



MINUTES

Operations Committee

1st May 2014

4.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Mayor Maree Statham, Councillor Peter Pilbeam, Councillor Col Hunter

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ross Higlett

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Councillor Col Hunter
Councillor Peter Pilbeam

The minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on 10th April 2014 were presented and adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 12th May 2014.

ACTION

THAT the minutes of the meeting of 10th April 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Peter Pilbeam

ITEM: 3 FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM – FARMERS CREEK, LITHGOW

SUMMARY

Advice was provided to the Committee in regard to the compulsory onsite meeting that was held with interested contractors during the tender period for the 2014/2015 Flood Mitigation Works in Farmers Creek. The compulsory meeting was held on Thursday, 24th April 2014 and six contractors attended the meeting. Contractors were shown the extent of works and a number of questions were dealt with during the inspection. Contractors were further advised that the closing date for tenders would

be extended to Thursday, 15th May 2014 to enable accurate and competitive tenders to be lodged.

With regard to the 2014/2015 Flood Mitigation Program, two grant applications have been submitted, particularly with regard to the upgrading of drainage in the Vale of Clwydd area and the voluntary purchase of two flood affected properties. The success of these applications may not be known for some months and Council has provided funds in its 2014/2015 budget to match capital works that may be approved under the Flood Mitigation Program.

ACTION

THAT progress on the Farmers Creek Flood Mitigation project and the Vale of Clywdd flooding issue be noted.

MOVED: Maree Statham

SECONDED: Peter Pilbeam

ITEM: 4 REVIEW OF MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS

SUMMARY

A number of projects were discussed with regard to progress concerning their construction. Projects included the rehabilitation of Wolgan Road which has now been completed, reconstruction of Bonaventure Road which has now been completed, reconstruction of Curly Dick Road which is ready for bitumen seal, blackspot works on the Sodwalls Tarana Road and Lithgow and Portland reseals. Further advice was given on progress with regard to Clarence Transfer System, the Black Bridge Replacement and the Portland STP Upgrade and progress regarding the Aquatic Centre Stages 2 & 3.

ACTION

THAT progress on the 2013/14 major works be noted.

MOVED: Maree Statham

SECONDED: Peter Pilbeam

ITEM: 5 2014 DELIVERY PROGRAM – MAJOR ROADWORKS

SUMMARY

General discussion was held on the proposed roadworks program for 2014/2015 as contained within the Delivery Program and at this stage there was no suggested changes to the program.

ACTION

THAT the proposed 2014/15 major roadworks program be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Peter Pilbeam

ITEM: 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

- Sodwalls Tarana Road Blackspot Safety Project – tenders have just closed for plant hire for this particular project and this was to be reported to the following Council Meeting which is to be held on 12th May 2014. The Committee briefly reviewed the tenders received and the plant hire rates and supported the acceptance of the tendered rates from Dukes Earthmoving.
- The issue of advertising signs on the highway near the intersection of the highway and Meadow Flat. This matter is to be referred to the RMS for removal of the signs which are allegedly causing sight distance problems.
- The issue of finding a suitable alternative location for Wallerawang Fire & Rescue during the reconstruction of their fire shed was discussed. The possible use of Council's Depot has been investigated but it is understood that arrangements may be made with RFS for the shared use of the Wallerawang Bushfire Shed.
- South Littleton/South Bowenfels – a brief progress report was given on the upgrade to the infrastructure and it was noted that the contractor is well advanced in regard to the construction of the pump stations, the rising main and gravity main.
- The issue of possible grading of Windy Gully Road was raised and it was noted that Council had an old agreement with the residents that as this is not a public road, the road would only be graded once a year.
- Disabled access in Portland – it was noted that disabled access at three locations had been completed, including the Post Office, Chemist and Butcher.
- Progress with regard to installation of shade over playground equipment at Kremer Park and Lake Wallace – the Committee was advised that a contractor has been engaged to install the necessary shade and the footings are under construction at the present time.

ACTION

THAT the items discussed in general business be noted and any appropriate actions identified be undertaken.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Maree Statham

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Thursday, 5th June 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm