



Minutes

Operations Committee

4th September 2014

4.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Maree Statham, Cllr Col Hunter, Cllr Ross Higlett, Cllr Peter Pilbeam

APOLOGIES: Nil

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 7th August 2014 were presented to the Council's Ordinary Meeting of 8th September 2014.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 7th August 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Maree Statham **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

ITEM: 3 REVIEW OF MAJOR PROJECTS

Verbal progress reports were given on:

- Flood Mitigation Scheme Stage 2 currently proceeding on the southern bank of Farmers Creek adjacent to Watsford and Conran Ovals
- Ongoing construction of Stages 2 & 3 of the Indoor Aquatic Centre
- Black bridge project
- South Littleton/South Bowenfels sewer upgrade

- Other major road works in progress

The tenders for the construction of the Black Bridge project at Wallerawang were discussed and it was noted that a report is going to Council's Ordinary Meeting of 8th September 2014n for determination.

Progress on the Flood Mitigation Scheme State 2 is proceeding well. Some rock has been encountered requiring a small alteration to the design of the footings and some minor asbestos has also been found which was dealt with in a proper manner and disposed of at the Lithgow Landfill site.

Stages 2 & 3 of the Aquatic Centre are proceeding well ahead of schedule and excavation of the 25m pool is nearing completion. The next stage will be the concreting of the major pool structure.

The South Littleton/South Bowenfels sewer upgrade project is nearing completion and the only work required to be completed is electrical and it is anticipated that pump tests on both the two new pump stations will be undertaken in the next 2-3 weeks, subject to completion of the power installation.

Other major road works in progress include the preparation of 1km of the Glen Davis Road for sealing and also a similar project on the Glen Alice Road. Both projects are currently being undertaken and include supply of road base and eventual sealing.

ACTION

THAT the information on the review of major projects be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

ITEM: 4 PORTLAND STP UPGRADE

SUMMARY

The project team is proceeding with the development of a concept plan for the Portland STP and work being undertaken at the present time includes:

- Survey work
- Geotechnical work
- Monitoring of the inflows into the Portland STP to determine flows and significant characteristics of flows.

Advice has been received from the EPA advising that the concentration limits for the discharge effluent from the Portland STP upgrade will be similar to those currently identified and stipulated for Lithgow and Wallerawang. These concentration limits include the following:

- Biochemical oxygen command: 10 milligrams per litre

- Fecal coliforms: 200 colony forming units per 100 millilitres
- Nitrogen (ammonia): 2 milligrams per litre
- Nitrogen (total): 10 milligrams per litre
- Oil and grease: 10 milligrams per litre
- pH: 6.5 – 8.5 pH units
- Phosphorous (total): 0.5 milligrams per litre
- Total suspended solids: 15 milligrams per litre

The EPA has also indicated its willingness to participate in the project planning team, which involves regular teleconferences and/or site meetings and this will be implemented fore with. The project now has a list of goals and objectives which have to be achieved with regard to the above detailed criteria for the design of the plant.

ACTION

THAT the information on the Portland STP upgrade be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

ITEM: 5 CURRENT PROGRESS – WATTLEMOUNT ROAD

SUMMARY

It should be noted that the survey work from the gates to the end of the Crown Road which has been transferred to Council adjacent to Mr John Gracey’s property has been completed and a survey plan showing the location of the existing track, the location of existing fences and the location of the legal road be presented to the next meeting for information and possible action.

ACTION

THAT the information on Wattlemount Road be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

ITEM: 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

- Repair issues to damaged section of Hampton Road – it was noted that an 80m section of Hampton Road recently reconstructed has failed on the road

shoulder, due mainly to the wet weather and the heavier loads currently experienced on that particular section of the road by logging trucks. Work is programmed to repair this section of road as soon as appropriate weather permits.

ACTION

THAT the information on repair issues to damaged section of Hampton Road be noted.

MOVED: Ross Higlett **SECONDED:** Peter Pilbeam

SUMMARY

- Power to Saville Park – it was noted there is no power available to Saville Park for function use however it should be remembered that Council may be in a position to hire out a generator if indeed special events were to be conducted at Saville Park

ACTION

THAT the information on power to Saville Park be noted.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam **SECONDED:** Maree Statham

SUMMARY

- Toilets at Saville Park & Wallerawang Oval – the condition of these toilets in both locations was raised and it was considered appropriate that action be taken as soon as possible to improve, particularly the toilets at Wallerawang Oval.

ACTION

THAT the information on toilets at Saville Park and Wallerawang Oval be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

SUMMARY

- Footpath construction – it was noted that the footpath construction on the Great Western Highway between McDonalds and the Visitors Centre is well advanced and the width has permitted shared use of this particular footpath by cyclists and pedestrians. It is anticipated that the work will be completed within 2 weeks.

ACTION

THAT the information on footpath construction be noted.

MOVED: Maree Statham **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

SUMMARY

- Upgrade of skate park at Portland – it was noted that under the Club Grants Scheme that it was proposed to submit as a possible project the upgrade of the skate park at Kremer Park.

ACTION

THAT the information on upgrade of skate park at Portland be noted.

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

SUMMARY

- Maintenance issues relating to Cupitts Lane – it was noted that this particular lane is not a road under Council’s care and control and it is appropriate that Council should write to the residents in Cupitts Lane advising them that Council is not responsible for this road and that it may be possible for Council to carry out works on this road at the request of the owners at their cost.

ACTION

THAT the information on maintenance issues relating to Cupitts Lane be noted.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam **SECONDED:** Ross Higlett

SUMMARY

- Kremer Park works – it was recommended that further onsite inspection be held at Kremer Park in conjunction with the meeting with the Pied Piper Preschool representatives to look at the issue of drainage and the retaining wall and any other works that may be required at Kremer Park. This meeting is to be organized after the school holidays.

ACTION

THAT the information on Kremer Park works be noted and an onsite meeting be arranged at a suitable time.

MOVED: Ross Higlett **SECONDED:** Maree Statham

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 2nd October 2014 at 4pm in the GMO Office

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm.