



DRAFT MINUTES

Operations Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 9 October 2019

at 4:00 pm

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1. Present

Present: Councillor D Goodsell, Councillor W McAndrew, Councillor S Lesslie, Councillor S Ring

Officers: G Faulkner, J Edgecombe, L Bezzina, D Buckens, K Cibulka (Minutes)

2. Apologies

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

An apology was received from and leave of absence granted to Councillor J Smith who is unable to attend due to work commitments.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on the 5th September were presented to Council on 23rd September 2019

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the Operations Committee held on 5th September 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5. Staff Reports

5.1. Standing Item - Cullen Bullen Sewerage Project - Update

The committee were advised that the exhibition period for the Pressure Sewer policy closed on Friday 4th October 2019. D Buckens confirmed that no submissions were made to Council and the policy will be reported back to the next Council meeting for adoption.

It was noted that Council will proceed to seek a variation to the Funding Deeding with Infrastructure NSW to vary the design from gravity sewer to pressure sewer. Variation to the design of the Cullen Bullen STP will commence on the final adoption of the Pressure Sewer Policy and approval to Vary the Deed received from Infrastructure NSW.

Tender documents being prepared for the procurement of the low pressure units.

Council is also currently in negotiation with owner of the land through a local estate agent for the preferred site location for the STP

ACTION

THAT the committee note the information provided in relation to the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Project.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.2. Standing Item - Water & Sewer Infrastructure

The committee noted that Council have engaged a contractor with regards to undertaking a Condition Assessment of the water mains in Main Street Lithgow. This will determine the lifespan of the pipework in the Main Street and will provide Council with information to determine if a pipe replacement is required as part the Main Street Revitalisation Project. The Committee were briefed on the process of this is to be undertaken.

D Buckens advised that Council is still awaiting on and chasing confirmation from the Contractors in relation to the water main repair in Main Street/ Bridge Street area. It was noted that the specialised valve has not arrived. The benefit of the valve would eliminate the need to shut off water to the CBD and would have minimal effect on the businesses. If this valve does not arrive soon Council may have to do extensive works to install a valve, which would include mass shut down of water supply to CBD.

It was requested by Cllr Ring that a media release be issued to advise residents of situation.

ACTION

THAT the committee note the information in relation to the water and sewer infrastructure.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.3. Main Street Revitalisation - Footpath

The Committee reviewed images of one of the proposed options for the Main Street Footpath (Hot Mix) that have been installed in nearby Council areas. Councillors requested an onsite inspection/meeting to view these footpaths. J Edgecombe advised that with the new street cleaner that Council has purchased, it will clean any surface whether it be concrete, hotmix or pavers. The committee were advised that local business owners have put their hands up to have a trial of the material options out the front of their shops for public viewing. A draft communications plan was also reviewed. It was noted that the current pavers are not slip resistant and pram ramps are not to the current Australian Standard.

It was advised that street furniture (including Banners, Pot Plants and seating) will also be part of the proposed main street revitalisation program.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Consider the proposed options for the Main Street footpath; and
2. Consider future options submitted through the Operation Committee; and
3. Administration prepare a report on potential funding sources the Main Street footpath revitalisation to the next operations committee meeting

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor W McAndrew

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.4. Standing Item - Capital Works Report

The Committee reviewed the projects that are occurring or nearing commencement. L Bezzina advised that the sealing works at Hughes Lane, Marrangaroo will be commencing on Wednesday next week (16th October 2019).

It was also advised that a contract will be signed shortly to commence sealing works in Hazelgrove Road, Cuthill Road and Glen Davis Road, as well as all other bitumen resealing works this financial year.

ACTION

THAT the committee note the information provided.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.5. 58 Macauley Street Stormwater Drainage

The committee discussed the storm-water drainage issues occurring at 58 Macauley Street. The committee were shown photos of the retention basin and damage that it has caused in the past when it over flows.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Investigate and design options to alleviate the stormwater drainage at the property, including options for co-funding opportunities.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.6. Request for Signage - Lake Wallace Wallerawang

The committee discussed the request that was lodged by a concerned resident and deemed that installing signage to restrict camping near the BBQ area would be beneficial and make area available and comfortable for all users of the facility.

It was raised that the Wallerawang/Lidsdale Progress Association should be consulted in relation to the installation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council conduct an on-site meeting to consider the best possible positioning for such signage
2. Once appropriate locations have been considered, Council install 'NO CAMPING IN THIS AREA' signage accordingly.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.7. Main Street Storm Water Proposal

The committee discussed the stormwater issues that have been regularly occurring in the Main Street (near the viaduct - George Coates Avenue). The committee reviewed maps of the stormwater infrastructure that is located in the area that was mapped as part of a recent flood study.

J Edgecombe advised that installing a larger pipe would alleviate the flooding in the area but there is fibre infrastructure in the area that could be damaged if a large pipe was installed. There was also discussion of boring under the railway line to install further stormwater infrastructure to alleviate flooding, it was advised that Council would need to seek appropriate approvals for this project to be carried out. It was also raised about the potential to place large storage tanks under Watsford Oval to store the water to be used to irrigate the local sporting fields. J Edgecombe advised that he has contacted a nearby Council to discuss this kind of project.

The committee discussed proactively saving funds and seeking grants for this project for works to commence in the 2022/23 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the project in principle;
2. Continue allocating funds into reserve at a rate of \$350,000.00 per year to facilitate the upgrade of stormwater infrastructure in the vicinity of the intersection of Laurence Street and Main Street, Lithgow; and
3. Consider the endorsement of this project in due course as part of the 2022/23 Operational Plan deliberations.
4. Seek grant funding options for the future project

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor D Goodsell

CARRIED: Unanimously

5.8. Unauthorised Works - Wattlemount Road, Portland

The committee were advised that the road surface and drainage were destroyed and many trees were felled. Works were completed by a local resident/business with a bulldozer. There is approx \$95,000 worth of damage based on Councils 2019/2020 fee calculation.

Legal advice has been sought from Council's lawyers. It was noted that Council have sent a letter to the alleged offender and is due to meet with the alleged offender next week.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council support the legal advice received to seek damages to rectify the unauthorised works that have been carried out on Wattlemount road.

MOVED: Councillor D Goodsell

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

6. General Business

Clr McAndrew wished to pass on a formal thank you to Council staff who were involved in the road works that occurred on Thorpe's Pinch Road - Mt Lambie on behalf of local residents.

Clr McAndrew requested road repairs on Scheidel Lane - Portland

7. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th November at 4:00pm in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:23pm.