



Minutes

Operations Committee

18 November 2013

4.30pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Councilor Col Hunter, Councilor Ross Higlett, General Manager and Councilor Peter Pilbeam (5.15pm)

APOLOGIES: Iain Stewart

OFFICERS: Chris Schumacher

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Councilor Col Hunter
Councilor Peter Pilbeam

The minutes of the Operations Works Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2013 are to be presented at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 25 November 2013.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councilor Col Hunter

SECONDED: Councilor Ross Higlett

ITEM: 3 WATTLE MOUNT ROAD COST ESTIMATION OPTIONS A & B

The Committee was presented with estimates of cost to improve the road if Council were to take over control of the road. Option A is to bring the road to a standard that would be required by a developer now developing the road. Option B is to bring the road to a lesser standard that may be accepted by Council.

The cost estimation options will be provided to the landholders of Wattle Mount Road for their information.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note that the cost estimates to improve Wattle Mount Road will be provided to the landholders of the road.

MOVED: Councilor Col Hunter

SECONDED: Councilor Ross Higlett

ITEM: 4 RESERVE ROAD WORKS PROGRESS ON 1.5KM OF ROAD PAVEMENT AND DRAINAGE UPGRADE

A progress report on the current works being undertaken by Council on Reserve Road at Marrangaroo.

Currently staff have removed the excess road side and shoulder vegetation to improve the drainage from the Reserve Road Pavement. Council has also ripped and punched the existing bitumen back into the sub-base of the existing road.

Other drainage clearing works and dead tree/limb removal works will be undertaken prior to Council reshaping the existing road pavement with re-use material from the adjacent RMS project works on the GWH. Final preparation with a DGB-20 Road Base material will then be applied as the base layer for the new road prior to a 2-Coat bitumen seal being re-applied for 1.5km at 7m width.

Additional repair works are also to be undertaken in relation to road failure in Fernbrook Close Industrial Estate off Reserve Road.

ACTION

THAT the information on the progress of improvements to Reserve Road be noted.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Col Hunter

ITEM: 5 WOLGAN ROAD – SCHEDULING FOR WORKS FOR UPGRADE OF EXISTING ROAD PAVEMENT ADJACENT TO ANGUS PLACE COLLIERY

Works on the 1km section of Wolgan Road (As per on-site Meeting 30th September 2013) adjacent to Angus Place Colliery are to be commenced in the coming weeks.

Works will include the lifting and widening of Wolgan Road shoulders to provide for a suitable road pavement that will allow for the safe passing two vehicles of the same standard as existing road in accordance with the Tenders for Plant Hire Wolgan

Valley Road Project report to Council's Ordinary Meeting of 29 July 2013. The hire of plant for construction was resolved in accordance with Minute No. 13-269.

ACTION

THAT the information in relation to the reconstruction of a 1km section adjacent to Angus Place Colliery be noted.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Col Hunter

ITEM: 6 FUTURE WORKS – 2013/2014 ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

The following projects are proposed for this financial year's RTR Program:

- Curly Dick Road – 2km of road rehabilitation from the GWH due South toward Diamond Swamp Road.
- Hampton Road – 1km of road rehabilitation work adjacent to recent works completed at All Flats Forest.
- Glen Alice Road – 1km extension of bitumen seal on the Glen Alice Road on the western side of Glen Alice Village.

It was requested that any future works (post 2013/14) on Curly Dick Road be undertaken on extending the bitumen seal on the steeper section of this road adjoining Bathurst Regional Council existing bitumen seal.

ACTION

THAT the works under the Roads to Recovery Program be noted.

MOVED: Councilor Col Hunter

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

ITEM: 7 SOUTH LITTLETON/SOUTH BOWENFELS WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

To date road under bore works have now been completed in Enfield Avenue Lithgow for the next stage of sewerage mains replacement work set to commence 6th January 2014 and expected to be completed by 30th June 2014.

Information was noted and further progress reports to be presented to the committee as works progress.

ACTION

THAT the progress of the South Littleton/South Bowenfels Wastewater Infrastructure project be noted.

MOVED: Councilor Col Hunter

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

**ITEM 8: RMS ROAD SAFETY FUNDING PROGRAM \$10,000
CONTRIBUTION LOCAL ROADS**

Information was presented to the Works Committee outlining several local roads identified for re-line marking in the Lithgow urban area.

RMS has offered to provide Lithgow City Council \$10,000 funding on a 50/50 basis (\$20,000) for the purposes of safety improvement work upon Council local road network. It is proposed to utilise this funding to re-new existing line marking in several urban streets of Lithgow.

It is envisaged that all funding under this arrangement be spent before the 20th December 2013.

ACTION

THAT the information on the RMS Road Safety Funding Program be noted.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

ITEM 9: RESOURCES FOR REGIONS – BLACK BRIDGE

Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been called for consultancies interested in submitting quotation for survey, geotechnical and design works inclusive of contact document development for the future tendering of the bridge works.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted the report on the Resources for Regions project for Black Bridge.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM 10: WOLGAN ROAD OPENING

A tentative date of 3 December 2013 has been set for the opening of recent Wolgan Road construction work. It is anticipated that the Minister for Roads will be in attendance.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted that a tentative date of 3 December 2013 has been set for the opening of recent Wolgan Road construction work.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

ITEM 11: FLOOD DAMAGE

The Committee was informed of a recent embankment erosion issue in Small Creek adjacent No. 2 Bells Road Lithgow. Legal titles searches relating to surrounding property show that the legal owners of the adjacent narrow strip of land on the eastern side of No. 2 Bells Road is owned by Shell.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted the information in relation to flood damage in Small Creek adjacent to 2 Bells Road Lithgow.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

ITEM 12: PORTLAND ROADS AND LANES SEALING PROGRAM

The Committee was updated on the status of the Portland laneway and roads sealing program. There are still 15 roads that require to be prepared and sealed prior to 30th June 2014. This work has been set as a priority and is expected to be completed by March 2014.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted progress of the Portland Roads and Lanes Sealing Program.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

ITEM 13: BONAVENTURE ROAD

Clr Hunter discussed the recent Council grading works upon Bonaventure Road, Mt Lambie. Whilst the works are an improvement upon the existing state of the road, Clr Hunter would also like to see some remedial works undertaken on a bad bending section of the road. It is suggested that an on-site meeting with Councils Works Manager and Rural Overseer to determine the best approach to road improvement work on this section of Bonaventure Road.

ACTION

THAT the Committee noted comments on Bonaventure Road.

MOVED: Councilor Ross Higlett

SECONDED: Councilor Peter Pilbeam

ITEM 14: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Meeting to be held in the next 2 weeks to determine available resources/funding and possible time line for corrective action.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm