) be promoted as an historical park focussing largely on the history of trains in Perth and that interpretive panels be consistent with other historical signs in Perth.

Officer Comment:

An annual allocation is made for the erection of signage, matter to be investigated with the Committee.

4.4 Truck Parking

Extract from Minutes of the meeting:

MINUTE NO. 24/022

DECISION

Cr Terrett/Cr Andrews
That Council note the recommendation and take no further action.

Carried

Voting for the Motion:

Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Lambert, Cr Adams, Cr Andrews, Cr Archer, Cr Brooks, Cr Goss and Cr Terrett

Voting Against the Motion:

Cr McCullagh

Committee Recommendation:

For the Council to investigate the need for a dedicated truck parking area in a suitable location in Perth and for this to be included in any strategic plans for Perth.

Officer Comment:

Under section 200 of the Road Rules 2019:

(2) The driver of a heavy vehicle, or long vehicle, must not stop on a length of road in a built-up area for longer than one hour, unless the driver is permitted to stop on the length of road for longer than one hour by information on or with a traffic control device, or under subrule (2A) or another law of this jurisdiction.

(2A) The driver of a heavy vehicle, or long vehicle, other than a bus, is permitted to stop on a length of road in a built up area for longer than one hour if, throughout the period when the vehicle is stopped on the length of road, the driver is engaged in dropping off, or picking up, goods.

(3) heavy vehicle means a vehicle with a GVM of 4.5 tonnes or more; long vehicle means a vehicle that, together with any load or projection, is 7.5 metres long, or longer; road includes any shoulder of the road.

The Planning Scheme does not allow for truck parking in and around Perth,

A review of the zones in and around Perth shows that a dedicated truck parking area will require a planning scheme amendment. In the event that the request for a truck parking facility was to be progressed a Planning Scheme Amendment would be required.

4.5 Main Street Planter Boxes

Extract from Minutes of the meeting:

MINUTE NO. 24/020

DECISION

Deputy Mayor Lambert/Cr Terrett
That Council note the request and the advice be provided to the Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Committee Recommendation:

That the committee be advised as to what are the plans for the existing planter boxes in the main st due to the commencement of the upcoming streetscape installation.

Officer Comment:

There are currently no plans to remove the planter boxes.

Relocation of planter boxes from the main St to be relocated to the Train Park and Seccombe St playground for a sensory garden for children. This has the advantage that they are more easily maintained by volunteers as there is access to water.

Note – the relocation of the planter boxes would only be possible if there is a sound commitment from volunteers to maintain and water them.

Motion: We request that the council move the Local volunteers would like to see the planter boxes positioned at the Train Park for ease of care and accessibility of water.

Moved by Jo Saunderson, seconded by Jon Targett

Note the Perth Community Progress Association has assured there are plenty of volunteers ready to continue looking after these planter boxes.

4.6 Public Shower Facility

Update. Council report/minute attached.

4.7 Review of Local District Committee Structure

Update.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 ... Motion:** Could the council inform the committee what the strategy is for upkeep of the murals around Perth and for the creation of future art works, such as murals on blank walls.

Moved: Jon Targett, Seconded by Jo Saunderson

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6 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6:40 pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 5 March 2024.