



Minutes

Operations Committee

18th February 2016

4.00pm

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Clr M Statham, Clr C Hunter, Clr P Pilbeam, Roger Bailey

APOLOGIES: Clr R Higlett

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart, Rhys Brownlow, Maddison Bailey

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

ITEM 2: DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NIL

ITEM: 3 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 15th October 2015 were presented to the Council's Ordinary Meeting of 16th November 2015.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 15th October 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Col Hunter

Seconded: Maree Statham

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

ITEM: 5 REVIEW OF MAJOR PROJECTS - ROADS

Rural Roads Improvements

A number of rural road improvements have been completed including the sealing of sections of Blackheath Creek Road, Cox's River Road, Hampton Road, Wallerawang Rydal road, and Forest Ridge Drive.

Works in progress include rehabilitation of sections of Browns Gap Road, grading of Curly Dick and Glen Alice Road.

Other significant works completed include gravel resheeting of Port Macquarie Road and Homes Hills Road with assistance from an environmental consultant to ensure all necessary protocols were observed.

Urban Roads Improvements

Works to be completed in the next few weeks include resealing of Ordnance Ave, Girraween Drive, Pindari Place, Cripps Ave road shoulder, Koolyn Place and Kremer Crescent. Due to the extensive works on the Great Western Highway it has not been possible to acquire the services of a hot mix contractor to undertake some of this work.

Other Works

Construction of works on the combined footway/cycleway at Conron Oval have been delayed due in part to some evidence of subsidence/settlement of the fill behind the retaining wall of the Creek.

Work on the improvements to the Lithgow cemetery frontage is due to commence shortly.

ACTION

THAT the progress report on Rural and Urban roads improvements be noted.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Peter Pilbeam

ITEM: 6 REVIEW OF MAJOR PROJECTS – WATER AND WASTEWATER

Water Main renewal program currently in progress in Southern section of Rifle Parade due to be completed at the end of the month.

Water Treatment Plant Upgrade – On line automatic monitoring equipment is being installed and work is due to commence on the replacement of the filters in April 2016.

Portland STP - work is proceeding on the preparation of plans and specifications for the calling of tenders for the construction of Portland STP. Tenders for construction are expected to be called by 29 February 2016.

Sewer Trunk main -in Lithgow continuation of lining of trunk main from Tank Street to Geordie Street is due to commence by the end of the month. Rectification of periodic surcharging in the Enfield Ave area will also be included in the program.

The water pump station that feeds water to Cook Street High level reservoir has been upgraded with a new pump and switchboard which will improve the ability to maintain satisfactory levels in Cook Street High particularly when feeding from Lithgow to the villages.

ACTION

THAT the progress report on capital works in Water and Wastewater be noted.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam

SECONDED: Col Hunter

ITEM: 7 ENDEAVOUR PARK DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

Investigative work has been proceeding on the suggestion that part of Endeavour Park be developed for residential purposes.

A number of options have been identified and draft layouts of possible development will be forwarded on Monday. The site has a number of constraints particularly at the Amiens Street frontage including the need for adequate drainage.

Adopting a layout similar to the McKenzie Place Cul de sac approximately 9 lots could be provided. Other options include the development of a row of lots fronting Amiens Street, providing for between 9 and twelve lots and the construction of a U-shaped layout providing entry and exit to Amiens Street providing 9 to 12 lots. The preferred layout would be subject to detailed survey, costs estimating and geo technical investigation as the bottom end of Endeavour Park would require significant improvements to storm water drainage

Construction costs will vary for each option however infrastructure such as water, power, wastewater, roadworks and landscaping/earthworks would not significantly vary from layout to layout.

At this stage it is understood that the land is classified as Community land and would require to be reclassified to operational land to enable future subdivision to proceed.

The impact of any subdivision on the remainder of the open space would require careful consideration bearing in mind the use of the top section of the land as a rest area with public toilet access.

It is at this stage a very preliminary estimate of cost suggests that any of the three layouts could be developed for \$65,000 per lot. There are also other possible layouts which could be developed using more or less of the site subject to evaluation.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The cul-de-sac model be used as the preferred layout for development;
2. Plans showing the location of the proposed residential development and the Adventure Playground be prepared to enable a review of the integration of both developments; and
3. The process for reclassification of the site from community land to operational land be initiated.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam

SECONDED: Maree Statham

Councillor Col Hunter requested his name be recoded against the recommendation.

ITEM: 8 2015/2016 ROADS TO RECOVERY AMENDED PROGRAM

The adopted program for the 2105/16 Roads to Recovery grant consisted of the following works:-

Browns Gap Road reseal and rehabilitation - \$300,000
Coxs River Road rehabilitation, gravelling and sealing - \$130,000
Hampton Road resealing - \$130,000

Advice has been received from the Federal Government of a double payment for 2105/16 and possibly 2016/17. This will require an amendment to the 2015/16 program with additional projects to be considered.

