



Minutes

Operations Committee

5th February 2018

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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7	Main Street Revitalisation Project Variations
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

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

APOLOGIES: J Edgecombe

OFFICERS: I Stewart, R Brownlow, E Trudgett

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Non-pecuniary – General Business – Clr W McAndrew

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

ACTION

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

MOVED: Clr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr S Ring

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. 16 Lockyer Street – Sewer Surcharge

A site inspection was undertaken on 22nd August 2017 at the rear of 16 Lockyer Street Lithgow, which has been subject to surcharging of sewerage from a manhole located in the property following periods of heavy rain or breakdowns to the adjacent Tweed Mills Pump Station. After investigation into different options, the purchase and installation of a diesel powered pump will alleviate the issue more efficiently. The delivery of the pump and installation are scheduled for early February and Council will advise the resident of the progress.

2. 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 contacting the resident to advise of progress in regard to processes to be undertaken to minimise the surcharge at this location including lining of the Enfield Avenue main and redirection of sewerflow.

3. Water/Sewerage Account – 153-155 Bells Road, Lithgow

Following the request received from Access Industries for the Disabled Ltd seeking financial assistance with regard to a high water/sewerage account,

Council is awaiting a response in relation to their financial ability to meet future water billing based on the volume of water consumed.

4. Cullen Bullen Sewerage – Update

Regarding the proposal of the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Treatment Plant, Council is awaiting the Treasury signature to finalize the deed and release funds. It was advised that an update report be submitted to all Operations Committee Meetings to advise the committee of progress.

5. CBD Revitalisation

It was determined that an update report be submitted to all Operations Committee meetings to advise the committee of progress.

6. Hughes Lane, Marrangaroo

Advice was received 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 advised that it proposes to take steps to have Council assume responsibility for Hughes Lane. 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.

It was advised that Hughes Lane maintenance and upkeep was considered in the Operations Draft Budget as a precaution if the road is transferred.

A list of unformed Crown roads with the potential to be transferred to Council is to be reported to the next Operations Committee meeting.

7. Water Connection – Magpie Hollow Road

It was advised that the property requesting a connection to town water has been inspected by Council. The resident has been advised of all required fees and Council is awaiting the submission of a Section 68 application to proceed.

8. Wallerawang Infrastructure Projects - Refuge Island

Following the design works associated with the Wallerawang pedestrian refuge and footpath construction on Barton Avenue, Council is awaiting the installation of lighting improvements before proceeding with commencement of works.

ITEM: 4 BARTON AVENUE, WALLERAWANG – PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

SUMMARY

A proposal has been received from a resident to construct a shared pedestrian/cycle way bridge in the 80km/h zone from Forest Ridge Drive to Lake Wallace in Barton Avenue, Wallerawang. The adjacent terrain to this section of road does not lend itself to simple construction with deep sloping embankments on both sides and any proposal would include the construction of a bridge to span drainage structures. Prior to detailed design the estimated costs of the works is \$420,000.

Please see attached correspondence for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - NIL**

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

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council note the request but determine that the benefit of the project in relation to the number of potential users/residents does not warrant expenditure identified for this project; and
2. Council advise the proponent of the budget constraints.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr S Ring

ITEM: 5 TOURISM SIGNAGE FOR PORTLAND AND WALLERAWANG

SUMMARY

A Notice of Motion was raised at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held 22 January 2018 for the Operations Committee to pursue Federal, State, private and Local Funding opportunities for Tourist Destination Signs for entrances to the towns of Portland and Wallerawang from both the Castlereagh and Great Western Highways.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - N/A**
- **Cost centre – N/A**
- **Expended to date – N/A**
- **Future potential impact – Improved communication with motorists.**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council refer the matter to the Operations Committee to seek all avenues of funding such as Federal, State, private and Local and;
2. Approval and funding be sought from the RMS to install tourist signs (brown & white) at the entry and exit points of the Castlereagh and Great Western Highway and the General Manager write to the Local and Federal Member to explore these opportunities.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr S Ring

ITEM: 6 MAIN STREET REVITALISATION – TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MODS

SUMMARY

The next stage of work at the Cook Street Plaza site involves the reconstruction of the raised pedestrian crossing on Main Street. In order to complete this work while

maintaining traffic flow along Main Street the crossing is being completed in two halves. This will only leave one lane available for traffic flow past the work site.

