

OPERATIONS WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2013 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Col Hunter, Ross Higglett and Peter Pillbean.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Iain Stewart GMO and Chris Schumacher Works Manager

APOLOGIES

Nil

REPORT

ITEM 1 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM 2 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Operations Works Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 24th January 2013 were presented to Council on Monday, 23rd February 2013.

ITEM 3 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

An update on the the commencement of the new caretakers at lake Lyell was provided as was an update on the legal issues regarding Wattlemount Road and its transfer to Council as public road. The take as was the The Committee resolved for appropriate actions to be undertaken in relation to the items raised during business arising from the previous minutes.

ITEM 4 – WATTLEMOUNT ROAD

It is proposed to conduct an on-site inspection of Wattlemount Road when practicable.

ITEM 5 – WOLGAN ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

The first meeting of the Project Control Group took place on 6 March 2013 and minutes of the meeting are attached for information. A timeline for major construction actions was presented to the PCG meeting and is attached for information and discussion. Further work details are attached for the Committee's information. Detailed works are proposed to commence after Easter and once substantial works are commenced on site inspections can be organised for Committee members.

ACTION

That the progress report and associated timeline be received as satisfactory.

ITEM 6 – LITHGOW CBD UPGRADE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Funds have been included in the draft works programme for the upgrade of sections of the CBD including the footpath areas. Committee members will be aware of on going complaints from the public regarding the slippery nature of some of the paved areas. There is little doubt that some of the paved sections of Main Street are in fair to poor condition and other areas are in reasonable to good condition. The grade on the pram ramps does not meet the current disabled standards for access and trees and other works have dislodged certain sections rendering them uneven and difficult to compact and repair.

There is a total of 7,300 square metres of paved area and 2000 metres of brick kerb.

There a number of options available to continue to maintain or improve the condition of the footpath areas including :

Continue to repair damaged sections and apply non slip treatment

Replace the existing pavers with new pavers

Replace the existing pavers with a hotmixed surface

Replace existing pavers with concrete panels with brick paver headers (photos available), similar to Bathurst CBD and Katoomba CBD

Replace brick kerbs and install new pram/disabled ramps

The need for the adopted footpath resurfacing to blend and support any streetscape improvements proposed to be taken

Prior to making any final decisions on the final upgrade of the CBD consultation needs to take place with users including proposed materials, colour schemes and changes to parking layouts.

These options were discussed at length are submitted for consideration and discussion.

At this stage the preferred options appear to be the use of concrete panels and the retention of the bullnose birch kerbs, however further options are to be submitted including the possible construction of a trial section adjacent to the Main Street raised pedestrian crossing

ACTION

That a further report be submitted detailing construction options including streetscape proposals.

ITEM 7 – CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The committee was updated on the development and use of a electronic Contractor Management System which permits contractors to submit schedule of rates for services including plant hire rates WHS systems details and insurance details.

Further to the 'Schedule of Rates', this document provides Council with information in order to make decisions and judgement of contractors on ability, viability to undertake work, listed machinery and compliance (ROP's/ FOP's) and any other reference's relevant to ensure capability of a business or service to Council.

Furthermore, Lithgow City Council utilises this information from service providers to assess the ability, skills and/or suitability of services and machinery on offer in the external market environment. Such information helps Council to evaluate '*Value for Money*', fast track the selection of contractors for suitable works with minimal delay through pre-registration

ACTION

That a report listing the registered contractors using this scheme be submitted to the next meeting

