



MINUTES

Operations Committee

6 March 2014

4.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Councillors Col Hunter, Ross Higglett

The Mayor Councillor Maree Statham and Councillor Peter Pilbeam were present for the latter part of the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart, Chris Schumacher, Rhys Brownlow

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 Committee Meeting held on 16th December 2013 & 17th January 2014 were presented and adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 10th February 2014.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 16th December 2013 and 17th January 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: C. Hunter **SECONDED:** b

ITEM: 3 PORTLAND ONSITE MEETING

SUMMARY

At an onsite meeting held with a number of residents at Kremer Park on Friday, 17th January 2014 a list of suggested priorities was established. Following consideration

of a number of technical options it was considered that the \$100,000 allocated in the current budget to totally reconstruct the existing retaining walls could be reallocated to the following items:

1. Rectify the drainage at the rear of the existing retaining walls and construct runoff drains to direct water away from entering the rear of the structures and seal the top layers of the retaining walls to prevent further erosion
2. Resheet the trotting track and provide improved drainage to protect the surface of the trotting track and prevent washouts
3. Divert storm water runoff from surrounding streets to be away from the low points in Kremer Park plus protecting the trotting track;
4. Rectify the drainage at the rear of the Mens Shed ;
5. Upgrade the existing canteen
6. Upgrade the existing floodlighting on the grandstand roof

ACTION

THAT the proposed works programme for Kremer park be implemented

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: R Higlett

ITEM: 4 MAIN STREET LITHGOW PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

SUMMARY

Following the recent slip testing undertaken at specific locations in the Main Street CBD results of which have been circulated to Committee members, it is necessary to establish an action plan to deal with issues raised by the results. Bearing in mind the deliberations of the CBD revitalization working party temporary treatment of the worst areas may be appropriate.

ACTION

Apply non slip treatment to the areas adjacent to the pedestrian crossing at Cook Street plaza and the footpaths on grade to the east of this location extending to Eskbank Street lights at a cost of \$50000

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: P Pilbeam

ITEM: 5 REVIEW OF MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS

SUMMARY

Projects discussed in detail included the following:-the rehabilitation of Wolgan Road, reconstruction of Bonaventure Road, reconstruction of Curly Dick Road,

commencement of Black Spot works on the Sodwalls -Tarana Road, Portland and Lithgow streets reseals, Clarence Transfer System, progress with contract works, Black Bridge replacement, Portland STP upgrade, and the Aquatic Centre stages

2,3, and 4 and . Inspections of some of these projects can be arranged at dates that suit all members.

Detailed discussions included:

1. Wolgan Road at Angus Place Colliery-works have been completed on the strengthening of the sub grade, widening of the road, raising of the finished surface level of the pavement and the installation of additional culverts.

This section of road has also been road based and is awaiting bitumen seal.
2. Curly Dick Road- work has commenced on the reconstruction of Curly Dick Road including the removal of the existing old bitumen sealed section extending from the Great Western Highway. This work is proceeding using Councils day labour.
3. Black spot program- Sodwalls-Tarana Road- Due to the costs involved in carrying out this project it may be necessary to call tenders as Councils day labour forces will not be in a position to in the future due to other works commitments.
4. Portland Lithgow street reseals- work is well advanced on preparing a number of lane ways and streets for bitumen reseal. The Lithgow program is basically ready to proceed with the bitumen reseal with the exception of Pimpala Street which is to be prepared as soon as possible and work on Portland lanes and streets is ad advanced to the stage of approximately 75% complete.
5. Portland STP upgrade- Council has lodged a submission under the Resources for Regions scheme at a total cost of 15 million dollars for the project with the expectation that a grant of 10 million dollars may be allocated to this project.

At the time of writing this report no announcement had been made concerning the success of the application.

7. Aquatic centre stages 2,3 and 4- contract documentation has been completed for all three stages, design drawings are available and tenders have been invited on a selective basis from those companies who expressed a written interest in the project. Tenders will close on the 31st March for the three projects either as a combined project or as separate projects.
8. Black Bridge replacement- work is proceeding following the engagement of the consultants to carry out the geotechnical investigation and design of the replacement bridge for the existing Black Bridge and geotech work has been completed and the design work is proceeding in accordance with the timetable.
9. Clarence transfer system- work is proceeding on the completion of this important component of this Lithgow water supply. TWS contractors who were the successful tenders for Part A of the contract are back on site replacing the fire damaged main. This main is currently being laid underground to ensure that a repeat of previous events does not occur.

Part B of the contract which was awarded to Allflow is nearing completion with the hydraulic testing of the pipeline from the Clarence Colliery dam to the reservoirs being undertaken recently and the installation of cabling and power to the pump station at the Clarence Colliery dam proceeding towards completion. The issue of the power upgrade to the Council pump station for Part A is still being reviewed and discussions have been held with Endeavour Energy and Clarence Colliery regarding the lack of power at the present site. A number of options have been investigated in regard to this matter and council will be further advised. The project is currently running within budget and the completion date is expected to be May 2014.

ACTION

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: R Higlett

ITEM: 6 REVIEW OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

SUMMARY

Following the recent introduction of level 4A water restrictions and subsequent reduction to level 3 water restrictions it may be appropriate to review the actual compliance criteria that has previously been adopted by Council. Reference is also made to the BOD model used by Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo and the obvious regional benefits of adopting similar restrictions. Copies of both sets of restrictions for provided consideration and review.

ACTION that this matter be listed for the next meeting with further details on the relationship of water restriction trigger points relevant to Councils Water Supply and the Fish River Water Supply

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: P Pilbeam

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Date 3 April 2014 at 4.00 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45pm

