



Minutes

Operations Committee

4th December 2014

4.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr Col Hunter, Clr Ross Higlett

APOLOGIES: Clr Peter Pilbeam, Clr Maree Statham

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:

Councilor Col Hunter
Councilor Ross Higlett

The minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on 4th September 2014 were presented to the Council's Ordinary Meeting of 29th September 2014.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 4th September 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

ITEM: 3 WATTLEMOUNT ROAD

SUMMARY

Updated information was presented on the need to provide funds in the 2015/2016 budget for commencement of road works/improvements on Wattlemount Road. It was also noted that additional work is required to be carried out on a section of the road that is not located within the legal boundaries and as one of the adjacent landholders is keen to re fence his property on the correct alignment, this will require some minor realignment of the section of Wattlemount Road beyond the boundaries

of the original subdivision. Following an onsite meeting with the resident who proposes to re-fence his boundary, Council will be required to carry out some timber removal and realignment of the track at this location.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide \$200,000 in the 2015/2016 budget to commence improvements to the drainage on the section of Wattlemount Road that has been transferred to Council and to allow for gravel re sheeting of sections of the road.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

ITEM: 5 REVIEW OF MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS

SUMMARY

Projects discussed in detail included:

- Black Bridge - Following resolution of the contract price, the contractor has indicated he will move onto the site commencing 4 February 2015. A date for the possession of the rail corridor has not yet been confirmed.
- Stages 2 & 3 Aquatic Centre – Are well advanced and the contractor is hoping for completion in late March/early April. Tiling of the pool structure has commenced.
- Stage 4 Aquatic Centre – The calling of tenders for Stage 4 has closed and a report on the tenders will be presented to the Council meeting to be held 9 February 2015.
- Portland STP Upgrade – The feasibility report has been completed and the draft is currently being reviewed. Detailed design is expected to commence by April 2015.

ACTION

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

ITEM: 6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

SUMMARY

- Roadworks – Hampton Road repairs, Coxs River Road repairs, Sunny Corner Road and Range Road heavy patching, Railway Avenue /Rowell Street hot mix repairs, Rutherford Lane reseal.

- Depot Improvements – completion of fit-out to new vehicle shed at Wallerawang Depot, erection of new boundary fence at Lithgow Depot.
- Lithgow Cemetery Improvements – work is proceeding on the beautification of the Lithgow Cemetery frontage which will include removal of unsuitable trees, construction of concrete footpath and concrete driveways, turfing, tree planting and fencing work.

ACTION

That the information be noted

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

The issue of the part encroachment of the driveway and fence at the RFS headquarters in Silcock Street on the adjacent owners land was discussed and it was proposed to acquire this small portion of land following negotiations and submission of a further report to the Committee.

ACTION

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

SUMMARY

The condition of Quarry Road, Ben Bullen was raised and due to the low traffic volumes using this road and the state of the existing bitumen seal, it was considered that it may be appropriate to return the public road section to gravel surface status. Funds may be provided in future years to reseal this road if it is warranted.

ACTION

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

SUMMARY

It was noted that a request has been received to pipe an open drain in the car park of the Tarana Bushfire Shed. This work is to be programmed following preparation of an estimate of cost.

ACTION

THAT the information be noted.

SUMMARY

Intersection of Mort Street and Chifley Road, Lithgow – the overgrown condition of the traffic island at this location was noted and a cleanup of the excessive vegetation is to be programmed when resources are available.

ACTION

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Ross Higlett

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 4.00pm on Thursday, 19th February 2015
Council Chambers, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

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