



# MINUTES

Operations Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 4 March 2020

at 4:00 pm

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 04:00 pm.

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## 1. Present

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Present: Mayor Councillor Ray Thompson  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Steven Ring  
Councillor Wayne McAndrew (Chair)  
Councillor Joe Smith  
Councillor Deanna Goodsell  
Councillor Stephen Lesslie - Observer

Officers: Ross Gurney - Acting General Manager  
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure Services  
Daniel Buckens - Director Water & Waste Water  
Kaitlin Cibulka - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

## 2. Apologies

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

## 3. Confirmation of Minutes

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The minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on the 5th February 2020 were presented to Council on the 24th February 2020.

Clr S Lesslie requested that he be listed as an observer in the previous minutes and future meeting rather than a committee member.

### **ACTION**

#### **THAT**

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February of be taken as read and confirmed.
2. The previous minute be amended to note that Councillor S Lesslie attendance as an observer

**MOVED:** Councillor R Thompson

**SECONDED:** Councillor J Smith

## 4. Declaration of Interest

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Nil

## 5. Staff Reports

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## **5.1. Standing Item - Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme Update**

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The Director of Water and Waste Water gave a brief overview of the report. It was noted that although it has been verbally confirmed, Council are still awaiting (since November 2019) written confirmation of the approval of the low pressure system. It was advised that Council have made attempts to fast track / receive the written confirmation.

The Committee were advised that the design element of the project is still proceeding, based on the change to the low pressure system with additional work required to vary the design. It was noted that there is potential for nil environmental discharge and discussions in relation to this still continue with the EPA

The Director of Water and Waste Water advised that the Owner of the land that is the proposed site of the STP is satisfied with the area pegged out to give an idea of the location. Council are currently waiting for the land to be valuated, Real Estate to negotiate for the acquisition of the land.

Clr S Ring asked a question in relation to the discharge of effluent. It was advised that that the effluent would be treated before being discharged through a trenchless systems in to a nearby dam with this Council would need a licence to cover when discharging as you cannot pollute without one.

Clr S Lesslie sought clarification of the meaning of trenchless, it was noted that there is no need for open excavations and the ground will be under bored (Underground drilling)

### **ACTION**

THAT the committee note the report.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Thompson

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **5.2. Standing Item - Water & Sewer Infrastructure Update**

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The Director of Water and Waste Water advised that the Council have engaged Detection Services to undertake a condition assessment of the water main along Main Street Lithgow. The committee noted that the qualified team will be in Lithgow from 16th March for two days to complete works, this specialist team are from the UK.

The assessment report will be able to provide results and on the condition of the main based on the pipe thickness / pipe failure and how much life left in the water main, particularly in the Main Street area. This will also help Council determine whether it is warranted to replace the main (as part of the Main Street Revitalisation) dependent on the condition/ life span.

It was noted that local surveying company have surveyed the area pointed accuracy of the alignment of the mains to provide mapping.

The committee were advised by the Director of Infrastructure Services that in Bridge Street area, kerb and guttering maintenance and temporary valve removal is underway with the road scheduled to be resealed as soon as practicable.

**ACTION**

THAT the committee note the information provided

**MOVED:** Councillor D Goodsell

**SECONDED:** Councillor J Smith

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

**5.3. Standing Item - Capital Works Report**

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The Director of Infrastructure Services gave a brief overview of the report. It was noted that Sunray Ave , Hartley and Fourth St, Tobruk Street and First Street were recently sealed.

The committee were advised that works on William Street Portland, View Street Lidsdale and Hampton Road are currently on hold due to the predicted rain fall and was noted that the contractors will return to the area on Monday 9th March to continue with the works.

It was raised that the items for the Portland Garden Beds have been ordered ie Tree Surrounds , benches, bins. It was noted that prep work is completed and a traffic control plan has been prepared. Works are expected to commence in April 2020

Clr D Goodsell raised the kerb and guttering in Suvla Street Lithgow. The Director of Infrastructure Services advised the committee that a letter has been sent to residents of Suvla Street of Council's intention to remove the trees and repair the guttering and future plantation of suitable trees in the street.

