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A reminder to Members – subscriptions are now due and thank you to all those members who have already renewed

Next meetings: 15th October, 19th November, 2018 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall. No meeting in December.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

The Item on the proposed NBN communications tower at Falls Heights will be tabled at the OMC of 26th September, 2018. We have received a response from the City that the alternate sites suggested were found unsuitable being outside the referral zone or on rural residential zoned land. GPA have made a deputation regarding this item making it clear that we are supporting the Development Application but asking that consideration could be given to pulling the tower back on the block to assist in mitigating the visual impact. This is consistent with our submission of 15th June, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION (in Agenda)

That the Council resolve to:

1) Approve the proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure at Lot 102 Falls Heights, Gidgegannup subject to the following conditions:

1. This approval is for 'Telecommunication Infrastructure' as defined under the City's Local Planning Scheme No.17 and the subject land may not be used for any other use without prior approval of the City.

2. This approval includes a new telecommunication tower (monopole), a three bay outdoor equipment unit and the installation of ancillary equipment as illustrated on the approved plans stamp date received by the City of Swan on the 17 May 2018.

3. The noise generated by activities on-site, including machinery motors or vehicles is not to exceed the levels as set out under the Environmental Protection (noise) Regulations 1997. All development works are to be carried out in accordance with control of noise practices set out in Section 6 of AS

2436-1981 or the equivalent current Australian Standard. No works shall commence prior to 7.00am without the City's approval.

4. The carrying on of the development must not cause dust nuisance to neighbours. Where appropriate such measures as installation of sprinklers, use of water tanks, mulching or other land management systems should be installed or implemented to prevent or control dust nuisance, and such measures shall be installed or implemented within the time and in the manner directed by the Chief Executive Officer if it is considered that a dust nuisance exists.

5. Any additional development, which is not in accordance with the application (the subject of this approval) or any other condition of approval will require further approval from the City.

ADVICE NOTES Standard advice notes apply.

2) Advise the applicant/landowner of the resolution of Council and relevant advice notes pertaining to the approval.

3) Advise all those who made a submission of Council's decision accordingly.

TOODYAY ROAD – REEN/STONEVILLE ROADS, O'BRIEN/ROLAND ROADS INTERSECTIONS:

Main Roads response to our queries:

The Reen Road intersection has been reviewed by a Road Safety Auditor and deemed safe. For Main Roads to do any further clearing, we need environmental approval and this is still under investigation for further advice.

Repair of Toodyay Road works from east of intersection with Country Road to Stoneville Road

As we discussed on 4 September, the road surfacing problem is mainly on the left eastbound lane on the section of new construction on Toodyay Road from east of Country Road to Stoneville Road which has significant lengths where the aggregate has stripped from the seal.

It appears the cause of the problem was that the gravel base course still contained excess moisture content when it was sealed. In addition there was insufficient cutter used in the bitumen when the seal was done. This meant the bitumen did not adhere to the aggregate when the weather turned cold and the rain came.

As a result vehicles were flicking aggregate off the road.

Main Roads inspected the site on 3 September with a number of senior people from Main Roads' Metropolitan Region.

Some shoving of the bitumen surface of the left eastbound lane has occurred because of the loss of aggregate. At the moment the bitumen surface is stable because of the cool weather. However there is a risk of the bitumen liquefying in summer, so repairs have to be undertaken before then.

Treatment

The repair of the left eastbound lane from east of Country Road to Stoneville Road will commence in mid-October when the temperature is warmer and there is less risk of rain. The first stage of treatment will involve planing off the top 40mm of the left eastbound lane to expose the gravel underneath. The gravel surface will be left open for a few days and treated with a roller to draw up the moisture from the base course and let it dry back. Then the gravel surface will be sprayed with a bitumen prime and a 30mm thick layer of asphalt will be laid over the left eastbound lane. Traffic will drive on the lane for a few weeks. In mid-November a bitumen seal of 10mm aggregate will be applied over the left eastbound lane to complete the repair.

