

MINUTES

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING held ON TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2023, at 5.30pm

MEETING COMMENCED AT 5.30 P.M.

1 ATTENDANCE Russell MacKenzie, Jo Saunderson, Tony Purse, Don Smith, Jon Targett Councillors Janet Lambert, Paul Terrett

Apologies: Sam Beattie, Michelle Elgersma

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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3 PROCEDURAL :

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday 7 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MOVED: TONY PURSE

SECONDED: DON SMITH

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

Russell read out an email from Gail with answers to queries from the previous minutes.

4.1 Shade at Playgrounds & Signage

Report on playground shade shelters tabled at 20 March 2023 Council meeting.

The “Children” signage is to be placed on Little Mulgrave Street, works included in the Works Programme.

The PLDC would like to thank Works Department for installation of Children sign at Train Park, Little Mulgrave St.

7 February 2023 motion to Council:

The committee requests updates on the purchase and installation of the new play equipment for the Train Park Playground.

Is the Old equipment being retained and if not what will happen to this play equipment?

Following tabled at 20 March 2023 Council Meeting

Advice provided – no decision required:

The Committee have been advised that the equipment was ordered and a deposit paid on 20 July 2022, delivery of the equipment is awaited and suppliers have advised that works are programmed to be completed by end April 2023. The old equipment does not meet current specifications and will not be reused.

NOTE: Council meeting minutes of 20 March 2023 will be available on Council's website by Friday 24 March.

4.2 Train Park Sculptures

6 December 2022 PLDC motion to Council:

Request an update on the installation of the wooden sculpture at the Train Park.

Council officers have contacted the artist who has advised that he has been faced with further challenges which have affected the timeline for installation.

Installation programmed to be completed by 15 March 2023, crane, etc. required to install.

4.3 Budget Matters – 2022/2023:

Discussion at September 2022 meeting about how the budget information was provided from Council. It was unclear on some items as to what had been spent and what money had been carried forward.

| Perth Capital Works | | | Project Cost | C/fwd Funds | Status Oct 2022 |
|------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|---|
| | | | \$ | \$ | |
| Roads | Urban Street Design | Main Street - Streetscape Improvements | 1,141,000 | 641,000 | Design stage |
| Roads | Recreation Ground | Carpark | 167,100 | 150,000 | Lights installed |
| Roads | Perth Bypass | North & South Perth | 300,000 | 300,000 | On hold |
| Roads | Drummond Street | Kerb & Gutter, seal, verge – Drummond St/ Crescent | 75,000 | 75,000 | Completed |
| Roads Total | | | 1,683,100 | 1,166,000 | |
| Footpaths | Edward Street | Napoleon to Cromwell St – north side concrete | 62,000 | | Awaiting contractors. |
| Footpaths | Frederick Street | Scone to Clarence – north side concrete | 46,000 | | Awaiting contractors. |
| Footpaths | Little Mulgrave Street | Main St to Unit development – western side concrete | 40,000 | | Awaiting contractors. |
| Footpaths | William Street Reserve | From/to footbridge | 40,000 | 40,000 | Commenced. |
| Footpaths Total | | | 188,000 | 40,000 | |
| Land&Blds | Childcare Centre | | 3,770,064 | 3,770,064 | Substantially complete. |
| Land&Blds | William Street | BBQ Shelter | 55,000 | 55,000 | BBQ purchased, shelter in design |
| Land&Blds | Train Park | BBQ Shelter & Toilet Upgrade | 85,000 | 85,000 | Not yet started |
| Land & Buildings Total | | | 3,910,064 | 3,910,064 | |
| Recreation | Train Park | Play equipment | 100,000 | 100,000 | Playground equipment awaited installation programmed for April 2023 |
| Recreation | Recreation Ground | Amenities improvements | 30,000 | | Deferred |
| Recreation | Recreation Ground | Scorers Box | 20,000 | | Works 50% complete, completion prior to |

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|--------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | season |
| Recreation | Bicentennial Dog Park | Separation fence | 7,550 | | Not yet scheduled |
| Recreation | Bicentennial Dog Park | Culvert | 15,000 | | Not yet scheduled |
| Recreation | Mural Project | | 5,500 | | |
| | | Recreation Total | 178,050 | 100,000 | |
| Sp. Projects | Recreation Ground | Rec. Ground Cttee contribution towards scoreboard | 5,000 | | Design stage |
| | | Special Projects Total | 5,000 | - | |
| | | TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS | 5,964,214 | 5,216,064 | |

| Perth LDC Budget Requests | Response | Status |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Shade in Local Parks | Tree Planting program & shelters (as above) | |
| Shade Sails in Seacombe Street | No specific allocation to Seacombe St | Report to Council |
| Perth Entrance Signage wording | Investigation in Progress | Investigation stage |
| Perth Pump Track | Further investigation required for future decision | |
| Park Signage | Budget allocation available if required | |
| History Interpretation Panels – investigation & Installation | Further liaison with committee required | |
| Continued development of West Perth | Ongoing | Ongoing |

Committee requests:

- *The Committee requests the status of the Budget matters as of February 2023.*

List updated.

4.4 2023/2024 Budget Consideration

2023/2024 Municipal Budget list to be submitted to Council by 27 March 2023 (budget memo forwarded to Chair on 27 February).

