



Minutes

Operations Committee

5th March 2018

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr. S. Lesslie, Clr. R. Thompson, Clr. W. McAndrew, Clr. D. Goodsell

APOLOGIES: Clr. S. Ring, G Faulkner, E Trudgett

OFFICERS: I Stewart, J Edgecombe, E Shirt, M Trapp

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were presented to the Council on 26th February 2018.

ACTION

THAT NOTED as previously moved by Council

ITEM: 3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NIL

ITEM: 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

ITEM: 5 MAIN STREET – RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OPEN POINTS

SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received from Endeavour Energy seeking Council's approval and support to carry out the re-establishment of each of the open points along the trench route installed under Endeavour's project LVN00781 along Main Street, Lithgow. Upon completion of this work, they wish to absolve themselves of future responsibility for this work as explained below.

Endeavour Energy are seeking to carry out these works with Council's support with respect to the following;

- Lithgow Council will allow Rightline to stockpile a small amount of excess excavated material in their compound area, approximately 10 tonne at any one time.
- Council will provided any additional pavers required to cover breakages.
- NO Council permits are required
- Passive traffic control will suffice, no stop/go required.
- Works are to be conducted during normal working hours.

During previous exploration work carried out in October 2017, Council was made aware of a large quantity of ground water found present and flowing within the trench line at the eastern end of Main Street, Lithgow when Endeavour's contractor 'Rightline' excavated at the two locations, these were two of the locations where voids occurred previously.

A heavily rusted and damaged storm water pipe was also found crossing the trench line and this was repaired prior to backfilling. During this period a decent volume of water flowing down the gutter from storm water outlets during a period of no rain was witnessed. Water samples were taken and Endeavour Energy can make these results available should Council require them.

Endeavour have been working with Rightline to provide a solution to the issues of voids appearing and sinking along the trench. With reference to an independent engineering report completed by Cardno and in conjunction with re-excavating two points, Endeavour have concluded that there is water entering the trench line at various locations from unknown sources both in periods of rain and no rain, causing sand and back fill materials to be moved along the trench thus compromising compaction by creating voids and resulting in high water content of the previously restored and compacted trench.

Endeavour Energy will be re-excavating all of the duct "open points" along the route, removing any ground water that maybe present, and then re-check the integrity of all ducts and cables to ensure that the duct system is not transporting water along the route from point to point. Once each site is backfilled, compacted and restored, Endeavour is asking Council to walk through and have the sites 'signed off'.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council urgently seek legal advice regarding the potential liability issues involved with signing off recent excavation works performed by Endeavour Energy and the persistent localized compaction that has occurred thereafter.
2. Council does not sign off the construction works or come to any agreement with Endeavour Energy until such a time that legal advice has been received and assessed.

MOVED: Clr. S. Lesslie **SECONDED:** Clr. R. Thompson

ITEM: 6 CULLEN BULLEN SEWERAGE SCHEME - UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report is to update the Operations Committee on the progress of the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme.

Please see report for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget approved - \$6,800,000.00
- Cost centre - 300034
- Expended to date - NIL
- Future potential impact – Not yet known

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council note the report on the update of the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme.
2. Provide the details of the Restart Deed of Agreement to the next Operations Committee meeting

MOVED: Clr. S. Lesslie **SECONDED:** Clr. R. Thompson

ITEM: 7 CBD REVITALISATION PROJECT - UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress of construction work for Stage 1 of the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Project.

Please see report for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved** - \$2,899,000 (Total Project Budget)
- **Cost centre** – PJ100007
- **Expended to date** - \$1,223,734.00
- **Future potential impact** -

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the progress made to date on the Lithgow CBD Revitalisation Project.

MOVED: Clr. R. Thompson **SECONDED:** Clr. S. Lesslie

ITEM: 8 DAMAGED FOOTPATH ASSETS

SUMMARY

This report is a request for consideration of the persistent damage being caused to footpaths and kerbs across the Lithgow Local Government Area by large trees planted close to concrete assets.