All other lanes will continue to be monitored. Any localised failures will be repaired.

Damaged Windscreens

Anyone whose windscreen has been damaged due to loose aggregate on this section of Toodyay Road being thrown up by other vehicles should contact Main Roads' Customer Advocate, Dean Roberts on 9323 4638. Dean can explain the process Main Roads uses to reimburse repairs to vehicles damaged when travelling through roadworks.

General comments on this road surfacing problem

Main Roads always aims to complete its works to the highest standards. However there is always a risk when working on site with naturally occurring materials and using bitumen that a combination of things can occur that cause a problem and we have to come back and fix the problem. Unfortunately, this is one of those cases.

Main Roads has had people monitoring the stripping of the aggregate since the problem occurred. They have put up speed limit signs and swept loose aggregate off the road to try to reduce the risk to motorists using the road. Main Roads understand this has inconvenienced motorists using Toodyay Road and apologise for that, but we have been trying to "hold" the road during the cold and wet winter conditions which are not helpful for repairing roads.

Now that we have monitored the condition of the road we have a better understanding of how the road is performing and so we have been able to develop a plan to repair the road as we move into spring weather conditions which are warmer and drier. While the weather is still wet and cold now, it should be better by mid-October when we plan to commence repair work on the left eastbound lane from east of Country Road to

Stoneville Road. The final bitumen surfacing is planned for mid-November.

REQUEST FOR THE RELOCATION AND REDESIGNING OF TWO EMRC SIGNS:

Request for sign at the intersection of Roe Highway and Toodyay Road showing the opening times for Red Hill Waste Facility site. Main Roads have checked with our standards people and they are OK with a Sign on Roe Highway indicating the direction to Red Hill Waste Facility.

However, the opening hours will not go on this sign because it is a “community facility name sign”. They will put the opening hours on a separate sign on Toodyay Road approx. 2km east of Roe Highway. There is an adjacent parking bay which will provide sufficient space to allow trucks to do U-turns to take their loads elsewhere if necessary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW PHASE 2:

Act now for the future

The objective is for WA to have a new, modern Local Government Act that empowers local governments to better deliver for the community. Our vision is for local governments to be agile, smart and inclusive.

This is your opportunity to shape the future of your local community and reform local government.

What is being considered?

Reforms in nine key topic areas are being considered and are now available for public comment:

- council meetings
- elections
- rates, fees and charges
- community engagement and integrated planning and reporting
- financial management
- interventions
- complaints management
- beneficial enterprises
- administrative efficiencies

How can your input help shape the future of local government?

Your feedback will inform policy positions and help to establish a new

legislative framework for local governments in WA.

How can you get involved?

- [Read the discussion papers available on the department's website](#)
- Complete the corresponding survey/s and/or
- Email us a written submission via actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au
- Attend a community and/or local government forum — more information on these forums will be available on the department's website shortly.

Please note the survey questions relate to the matters discussed in the papers and we encourage you to read the relevant paper before completing the survey.

While you may lodge multiple written submissions, you will only be able to complete each topic survey once.

Unless marked as confidential, your submission (including survey responses) will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' website. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

PROPOSED SCHEME AMENDMENT BORAL LAND TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGE OF USE TO RECYCLING

The GPA made a deputation on this Item at the Forum Meeting on 22nd August, 2018.

Council resolved:

That the Council resolve:

1) To initiate the Amendment No.166 to Local Planning Scheme No.17 by introducing an Additional Use of 'Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facility' for Lots 151 and 152 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup as a new Additional Use into Schedule 2 Additional Uses of LPS 17 as follows:

1. The use of the site being restricted to a portion of one allotment for a 'Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Facility', defined as a premises operated for the purpose of receiving, sorting, processing, storing and disposing of construction and demolition waste materials.

