



MINUTES

Operations Committee Meeting

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 7th August 2019

at 4:00pm

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 04:01 pm.

1. Present

Present: Councillor S Ring, Councillor J Smith, Councillor R Thompson, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor D Goodsell (entered 4:09pm)

Officers: J Edgecombe, D Buckens, A Muir, R Gurney, D Anderson, L Bezzina, K Cibulka (minutes)

2. Apologies

An apology was received from and leave of absence granted to Councillor W McAndrew who is unable to attend due to personal business.

An apology was received from and leave of absence granted to Graeme Faulkner who is unable to attend due to personal business.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on 3rd July 2019, be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest for items to be dealt with at this meeting.

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Cllr Steve Ring - Items for Discussion

Report by Cllr Ring

Cllr D Goodsell entered 4:09pm.

Cllr Ring asked if the administration could create items that appear regularly on the Operations Committee agenda such as forecasting works for the future ie road works and what are the priorities (long term planning).

It was advised that with the new assets system being rolled out in the near future, it could provide reports on conditions of road, which could be presented to the committee for discussion and would also require public consultation through the operational plan.

There are currently plans created yearly that report on the asset condition (rating). This report is presented to the operations committee and Council for adoption to place on exhibition as part of public consultation. Amendments to this plan can be made throughout the year. This plan show roads that have been categorised which is set by criteria / standards. It was requested that quarterly reports be present to the committee on current works that are occurring in the LGA in relation to their progress or any setbacks.

The committee noted information in relation to grant funding and also noted to have jobs that are shovel ready and use the grant funding on those projects.

Discussion was had on the Service Level Council provides in relation to mowing priorities - collected and arterial roads it was advised that customer requests are investigated prior to works commencing. It was also raised of the possibility of Council purchasing another slasher machine for better service and if a machine is damaged or unable to be used work could still continue, currently if a machine is damaged, machines are hired for the short term.

The committee was advised that the stage one of the Marrangaroo drainage project is complete. Council will continue investigations prior to commencing stage two of the projects with hope that stage one has alleviated the majority of the issue. D Anderson also advised that area has been roped off as area will be reseeded in the warmer season.

The Committee also discussed the Developers and their requirements to upgrade a local road as part of their development.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the report and responses provided by Council's engineers.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.4. Proposed Amendment to 2019/20 Operational Plan

It was noted that funding would come from Council's existing footpath project (Lithgow) to fund Portland Main Street garden beds upgrade.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council reallocate \$30,000 from PJ 100466 - Footpath Construction to fund the garden bed improvements at Wolgan Street and Williwa Street, Portland.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.5. CONFIDENTIAL - Upgrade - Intersection of Great Western Highway and Range Road

This report is just for information, it was noted that the plan is confidential and RMS will plan and complete the works.

The committee also noted that inspection of Sunny Corner Road has taken place after concerns were raised at council meeting regarding overhanging trees.

ACTION

THAT the committee note the report for the future upgrade of the Great Western Highway and Range Road Intersection.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodsell

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.6. Integrated Water Cycle Management - Issues Paper

Report by Director Water and Wastewater

The Director of Water and Waste Water, D Buckens gave an overview of the report.

ACTION

THAT the Committee accept and endorse the Issue Paper.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.7. Cullen Bullen Sewage Scheme

Funding capped at \$4.8 Million. Preliminary costs provided in 2011, Council proceeded based on estimate that was provided at the time.

D Buckens advised that the EPA & DPIE met with Council last to discuss the approvals pathway and preferred options for the STP and reticulation. The Committee was given a brief overview of the preferred sewage treatment plant and presented an alternative option for the distribution network which involves the use of a low pressure sewer system to replace proposed gravity sewer system due to the cost estimates.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Committee approve in principle the use of a low-pressure sewer system.
2. The community be consulted on the possible implementation of a low-pressure sewer system option.
3. That a Draft Policy be developed for the use of Low-Pressure Sewers.
4. Subject to approval of the Council and community of Cullen Bullen's acceptance that an application to vary the Project Scope be made to Infrastructure NSW.
5. Council continue to seek additional funding should the approval to vary the Project Scope be refused.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.8. Roadside Vegetation Management Plan (RVMP)

Funding was received by Local Land Services for this project. Council's Environmental Committee also have reviewed the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan.

Training was recently held for outdoor staff, and booklets are being prepared to be placed in Council Vehicles for a handy onsite guides. This information will help the roads and recreation team, particular in the Capertee Valley where rare species of flora and fauna are found.

ACTION

THAT the Operations Committee note the report on the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor J Smith

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.9. Main Street, Lithgow Renewal

An Internal Working Party Committee was created where the members consist of the Infrastructure team, Water & Waste Water Team, Customer Service Team Leader, R Gurney and G Faulkner who have met on a regular basis in relation to Main Street footpath, with regards to the renewal of the footpath of Main Street, Lithgow including footpath material, pram ramps, banners, seating and garden boxes.

It was noted that Council was unsuccessful in Round Two of the government grant for the Main Street but the committee were assured that funding will continued to be sought this project should such opportunities become available.

The Working Party have discussed many material options with two being concrete pavement or asphalt pavement which are currently being sought for endorsement. A Communication/ Consultation Plan will be compiled and endorsed by Council in the next few months.

It was also noted that a local business owner is willing to provide the footpath out the front of their business for a live sample for the community to view.

ACTION

THAT the Administration provide image samples of both concrete and asphalt footpaths for consideration and that the item be brought back to the committee for endorsement prior to being presented to Council.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

It was raised that the recent hotmix road seal of Enfield Avenue was completed except for small section not sealed due to leaking water main. A bitumen seal was put in today 07/08/2019 and an asphalt seal is scheduled to be laid in future. Also in John Street, the road was not sealed due to gas services being exposed and road cannot be milled until lines are deeper. Jemena Gas has been advised.

It was noted that construction works at the Wallerawang Skate Park are currently underway, with a recent inspection having been taken.

Clr J Smith raised that there is signage that need to be collected from the Angus Place area after some works have taken place. J Edgecombe advised that he will investigate and send someone to collect them.

It was also raised that the Concealed Driveway signs on Barton Avenue Wallerawang are not sufficient as they are located passed the drive way in question, it was advised that the engineer deemed them compliant but further investigation will occur.

Compliments

Clr J Smith wish to provide thanks to the Jetpatcher operator for doing a great job in repairing potholes across the LGA

Clr J Smith also advised of the compliments from the community / resident that he has been receiving in relation to the great addition of the Lidsdale footpath.

It was also noted that a credit to Council for the netting that has recently been installed in the Grandstand at the Showground.

Clr Thompson also complimented the road renewal that was recent completed up to Hassans Walls Lookout.

8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: 4th September 2019 at 4:00pm in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 05:45 pm.