



DRAFT MINUTES

Operations Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 5 May 2021

at 4:00 PM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 04:02 pm.

1. Present

Councillor Wayne McAndrew - Chair
Councillor Ray Thompson
Councillor Steven Ring

Officers:

Matthew Trapp - Senior Engineer Water & Waste Water
Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure Services
Lewis Bezzina - Transport Manager
David Anderson - Building and Recreation Facilities Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka – Minutes

2. Apologies

Councillor Deanna Goodsell
Councillor Joe Smith
Craig Butler - General Manager
Daniel Buckens - Director Water and Waste Water

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2021 were presented to the Council on Monday 26th April 2021.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The Chair called for any matters arising from previous minutes.

Clr McAndrew raised that on page 4 of the minutes it noted that there was a meeting scheduled for the 28th April in relation to the operational issues with Water NSW and access charges. Clr McAndrew wanted to confirm if the meeting went ahead and the issues discussed / resolved.

Clr McAndrew also raised the cleaning of the Ashley Grandstand at the Tony Luchetti Sportsground. The Director Infrastructure Services advised that it has been scheduled by the cleaning contractors.

The state of the Williwa Creek Road was raised noting that the road requires maintenance. The Director Infrastructure Services advised that they are aware of the issue and the road has been inspected, however crews have been focusing on flood damage in the area.

5. Declaration of Interest

The Chair called for any declarations of interest.

There were Nil declarations of interest.

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Standing Item - Water & Sewer Infrastructure Services Update

The Senior Engineer Water and Waste Water provided an update on the current projects. The committee were advised that the Tweed Mills SPS is nearing completion with only electrical matters to be rectified. The Belt press project at the Lithgow STP is expected to be completed early in the new financial year with electrical and road works to be undertaken. Civil works on the site have been completed. The committee noted that the water hydraulics for the Portland Water Mains project are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year with new designs to be included in the new financial year. Contractors have also been at the previous meeting of Council for the Water Mains renewal with works to commence shortly.

The Senior Engineer Water and Waste Water advised that staff are working on the plans for the water and sewer which are approximately 85% complete. The committee reviewed the graph that was provided in the report. It was noted that Infrastructure is working with Water and Waste Water to input data into the new asset management system.

Clr R Thompson asked if the visual mapping of the network is included in the asset management system. It was noted that this will be separate and valves will be included. The mapping is a work in progress and there is a project in the next financial year that focuses on this.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the report from Water and Wastewater

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.2. Standing Item - Cullen Bullen STP Update

The Senior Engineer Water & Waste Water advised that there is a hold on the REF with the contractor GHD working on land capabilities, with the report expected to be received on Monday, and will be provided to the Planning and Development team for review. The purchase of land contract is close to being completed, with Council's property officer undertaking the process required for purchase. It is expected that this will be presented to the July Council meeting.

The committee requested that a public meeting be organised to update the residents of the current progress.

ACTION

THAT

1. the Committee note the progress on the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme Project; and
2. the administration organise a public meeting to advise the community of the progress of the project.

MOVED: Councillor W McAndrew

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.3. Standing Item - Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan

The Senior Engineer Water and Waste Water advised that committee that the DPIE & Council have been in contact in relation to the plan. It seems that Council is on the right track with Council currently waiting on public works advisory.

Clr S Ring requested that more information be provided at the next meeting with more detail and what the project is covering.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the report of the IWCM

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.4. Standing Item - Monthly Project Update

Clr McAndrew noted that 30 projects are completed. It was noted that the completed projects will be removed in the next report.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the Farmers Creek project has significantly progressed. Clr S Ring requested further information in relation to the ENV - OEH Fire Money and how this is being spent on Famers Creek.

The committee noted that the sealing of the carpark at the Visitors Information Centre is completed with fencing / guideposts to be installed and small garden works to be completed.

On Page 9 Clr S Ring asked about the slope stability project. It was noted that a small amount of funding has been allocated internally to mitigate immediate and significant risks, however external funding has also been requested and the administration awaits feedback from grant application prior to works going to tender.