2 No hazardous material, bio-solids, manures or mulching is to be produced or stored on the site.

Noted that this was the process and GPA and community would need to lobby both State and Local Government to get this rejected. Considerable concern that this was industrialisation by stealth. Inappropriate to industrialise this area as it is the entry to the Tourism area of not only Gidgegannup but the Perth Hills and Avon Valley. Tourism in Gidgegannup to be based on Wildflowers, eco tourism and agri tourism.

SHOWGROUNDS MASTERPLAN

Project update

Masterplan briefing: Gidgegannup Showgrounds

After more than 50 years, the Gidgegannup Showgrounds has a fascinating history and is well loved by the local community! Home to the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society Show, the area is a local hub for equestrian activities, community events and local workshops.

To cater for projected growth in the area and plan for the long term future, the City is undertaking a review of the area. Input from local residents and stakeholder groups has been incorporated into a high-level framework for development of the area, called a Masterplan. It coordinates elements such as land use, community facilities, services and infrastructure.

The review has included an extensive consultation period, concluding with an upcoming briefing to present the final Masterplan blueprint.

The special briefing will be held on October 2 at 7pm in the Gidgegannup Hall.

The Masterplan will guide long term future City planning and budgeting. As detailed planning commences for various components of the plan, the City will undertake additional consultation at that time.

The showgrounds are located at 2171 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup.

This is not a consultation meeting but a presentation of the final concept plan. The plan is to guide the future development of the Showgrounds and allow for prioritisation and putting funding into budgeting. Each part of the plan, if to be implemented, will be open to further consultation. It is hoped that the concept plan is a guide for the next few years.

Attendees will be able to take a copy of the plan away and City of Swan staff will be available to answer queries after the presentation.

SPRAYING OF ROAD VERGES;

Complaints received from residents re. "over enthusiastic" spraying of road verges resulting in a large amount of dying vegetation.

The City accept that this should not have been carried out at wildflower time. The spraying is carried out for road safety reasons and lines of sight. The road verges are targeted for noxious weeds and to get rid of regrowth saplings. Residents complained that there had been blanket spraying, young trees had been sprayed halfway up the tree and the understorey had been killed. This had created a fire hazard. City staff would be collecting the dead material to mitigate the fire risk.

Residents said they preferred the previous methods where a mulcher had gone through taking out saplings. It appears that there had been issues with the contractors, the spraying was supposed to be really targeted but had not been. The Wildflower drive was compromised as were properties with organic status on the route of this spraying. Contractors needed to be better educated with regard to identifying plants and recognising Declared Rare Flora (DRF) markers.

Mechanical means were preferred to spraying.

NEW \$1.13 MILLION BASE FOR WEST GIDGEGANNUP BUSHFIRE VOLUNTEERS:

- Biggest investment ever for stand-alone volunteer bushfire brigade facility
- The base will cover 400 square metres and include incident control and radio rooms
- Collaboration between West Gidgegannup Bush Fire Brigade, the City of Swan and Department of Fire and Emergency Services

The McGowan Labor Government has today announced a record \$1.13 million will be invested in a brand new facility for the West Gidgegannup Bush Fire Brigade.

The funding is the largest ever investment in a stand-alone volunteer bushfire brigade facility in Western Australia's history.

The new purpose-built facility will house four appliances and include incident control and radio rooms.

It will be spread across 400 square metres and was a result of a collaboration between the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the City of Swan and the West Gidgegannup Bush Fire Brigade.

The brigade, which has been protecting its community for more than 50 years, has been storing its fire appliances on private property.

This new facility will not only increase the brigade's response times, but will also provide a first-class base to make it easier and more efficient to help build the brigade's skills and knowledge.

It is expected the new base will be complete by August 2019.

Some of the site had been Main Roads land. City had provided \$600000 and DFES \$1.13 million. Comment on 15% levy imposed by City as admin fee. It was pointed out that all projects such this is run on a Business model and charges are made to recover cost to lessen impact on rate payer.

RESTRICTED BURNING SEASON; City now employs three full time people looking after fire management. Restricted Burning Season starts on 1st October, 2018.