Matters tabled for consideration at PLDC meeting of 6 December:

- First stage of streetscape upgrade
- Bike pump track
- Update on entrance signs change of information
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Committee requests:

- *The Committee also requested that the shade sails to be kept at the top of the list for inclusion in budget and installation.*

MOTION: The committee requests that all existing budgetary matters be completed as a matter of priority

- *Shade Sails Train Park, Seacombe St Playgrounds*
- *Bike Pump Track*
- *Stage 2 streetscape*
- *Entrance signage*
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4.5 William Street Reserve

The following motion was submitted to Council for consideration:

Council meeting decision - Naming of Bridge & Installation of Bench Seat:

That Council:

- 1) *agree to the proposal to install a bench seat and plaque in honour of John Stagg near the William*

- Street Reserve footbridge;*
- 2) *agree to the secretarial assistance allocation of the PLDC being contributed toward the installation of the memorial seat; and*
 - 3) *on completion of the William Street Reserve bridge, invite the PLDC and the Perth community to make submissions for the naming of the bridge, prior to a report to Council.*

Wording for seat Plaque has been given to the family for consideration. Stagg Family approved wording. PLDC to advise Council of wording for the plaque.

Jo to email Gail with wording for bench. Committee to actually meet near bridge and decide location of bench

And mark position and then liase with Leigh Maculagh.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Reconciliation Action Plan

No information currently available. Councillor Terrett has put forward a Motion on Notice on this matter which is to be included for consideration in the 20 March 2023 Council meeting.

NOTE: Council meeting minutes of 20 March 2023 will be available on Council's website by Friday 24 March.

Councillor Lambert Supplied email from Gail regarding history of RAP.

The following motion was proposed at the 1 February 2022 PLDC meeting (note the reference to the date on the header of the recommendation is incorrect and should have been 1 Feb)

The motion was referred to Council's 21 February 2022 meeting – the following is the advice provided to the PLDC in their March Agenda papers.

4.9 Acknowledgement of Country & Reconciliation Plan

PLDC Recommendation to Council 1 February 2022:

1. *That PLDC meetings start with an Acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on Palawa Country and investigate the aboriginal history of Perth.*
2. *That PLDC ask Council if the NMC has a Reconciliation Plan.*

Officer Comment:

1. *An Acknowledgement of Country is usually delivered as part of Welcome and Housekeeping at meetings and events. It should be delivered at significant/large internal meetings or meetings with external participants e.g. branch meetings, inter-departmental meetings etc.*

Council has a policy in place in this regard, which states: A Welcome to Country or Acknowledgement of Country is to be given in accordance with guidelines issued by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs for all Council public events...

2. *Council does not have a formal Reconciliation Plan in place, however, it is proposed to develop a plan for Council's future endorsement, with appropriate community consultation to be included in the process.*

In regard to this matter, the following was the decision of Council at the meeting held on 21 February 2022 Minute No. 22/46, the officer's comments should be noted:

DECISION

Cr Davis/Cr Adams

That

1. *a) an Acknowledgement of Country be included in the Perth Local District Committee Meeting Agenda as a standing item*
b) Council endorse the establishment of a sub-committee by the Perth Local District Committee to investigate the Aboriginal History of Perth.
2. *the advice in relation to the Reconciliation Plan be provided to the Committee.*

Carried Unanimously

Extract from the 8 March 2022 PLDC meeting

Extract from 5 April 2022 PLDC minutes follows

The following was recorded in Council's Meeting minutes of 27 June 2022

7.4 PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Reconciliation Plan: *To strongly encourage Council to develop and institute a Reconciliation Plan for the Northern Midlands Council area. Reconciliation Tasmania are a valuable source of information regarding this process.*

Officer Comment:

In this regard, the following advice was provided to the Perth Local District Committee in their Agenda for the 1 March 2022 meeting: Council does not have a formal Reconciliation Plan in place, however, it is proposed to develop a plan for Council's future endorsement, with appropriate community consultation to be included in the process.

Officer Recommendation:

That the advice in relation to the Reconciliation Plan be provided to the Committee.

MINUTE NO. 22/187

DECISION

Cr Davis/Cr Lambert

That the advice in relation to the Reconciliation Plan be provided to the Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Voting for the Motion:

Mayor Knowles, Deputy Mayor Goss, Cr Adams, Cr Brooks, Cr Davis, Cr Goninon, Cr Lambert and Cr Polley

Voting Against the Motion:

Nil

June 2022

Reconciliation action plan.....Mayor Knowles stated that discussions had been held with Reconciliation Tasmania with no outcome over several years and that there was a cost involved. Sam Beattie asked if there was a budget allocation for a RAP The reply was in the negative. Sam stated that as Reconciliation was now a priority of the Federal government that local government should be on board

Extract from 6 July PLDC meeting notes

Next record in PLDC minutes – 6 September 2022

Reconciliation Plan

It is noted that Sam Beattie will take questions to the next council meeting as a community member.

Beyond that I did not note any further reference to a reconciliation plan.

Sam Beattie did not attend a council meeting following the September 2022 meeting.

In preparing for the 7 March PLDC meeting, the following advice has been provided to the Chair of the PLDC in relation to this matter:

Reconciliation Action Plan: No information currently available. However, Councillor Terrett has put forward a Motion on Notice on this matter which is to be included for consideration in the 20 March 2023 Council meeting.

The PLDC would like it acknowledged that the committee was instrumental in initiating a RAP and that the NMC progress the plan. Councillor Terrett explained that that the mayor had done some preliminary work.

5.2 Entrance Signage

Council is working on the redesign of the entrance statement to incorporate an amendment to the wording.

5.3 Christmas Banner Replacement:

An annual budget is allocated to new banners, design and installation, Council officers review the condition of all banners from time to time, and procure replacements as required.

5.4 MOTION: THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT THE MURALS AND ART WORKS IN THE TOWN HAVE A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

5.5 THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK DONE AT THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE TOWN RE THE CUTTING AND EDCING OF THE GRASS AND HOW GOOD IT LOOKS

6 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.24pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2023.