



Minutes

Operations Committee

11th December 2017

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr S Lesslie, Clr S Ring, Clr R Thompson, Clr W McAndrew

APOLOGIES: G Faulkner

OFFICERS: I Stewart, R Brownlow, J Edgecombe, E Trudgett

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes are to be presented to Council on 26th February 2018.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Clr S Ring

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Curtin Place Sewerage Issue

Problems have been experienced with sewer surcharge from a manhole located at the intersection of Enfield Ave and Curtin Place. Council is to advise the resident that the sewerage issue is still under investigation. Council is looking to remove loading from the line to help alleviate the issue but long-term solutions are still being reviewed.

2. Cullen Bullen Sewerage – Onsite Meeting with Community

A meeting is to be held with the Cullen Bullen Community regarding the proposal of the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Treatment Plant. An on-site meeting will be held on Monday, 18th December 2017 at 5pm in the Cullen Bullen Hall.

This is to advise the community of the progress Council has made with the proposal and allow them to raise any questions or concerns they may have.

ITEM: 4 WATER/SEWERAGE ACCOUNT – 153-155 BELLS ROAD LITHGOW

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Access Industries for the Disabled Ltd seeking financial assistance with regard to their most recent water account issued.

Please see report and attached information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – Potential income deficit of \$16,000pa**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council seek further information from Access Industries for the Disabled Pty Ltd regarding their financial ability to meet future water billing based on the volume of water consumed.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM: 5 PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER ROAD MANAGEMENT

SUMMARY

Advice was received 12 September 2017 from Pikes & Verekers Lawyers in regards to the proposal to transfer road management functions of Hughes Lane, Marrangaroo from the Crown to Council.

The Depart of Industry – Lands and Forestry Division has advised Council that it proposes to take steps to have Council assume responsibility for Hughes Lane. At present the relevant portion of Hughes Lane is a Crown road.

Council is opposed to the transfer of responsibility for Hughes Lane to Council because its need for capital works and thereafter its upkeep will place an unreasonable impost upon Council and its ratepayers.

Pikes & Verekers Lawyers advised that ‘assuming that the correct head of power is used and the reference is to the correct Minister then it may be difficult for Council to challenge the transfer. Section 151(3) of the Roads Act makes it plain that, except for the RMS, no other roads authority is required to consent to a transfer of responsibility to it.’

It was then advised that ‘there are the usual protections of administrative law i.e. Council needs to be given proper notice of the proposal, the opportunity to make submissions in respect of it and the determination has to be made by the Minister having regard to the appropriate considerations and no others.’

Please see attached correspondence for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the information.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr R Thompson

ITEM: 6 TRANSFER OF CROWN ROADS

SUMMARY

The attached report recommends Council request the NSW Department of Lands (Crown Lands) to transfer the ownership of a number is Crown Public Roads within the Lithgow Local Government Area to Lithgow City Council.

Please see report and attachment.

It was discussed that if Council is to accept these roads, it may stop issues arising between what roads Council should be maintaining as their own and undertaking maintenance of Crown Roads. It will allow Council to draw a definitive line between what roads are Council owned and maintained and those that are owned by other road authorities.

Alternatively, it was raised that accepting the roads on the list will cause issues with residents roads that have not been included, as these roads will remain as Crown Roads and will not be maintained by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre - 2039**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact - \$220.00 for transfer fee.**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council apply to the NSW Department of Lands (Crown Lands) to transfer the ownership of the Crown Public Roads listed as per the attachment within the LGA to Lithgow City Council.

MOVED: Clr S Ring

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

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ITEM 7: POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT ACT 2016

SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received advising that following the commencement of the Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016 on 1 November 2017 the Point to Point Commissioner will assume responsibility for regulatory functions for the state's point to point transport industry – responsible for making sure point to point transport service providers like taxis, hire car and rideshare services keep their service, drivers and customers safe.

It has been asked if Council could please liaise with Ms. Amanda Gleeson, Principle Manager Compliance in relation to the expiry in 2018 of contracts that are held for the security service providers at secure taxi ranks within the LCC area.

Please see attached correspondence for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council liaise with Ms. Amanda Gleeson, Principle Manager Compliance in relation to the expiry in 2018 of the contracts that are held for the security service providers at secure taxi ranks within the LCC area.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM 8: ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received from the Hon. Darren Chester MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport in regard to the Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program. The Minister has issued a Statement of Expectations for the program and is to bring R2R in line with other Australian Government programs where funding is issued with a set of expectations.

The statement asks councils to consider directing more of their R2R funding to projects that are likely to reduce fatalities and serious injuries in crashes and to work with the Infrastructure and Transport Department to improve the reporting of safety and other outcomes from the R2R Program. A more formal evaluation by councils R2R projects will also make it easier for the Infrastructure and Transport Department to show how they have benefitted the local network and the community.

The Hon. Darren Chester MP has invited councils to write to him with ideas of how all levels of government could be improving road safety and the outcomes from the considerable investment everyone makes in the country's roads.

Please see attached correspondence for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the information.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM 9: SES UNIT BUILDING GRANT AGREEMENT

SUMMARY

The Grant Agreement proposes the construction of a brand new twin bay garage to house the existing vehicles belonging to the Lithgow Unit NSW SES, and the conversion and fitting out of the existing garage area to a training facility for use by volunteer members from the Lithgow and Portland Unit NSW SES.

Works for this project commenced 1st November 2017 with completion by 31st January 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note its role in providing the infrastructure for the Lithgow Unit NSW SES.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM 10: UPDATE ON WALLERAWANG INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

SUMMARY

The attached report is to provide an update on progress with the preliminary feasibility and design works associated with the Wallerawang pedestrian refuge construction and the footpath construction and sight distance improvements in the vicinity of the Wallerawang Rail Overbridge.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – Wallerawang Overbridge Improvements - \$102,500.00 (excl. GST) & Wallerawang Pedestrian Refuge - \$50,000.00 (excl. GST)**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Committee note the report on progress regarding the preliminary feasibility and design works associated with the Wallerawang Rail Overbridge improvements and Wallerawang pedestrian refuge construction; and
2. The Committee be provided with a timeline on the bridge and lighting redesign at the next meeting.

MOVED: Clr S Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr R Thompson

ITEM 11: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Cook Street Plaza – Update

A brief update was provided on the progress of Cook Street Plaza – CBD Revitalisation. It was also advised that Council's submission in relation to the pavers for Resources for Regions has been shortlisted.

Roadkill/Mowing of Highways

A meeting is to be held with RMS to discuss the responsibility of roadkill and median maintenance on the Great Western Highway. Due to a restructure within RMS, meeting dates have been set and formal discussions will be held in 2018.

Water Connection – Magpie Hollow Road

It was advised that the property requesting a connection to town water is to be inspected by Council. The resident will be advised of all required fees and when payment will be due.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved – N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**

- **Future potential impact – N/A**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT appropriate actions and reporting be undertaken in relation to the items raised during general business

MOVED: Clr S Ring

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM 12: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Monday, 5th February 2017 at 4:00pm
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm

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