Please see report and attachment for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved -**
- **Cost centre -**
- **Expended to date -**
- **Future potential impact -**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the upcoming traffic modifications in Main Street, Lithgow.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr S Ring

ITEM 7: MAIN STREET REVITALISATION PROJECT VARIATIONS

SUMMARY

This report details project variations to date for Stage 1 of the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Project.

The total project budget for Stage 1 of the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Project is \$2,899,000 with funding coming from a National Stronger Regions Fund Grant (\$1,304,550) and Lithgow Council (\$1,594,450).

It was advised that 40% of the project is complete and no significant variations are expected for the remaining works.

Please see report and attachments for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - \$2,899,000 (total project budget)**
- **Cost centre – PJ100007**
- **Expended to date - \$909,455.98**
- **Future potential impact - NIL**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the impact of variations to date on the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Project Budget.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr S Ring

SUMMARY**Road Repairs Update**

All works on Portland Road have been completed.

The sealing work to be completed on Cripps Avenue, Curly Dick Road and Mount Marsden will be completed in the coming weeks.

Lidsdale/ Cook Street washout is to be investigated as the roadbase is not withstanding weather conditions.

Wolgan Road repair works are still in progress.

Flooding - Windarra Place, Marrangaroo

Serious flooding occurred on 17 December 2017 in Windarra Place, Marrangaroo following an issue with the storm water drainage. Council is currently investigating what is causing the water to not drain away properly. It has been advised that Council will work with residents to clean out gullies which have been previously filled in and discuss the option of installing larger drains to help alleviate the issue.

Kangaroo Problem - Marrangaroo

The last cull of kangaroos that was undertaken in Marrangaroo fields proved to be unsuccessful due to interruption by external parties disturbing the kangaroos before the cull began.

The General Manager is seeking the appropriate approvals from the National Parks & Wildlife Service for a further kangaroo cull with a suitable time and date to be organised and notification sent to residents of Marrangaroo Fields.

Main Street & Council Precincts – Pigeons

Complaints have been received from the community in regards to the increase in pigeon droppings along Main Street, Lithgow and throughout Council precincts. It is believed that some residents may be encouraging the pigeons into these areas by regularly feeding them. Management is to report to Council on the pigeon issue and associated disease potential and to request the installation of signs and possible fines for feeding the pigeons.

Portland – Roads, Lanes and Kerb & Guttering

Following inspection of Portland Streets, the lack of kerb & guttering has affected the road and lane edges. It is proposed that the Operations Committee organise an inspection with Portland residents of Portland roads, lanes and kerb & guttering to establish a works program with timelines and priorities on the maintenance and repair of individual lanes.

Kremer Park, Portland

An onsite inspection of Kremer Park, Portland by the Operations Committee is to be organised to review the condition of the ground, toilets, grandstand and Men's Shed.

Water Restrictions

Water restrictions will remain in place due to the current outlook for hot weather with low rainfalls predicted to continue in the coming months. The water restriction policy will be reviewed following the lifting of the current water restrictions.

Tunnel Deviation

It is noted that the review of environmental factors for the new Intercity Fleet Ten Tunnels Deviation Modification is available for information.

Portland Garden Beds

Council staff are to investigate other options to prevent flooding of the garden beds in Wolgan Street, Portland.

Clarence Water Scheme

The Clarence Water Transfer Scheme is continuing to operate and transferring 7ML/day into the Lithgow No. 2 Dam. This will continue to operate for the foreseeable future until the dam level reaches 90%.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved -**
- **Cost centre -**
- **Expended to date -**
- **Future potential impact -**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

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

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Monday 5th March 2018 at 4:00pm
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.40pm