It was noted on page 10 that a lease condition exists to paint the interior of the Centrelink building. The Building & Recreation Facilities Manager noted that it is not required to be painted however this is a third party lease which represents significant income for Council and the administration will negotiate with Centrelink management regarding alternative works.

The committee were advised that the BLD - Replace Lake Pillans Boardwalks was a Community & Culture Project. It was noted that the boardwalk fabrication is nearing completion with the painting still to occur.

It was advised that the tender for West Street sealing is currently out and closes on Tuesday 11th May 2021.

Glen Alice/ Mount Marsden was raised with messages received from residents that the road is in need of repair. It was advised that the road is scheduled to be sealed next week and maintenance to occur shortly thereafter.

Works are scheduled to commence shortly on the Hermitage & Vale halls with works being funded under drought communities. All bookings that will be effected will be moved to the dining room within the Civic Ballroom.

Works have commenced for the new pump track at Endeavour Park.

The committee raised the progress of the toilet blocks within the Rydal Village. It was advised that Council are currently in talks with John Holland In terms of lease additional portion of land that is the proposed site for the toilet installation with a development application soon to be lodged. It was noted that the Rydal Village were recently granted funds for a toilet block within the Rydal Showground.

The committee were also advised that Exeloos will also be installed in the Tweedie Street Park (Wallerawang Skate Park) and then Kremer Park Portland. It was advised that both these projects are on track.

ACTION

THAT the committee note the progress of the projects listed in the table provided in the agenda.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.5. Hassans Walls Reserve/ Lookout - Maintenance & Vandalism Issues

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the committee that the administration are looking into securing the assets at night with the installation gates & fencing / locking up existing gates to the Hassans Walls Reserve, Tony Luchetti Sportsground and Blast Furnace Park to deter vandalism in these areas.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Note the report;

2. Undertake a feasibility study regarding the restriction of after-hours access to popular recreational facilities within the urban Lithgow area, with a report to be presented to June 2021 Operations Committee meeting.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.6. Councillor Request - Erection of Barriers - Barton Ave Wallerawang

The committee discussed the report noting that it was asked to be presented to TALC however this is more an operational matter than a traffic matter. It was agreed that the management comment was self-explanatory and agreed that no action be taken.

ACTION

THAT the committee notes the report, with no further action to be taken.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

Clr W McAndrew requested details of where the DA process is up to with the installation of the new toilet within the Portland Men's Shed. It was advised that there was an issue with the service diagram of nearby services. The Water and Waste Water Senior Engineer advised that he will follow this up and will report to the committee.

Clr W McAndrew also raised that the top of the retaining wall at Kremer Park, Portland is falling in. The Building and Recreation Facilities Manager advised that he is currently looking into materials to stabilise the area.

Clr S Ring asked if line marking would occur in the Rydal Hampton area due to the increase of traffic in the area due to the closure of Jenolan Caves Road. The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there is funding in the next financial year's budget. It was also noted that Transport NSW will be funding variable message signs (VMS) in relation to suitable detours in the area. Council is also reporting on the condition / determination of assets (roads) to claim with Transport NSW. It was also noted that Council is working with neighboring Council (Oberon) with closures, speed reductions and reduced load limits on the local LGA roads.

Clr S Ring also advised that along Stacks Road, Rydal there are large drains that are blocked and require clearing, The Director Infrastructure Services advised that he will request the road team to investigate and rectify.

Clr S Ring raised concern with the recent grant funding provided to the Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation for Maiyingu Marragu (Previously Blackfellows Hands) for the upgrade of the fire trails on the reserve. It was noted that the land is a crown reserve however, Council manages it. The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the fire trail is not classed as a public road and cannot enforce the roads act however can deal with the land management issue in

relation to other works. It was noted that there is a Council resolution to meet with the stake holder.

Council has been in contact with the RMS in relation to the temporary 80km zone on the bridge heading west toward Bathurst. It was advised that the damage part of the bridge is a John Holland asset. Works were scheduled to undertake in April however were postponed due to flooding on the north coast where their resources were sent to. It is expected that the works will occur this month.

8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 4:00pm in the Committee Room

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