

MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS (WORKS) COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2013 at 5.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Pilbeam, Col Hunter and Ross Higlett and the Group Manager Operations
Iain Stewart

APOLOGIES : NIL

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST
NIL

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - NIL

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

The Committee resolved for appropriate actions to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during business arising from the previous minutes.

ITEM 4 – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – LAKE LYELL CARETAKERS POSITION

Resolution 12-422 adopted at the Council Meeting held on 5 November 2012 confirmed that :-

Council note the advice received regarding the current contractor/caretaker's intention not to exercise the further five year option and Council accept the variation to the current finish date from Sunday 31 March 2013 to 28 February 2013.

The Operations Works Committee review the level of assistance to be provided for the contract Management of Lake Lyell Recreation Area.

Council seek expressions of interest for the ongoing management of the Lake Lyell Recreation Area and acknowledge the services of the current caretakers.

Councillors will recall that the current caretaker at Lake Lyell indicated his preference not to proceed with the five year option on his current contract with Council. Subsequently Council advertised for expressions of interest from interested parties to undertake the caretaking role. Five expressions of interest have been received from the following persons:-

- Andrew Townsend
- Angela Rowland and Bruno Rolim
- Phillip Maertin
- Peter and Rhonda Evans
- Scott Hunter

Copies of the Expressions of Interest are attached.

Copies of the current caretakers contract with Council were given to the Committee to give an overview of the duties and conditions of engagement. It will necessary to review the EOIs and recommend to Council a suitable successor to the current contractor and review the contractual arrangement including remuneration.

ACTION:

That interviews be conducted with selected applicants interested in the position of Lake Lyell caretaker commencing at 4.00pm Thursday 31 January 2013

ITEM 5 – WATTELMOUNT ROAD PORTLAND UPDATE

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on 13 August 2012, Resolution No 12-291, Council resolved that :-

1. Council apply for the dedication of the section of Wattlemount Road to the end of the subdivision approximately 2.55 kilometres from Main Road 531;
2. Council authorise the affixing of the Council seal;
3. On completion of transfer Council maintain the road; and
4. Council seek the ownership of the right of carriageway that provides access to Wattlemount Road.

At the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 17 December 2012 the following Notice of Motion was defeated:

1. Given the expected delays to formally resolve Council's previous resolution 12-291, that Council takes immediate action to conduct appropriate maintenance of the Wattlemount Road at Portland to ensure the public safety of all users of the roadway.
2. Council note that it has on numerous occasions in the past, conducted appropriate maintenance of the Wattlemount Road at Portland to ensure the public safety of all users of the roadway.

The current resolution of 12-291 is still valid and commits Council to proceeding with the acquisition of the Right of Way which traverses two separate lots and the track that is contained in part to a crown road reserve.

Following discussions with Council's solicitor to undertake these tasks will require a property/title search, complete survey of the section of road and right of carriageway to be acquired, and preparation of necessary subdivision plans and consents from the relevant owners whose land will be affected. Staff are still awaiting approximate costs however the legals will be an expensive component of acquiring the land for public road.

The cost of gravelling the road and rectifying drainage issues will be in the vicinity of \$200,000, funds which are not included in the current budget.

ACTION:

1. That a further report be presented to the Committee following completion of the assessment of legal and survey costs associated with the conversion of Wattlemount Road to public road status.
2. An inspection of the road be arranged with members of the Committee at a date and time to be determined.

ITEM 6 – STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLANS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE

It is proposed to hold a Strategic Business Planning Workshop for Water Supply and Sewerage Services on 12 and 13 February 2013. An overview of the workshop and methodology was provided for the Committee's information and consideration with regard to participating.

ACTION:

That Councillors Col Hunter and Peter Pilbeam will be attending sessions of the workshop.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 7

HILLCREST SUBDIVISION SOUTH BOWENFELS WATER PRESSURE

A number of complaints have been received concerning low water pressure in the higher elevated sections of Hill Crest residential subdivision at South Bowenfels. Advice was provided that the issue is currently being examined with the possibility of installing an in line booster pump. It is prudent to conduct a hydraulic analysis of the water pressures in the area to examine a number of additional options to ensure the most appropriate solution is implemented and this is referred to in the water report being presented to the next Council meeting

ACTION:

That the Committee be provided with a report on what actions can be taken to alleviate the water problems in the Hillcrest Estate.

ITEM 8 - WOLGAN ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

The Committee was given an overview of the project including budget, scope of work, quantities of materials, resources that will be required and possible timeframes.

ACTION:

1. That the Committee be provided with the SWP for Major Project Management and proposed programme of works for this particular project.
2. That an inspection of the project be undertaken prior to works commencing at a date and time to be determined.