



Minutes

Operations Committee

3rd October 2017

4.00pm

Operations Committee	
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2	Confirmation of Minutes
3	Business Arising From The Minutes
4	Wallerawang Overbridge Pedestrian and Vehicular Traffic Issues
5	Water Restrictions
6	Cullen Bullen Sewerage Upgrade
7	General Business
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: G Faulkner, Clr S Ring, Clr R Thompson, Clr McAndrew, Clr S Lesslie

APOLOGIES:

OFFICERS: R Brownlow, I Stewart, E Trudgett

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were presented to the Council on 25th September 2017.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 22nd August 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. 16 LOCKYER STREET LITHGOW

A site inspection was undertaken on 22nd August 2017 at the rear of 16 Lockyer Street Lithgow, which has been subject to surcharging of sewerage from a manhole located in the property following periods of heavy rain or breakdowns to the adjacent Tweed Mills Pump Station. The option to install temporary storage tanks will just prolong the issue of overflow to this area. After further investigation into different options, the purchase and installation of a diesel powered pump will alleviate the issue more efficiently. Costs for the pump and installation have been received and are currently under review. The owner has been informed of progress to date.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposal to increase the pumping capacity at Tweed Mills Pump Station during wet weather, be implemented with the installation of an appropriate diesel stand by pump to reduce surcharge at 16 Lockyer Street

MOVED: Clr S. Lesslie

SECONDED: Clr S. Ring

ITEM: 4 WALLERAWANG OVERBRIDGE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ISSUES

SUMMARY

This report is to provide potential solutions to the footpath issue on the western side of the Wallerawang Rail Overbridge and detail associated approximate budget commitments for proposed improvements.

Sight Distance.

Discussions took place on the construction of a concrete traffic island on the Pipers Flat Road and Main Street, Wallerawang intersection.

Pedestrian Issues

The construction of a walkway/ pedestrian access on the western side of the bridge and possible structural issues will continue to be investigated .Discussions with John Holland regarding purchasing the adjacent land to further extend the footpath, will be included in the review process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - NIL**
- **Cost centre - NIL**
- **Expended to date - NIL**
- **Future potential impact - \$102,500.00 (excluding GST)**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee

1. Note the report; and
2. The continuation of the feasibility and associated costs with providing a pedestrian walkway on the western side of the Bridge. be the subject of further reports to future Operations Committee meetings

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM: 5 WATER RESTRICTIONS

SUMMARY

This report is to update Councillor's on the current level of water restrictions in force throughout the Lithgow Local Government Area.

The two vehicles located in Farmer's Creek No. 2 Dam have been removed safely and all pre-start meetings have been completed for the Clarence Water Transfer System. The plant will be operational from 10am on 4th October 2017. Full operation per day was 14mL but the system will instead be providing 10mL per day, this change to the volume of water that can be delivered by the system was caused by modifications to the original construction and the need to modify the route of the pipeline following the bushfire that destroyed sections of the pipeline.

It was noted that the quality of water received from the Clarence Transfer System is continually assessed by Clarence Colliery and also treated by Council's Water Treatment Plant to ensure it complies with health code standards.

The unreliability of the Fish River Water Supply Scheme was also discussed and it was noted that there have been significant periods where the Lithgow reticulation system has been utilized to supply the villages normally supplied from the Fish River Supply. This includes the need to operate the Clarence Water Transfer System to alleviate some pressure if the FRWSS is unable to supply water to the towns and villages. This issue will be kept under review by the provision of regular reports to the Operations Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - NIL**
- **Cost centre - NIL**
- **Expended to date - NIL**
- **Future potential impact –** Decrease in revenue, offset by decrease in operational costs from purchase of water from WaterNSW

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Operations Committee note the report and;
2. Council's General Manager raise the lack of continuity of supply from the Fish River Scheme with appropriate authorities.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM: 6 CULLEN BULLEN SEWERAGE UPGRADE

SUMMARY

This report is to update the Operations Committee on the status of the Cullen Bullen Sewerage Scheme funding deed.

The draft funding deed is currently being completed by Council staff including the determination of appropriate milestones for inclusion in the Deed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved - Yes**
- **Cost centre - 300034**
- **Expended to date - NIL**
- **Future potential impact -**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Operations Committee note the report and;

2. A timeframe be presented to the next Operations Committee outlining the events associated with the project and the submission of the draft deed and;
3. A meeting be held to advise the Cullen Bullen Community of the appropriate milestones for the project following finalization of the Draft Deed of Agreement.

MOVED: Clr R Thompson

SECONDED: Clr S Lesslie

ITEM 7: GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

1. Bells Road Bank Erosion

Following flood erosion to a property located at the end of Bells Road, substantial efforts have been made to assist the owner in contacting the adjacent owner upon whose land the watercourse is located in. Council has now approached Le Fevre & Co. to contact the owner seeking some commitment to repairing the erosion and is awaiting a response.

2. McKanes Falls Road & Cox's River Road Upgrades

A complaint has been received regarding the loose sealing metal following the contract roadworks on McKanes Falls Road and Cox's River Road. issue. The brooming of the loose material has not yet been undertaken and will rectify the problem upon completion. Warning signs have been erected to advise motorists of the potential hazard.

3. Curtin Place Sewerage Problem

Problems have been experienced with sewer surcharge from a manhole located at the intersection of Enfield Ave and Curtin Place. Despite a CCTV survey of the sewer network at this location, no obvious fault has been identified. Smoke testing has been undertaken in the area upstream of this location and a significant number of illegal stormwater connections have been identified and notified to the responsible owners. Rectification of these illegal connections is being closely monitored and following completion it is anticipated that the current surcharge during wet weather will be significantly reduced. Council will maintain contact with the complainant and monitor the success of the smoke testing exercise.

4. Mobile Depot Remediation Works

An update on the remediation works on the old Mobile Depot in Main Street is to be provided to the next Operations Committee.

5. Willowvale Lane Completion

Following a complaint regarding the need to complete the last section of Willowvale Lane, provision to seal the last section will be included in the 2018/19 draft works program for consideration.

6. Drainage at La Salle Academy

Following receipt of a complaint concerning drainage issues at the rear of properties adjacent to La Salle improvement works are in progress to rectify the problem.

7. McKanes Falls Road Bridge

Roads and Maritime Services have advised that the load limit on the McKanes Falls Bridge has been altered from 4.5 tonne to 15 tonne.

8. Roadkill on Highways

The problems associated with the cleanup of roadkill along the Great Western Highway and other arterial roads were discussed. Whilst Council crews are available to clean up road kill in urban areas and some rural areas, the issue of roadkill on the highways is more difficult. The RMS do not appear to be providing a cleanup service judging by the amount of road kill being left at the roadside and Council crews are not always available. Discussions should be held with RMS to improve the cleanup rate and maintain a reasonable image for motorists.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Budget approved -**
- **Cost centre -**
- **Expended to date -**
- **Future potential impact -**

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

THAT appropriate actions and reporting be undertaken in relation to the items raised during general business

MOVED: Clr W. McAndrew

SECONDED: Clr S Ring

ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Monday 6th November 2017 at 4:00pm
Committee Room, Administration Building,
180 Mort Street LITHGOW NSW 2790

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.20pm