Additional projects considered to be necessary include:-

Curly Dick Road gravel and seal from end of existing seal to Diamond Swamp Road - \$320,000

Coxs River Road rehabilitation and reseal from Kanimbla Drive turnoff to Duddawarra Bridge - \$200,000

Forest Ridge Drive rehabilitation and reseal - \$40,000

Glen Alice Road seal the missing link between two sections of existing bitumen - \$40,000

The benefits of resealing works a in comparison to extending the length of rural sealed roads was discussed and it was agreed that more emphasis should be placed in the future on protecting existing assets, i.e. bitumen reseals.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the following additional projects for the Roads to Recovery program for 2015/16:

- Magpie Hollow Road rehabilitation and reseal from Martins Lane to Mortens Hill - \$100,000;
- Curly Dick Road gravel and seal from end of existing seal to Diamond Swamp Road - \$100,000;
- Coxs River Road gravel and seal from Duddawarra Bridge to new work in the vicinity of Lowther Siding - \$220,000;
- Rydal Hampton road bitumen reseal selected sections - \$100,000; and
- Glen Alice Road connect two existing sections of sealed pavement (missing Link) - \$40,000.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam

SECONDED: Maree Statham

ITEM: 9 ACCESS ISSUES DENGATE 17 BARTON AVE

A request has been received from the owners of 17 Barton Avenue Wallerawang to purchase a portion of Council owned land adjacent to their property to rectify access issues to their residence. The residence is located on the western side of Barton Ave at the crest of Barton Ave in the vicinity of James Parade and Lyons Parade (map attached).

The owners have offered \$15,000 to purchase 2955 square metres to enable an access to be constructed from a layback crossing provided by Council when the shoulder were kerb and guttered across Council owned land to their property.

Until recently the Council land in question was classified as community however it has now been reclassified as operational thus allowing for such activity. Some of the land being sought is burdened by a transmission line easement which is 30.48 meters in width.

The request for 2955 square metres seems excessive for the creation of a vehicle access and the impact on future use of this Council land should not be compromised without some assessment of possible future use of the land.

It should be noted that whilst there no records available to describe the activities performed to reduce the height of the road cutting in this area, the impact on access to this property would have been obvious. It is believed this work was undertaken prior to amalgamation in 1977. The access issue to this particular block would have been apparent at time of purchase in 2004.

The issue could be resolved by either creating a right of carriageway, being 3m wide and 90m long (subject to survey to determine the most suitable location) across Council land without significantly affecting future use of this land or accede to a boundary change as requested by the owners of 17 Barton Street.

All costs involved would be at the purchaser's expense and Council would need to seek its own valuation if land sale is the favoured option.

It is understood the history of this access issue has been forwarded to individual Councillors for their information.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Offer to provide a right of carriageway to be determined via the transmission easement located on Council owned land at an agreed level of compensation following valuation by Council's valuer to provide access from Barton Ave to the boundary of 17 Barton Avenue with all costs associated with the creation of the right of carriageway to be the responsibility of the applicant; and
2. Authorise the affixing of the Council seal to any documentation requiring the seal; and
3. Authorize the General Manager to finalise the transfer of the right of carriageway.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam

SECONDED: Col Hunter

ITEM: 10 LAKE WALLACE LITTER ISSUES

Following complaints regarding the overflowing of rubbish and litter from the existing bins located on the foreshores of Lake Wallace the existing 120 litre bins have been replaced with 240 litre bins. There has been a significant increase in the use of Lake Wallace foreshore. by visitors, campers and other recreational users this summer, necessitating an increased capacity for collecting and storing rubbish prior to pickup with a review of bin locations to be undertaken.

ACTION

THAT the Committee note the improvements implemented at Lake Wallace to control the increased quantities of rubbish and litter being deposited on the foreshores.

MOVED: Col Hunter

SECONDED: Maree Statham

ITEM: 11 LITHGOW CBD REVIEW OF RUBBISH RECEPTACLES

In conjunction with Council's aim to streamline and improve its rubbish and street litter collection processes, it is proposed to replace the old 55 litre bins located throughout the CBD. Suggestions were sought regarding the type of bins to be installed, locations and numbers and the need for such receptacles to blend with the proposed CBD revitalization program. This matter was to be further reviewed at the next Operations Committee meeting

ACTION

THAT a proposal to upgrade garbage receptacles in the Lithgow CBD be noted and that a further report be prepared for Council's consideration.

MOVED: Maree Statham

SECONDED: Col Hunter

ITEM: 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

ITEM: 13 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: 4.00pm on Thursday, 17th March 2016
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.30pm