Please see report 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 The Committee:

1. Note the report on the damage caused by large street trees to urban concrete infrastructure; and
2. With prior discussion by the Operations Committee and Council, Council officers commence the process of reporting damaging street trees and determining suitable options to replace or move the infrastructure to ensure its longevity.

MOVED: Clr. S Lesslie **SECONDED:** Clr. R. Thompson

ITEM 9: PORTLAND ROADS AND LANES

SUMMARY

Following inspection of Portland lanes and roads undertaken by residents of Portland and Councillors, a list of priorities, costs and defects is to be prepared for inclusion for the Draft 2018/19 Budget.

MOVED: Clr. S Lesslie **SECONDED:** Clr. R. Thompson

ITEM 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Environmental Advisory Committee

From the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held 7th February 2018 three items have been referred to the Operations Committee for investigation.

Request Classification of a New Concrete Pathway at Lake Pillans Wetland - As per Australian Standards, walking tracks need to be classified as either Class One Track through to Classes 5 or 6, and signposted accordingly in order to communicate the grade, difficulty, hazards, regulations etc. on track head signs to visitors. The track classification also then dictates the required maintenance regime of the track.

RESOLUTION: Supported.

Street Tree Planting - the EAC raised concerns that trees removed from streets and parks within the Urban area have not been replaced in accordance with the Removal of Trees from Public Land Policy 10.13 v3. Furthermore, it was discussed that there was additional scope within the urban environment for additional shade trees for the improvement of public amenity.

RESOLUTION: More information is required such as where the EAC is referring to with regard to the removal of the street trees. As for planting additional street trees to improve public amenity, species should be suggested with the notion of planting trees that do not pose a risk to Council's built infrastructure.

Replacement of Trees on Sports Fields at Portland – it was reported that there is no shade at Saville Park adjacent to the Portland Pool due to the trees being removed. Several residents have approached her in regards to the replacement trees. The EAC has asked the Operations Committee of the possible replacement of trees at Saville Park with a suitable species.

RESOLUTION: The trees were removed to alleviate the damage being caused to the existing infrastructure associated with the Portland Pool. To this effect, the Operations Committee does not recommend the replacement of trees adjacent to the Portland Pool.

Wallerawang & Portland Laneways

An inspection was held in Wallerawang of the laneways that require upgrading. The issues found were lanes; between James Parade and Curringa Place, between Mudgee and Junction Street, between Burnett and Elizabeth Street, and Portland Road, Portland.

Sandford Avenue Caravan Park

It was raised that the old caravan park or portion of the park behind Glanmire Oval/Sandford Avenue, opposite the Guide Hall could be utilised as a dog run. Council Officers to investigate the potential for use and the option of placing dog bins around town.

Main Street Ramps

A number of non-standard ramps have been replaced since completion of the survey, however major problems still exist with pram ramps located in Main Street, which will be rectified when the pavement is reconstructed.

Motorized Scooters on Main Street, Lithgow

The issue of motorized scooters driving at excessive speeds along footpaths in the Lithgow Main Street was raised. Council to review the legislation for the use of motorized scooters in public areas.

Water Connection – Magpie Hollow Road

It was advised that the property requesting a connection to town water has been advised of all required fees and Council is awaiting the submission of a Section 68 Application.

Flooding – Windarra Place, Marrangaroo

The flooding issues at Marrangaroo and the v-drains being dug to alleviate the flooding was raised. It has been advised that the affected areas are to be inspected by Council officers next week to determine possible infrastructure solutions to the problem related to the flash flooding.

Portland Sewerage Treatment Plant – Update

It was advised that Council is currently undertaking two week testing and commissioning, following Public Works inspections. Sludge seeding and cutover from

the existing plant to the newly built plant is scheduled to commence toward the end of March. More construction work, demolition and cleaning of the site is to be undertaken before the official opening.

Ganbenang Road - Maintenance

It was raised that Ganbenang Road from Duddawarra Bridge to Lowther Siding Road is in average condition. Council is currently grading the road in preparation for sealing works to commence this calendar year.

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. Lesslie **SECONDED:** Clr. R. Thompson

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Monday 9th April 2018 at 5:00pm
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:13PM