The Committee were advised that the planned slope stability works on Wolgan Road will be put on hold on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March 2020 due to the forecast rain. Works are scheduled to recommence on Monday 9th March with intermediate closure between 10am to 2pm each day.

It was also noted that the ADF are no longer in the area and Council have lodged a formal application to seek further assistance,

**ACTION**

THAT the committee note the progress of the Capital Works.

**MOVED:** Councillor J Smith

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Thompson

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

#### **5.4. Report - Glen Alice Road , Bogee - Road Condition**

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The Director of Infrastructure Services gave an overview of the report, it was noted that there is a particular section of the Glen Alice Road that has reach the "end of its life". Council would need to consider intervention to remove the seal (approx. 6.5km) and have a continual grading schedule until funds become available in the new financial year to reseal the road.

It was pointed out that the fee recorded in the report is an approximate for future resealing works should Council consider the project.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT for the purpose of improving motorist safety and reducing ongoing maintenance costs, Council approve the immediate removal of seal along dilapidated sections of Glen Alice Road in preparation of an approval for reseal as part of the 2020/21 Operational Plan.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor R Thompson

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

#### **5.5. Glen Alice Road - Community submission**

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The Director of Infrastructure Services advised the committee that Council is in receipt of a request / complaint from a Glen Davis resident in relation to the road condition of the Glen Alice / Glen Davis Roads.

It was raised that the report contains multiple reason why the roads ( Glen Alice & Glen Davis Roads) are now a priority. It was noted that is not because of the residents correspondence to Council but because of the recent weather events that Council should intervene with repairs to the road.

Council administration have also lodged an application for funding under fixing local roads to assist with the costs of repairs.

#### **ACTION**

THAT the Operations Committee notes the report relating to past and future road renewal projects in the Capertee Valley.

**MOVED:** Councillor S Ring

**SECONDED:** Councillor D Goodsell

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **5.6. LATE REPORT – Request for Works – Woolnough Street, Vale Of Clwydd**

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The Committee were provided a report that will be presented to the next meeting of Council in relation to a works request, Woolnough Street Vale of Clwydd. The Director of Infrastructure Service gave advice on the recent rain event which caused substantial flooding at the property in question.

The committee agreed that the recent fire event has exacerbated the flooding matter. Maps indicating the average rainfall / flood area were viewed. Cllr Ring raised concern about the developments approval and it was advised that the approval was based on the Flood Study Plan from 1990.

It was noted that the land owner would be required to install a concrete Colbert (Drainage). Council has also met with residents in 2015 and it was raised that the pipes were inadequate at the time and with the continued erosion and the recent bushfires it has exaggerated the problem.

### **ACTION**

**THAT** the report be present to Council as a standalone report for endorsement.

**MOVED:** Councillor J Smith

**SECONDED:** Councillor D Goodsell

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## **6. General Business**

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Cllr J Smith advised of feedback he has been receiving from residents in the Wolgan Valley area expressing their gratitude to Council grader operators for their efforts in saving their houses during the recent bushfires. It was requested that a formal letter of thanks be provided to staff for their efforts during this time

Cllr D Goodsell wished to pass on thanks to Michael McGrath for his efforts with assisting residents with their concerns regarding the recent bushfire.

Cllr S Ring raised concern of a roll over at Glen Davis. Director of Infrastructure Services advised that graders are in the area and an inspection of the road surface will be undertaken.

CLR Thompson advised that residents of Doctors Gap Road have approached requesting a meeting with Council to discuss matters. Director of Infrastructure Services advised that a meeting will arrange with the residents.

**MOVED:** Cllr J Smith

**SECONDED:** Cllr S Ring

## **7. Meeting Close**

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 4:00pm in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 05:03 pm.

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