



MINUTES

Operations Committee

10 April 2014

4.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Councillors Col Hunter, Peter Pilbeam and the Mayor Councillor Maree Statham

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ross Higlett

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart, Chris Schumacher, Rhys Brownlow

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 6 March 2014 were presented and adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 24 March 2014.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 6 March 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: P Pilbeam

ITEM: 3 WATTLEMOUNT ROAD

SUMMARY

Reference is made to the attached correspondence from the Deputy Premier, the Hon. Andrew Stoner regarding the proposed transfer of Wattlemount Road to Council. Following this advice a notice was published in the Government Gazette dated on 21 March 2014 transferring certain Crown roads to Council as public roads under Council's control. This included the crown road section of Wattlemount Road extending from the Portland Cullen Bullen road to the northern boundary of Lot 11

DP1093481 and included the unformed section which is currently replaced with a right of carriageway

The Deputy Premier further advised that NSW Trade and Investment, Crown lands have been requested to assist Council in whatever capacity they are able to resolve the issue, including in obtaining contributions from road users

ACTION

THAT Council

- seek details of the level of assistance which is to be provided by NSW Trade and Investment in regard to legalization of this issue
- provide resources in the 2014/15 financial year to commence some improvements to the drainage and shoulder structures of the road
- with the assistance of the NSW Trade and Investment commence negotiations to acquire the right of carriageway and dedicate same as a public road

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: P Pilbeam

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

That Council proceed to engage a contractor to apply and appropriate non slip surface 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 and adjacent to the Thai restaurant at an estimated cost of \$50,000

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 advanced to the stage of approximately 75% complete.
5. Portland STP upgrade- Council has been successful in its submission for funding under the Resources for Regions scheme for this project at a total cost of 15 million dollars. A grant of 10 million dollars being allocated to this project and SID will commence in regard to finding a suitable site and preparing for the design of the new plant.
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 have closed and will be reported to the next Council meeting to be held on 14 April 2014.
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.

The consultants have suggested that the bridge design be altered to permit B-Double vehicle movements

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. This work has now been completed

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 recently resolved to accept the proposal from Clarence Colliery to provide power to the respective pump station sites. 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: P Pilbeam

ITEM: 6 EMERGENCY WORKS

SUMMARY

It was noted that there was a significant rockfall on the Wolgan gap Road during recent heavy rains. The fall was not in the same location as the previously stabilized section and was promptly cleared by Council. Council has experienced significant storm damage to its rural roads network and this has further delayed completion of capital roadworks projects. An application for funding of storm damage has been submitted to the RMS for consideration

ACTION

THAT the information be noted

MOVED: C Hunter

SECONDED: P Pilbeam

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

NIL

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Date 5 June 2014 at 4.00 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45pm