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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: 19 November 2018, 21 January 2019 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall. No meeting in December.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

At the OMC of 26th September, 2018 it was resolved unanimously to refuse the proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure at Lot 102 Falls Heights, Gidgegannup for the following reason:

- 1) The proposed facility will have an adverse impact on the amenity of the closest residence across the road at No.101 The Eyrie.
 1. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer authority to grant approval to a modified application for Telecommunications Infrastructure at Lot 102 Falls Heights, Gidgegannup where the monopole is sited on the land 75 metres due north of its location as shown on Overall Site Plan Drawing No. 6MDN-51-01-BAIL-C2, subject to the following conditions:
- 2) This approval is for 'Telecommunications 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.
 1. The noise generated by activities on-site, including machinery motors or vehicles is not to exceed the levels as set out under the Environmental (Noise) Protection Regulations 1997. All development works are to be carried out in accordance with control of noise practices set out in Section 6 of
 2. AS2436-1981 or the equivalent current Australian Standard. No works shall commence prior to 7.00am without the City's approval.
 3. The carrying on of the development must not cause a 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 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.
 4. 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.

We will wait for further information from NBN as to their course of action, wether:

- They can negotiate with Landowner to pull the tower back on the block in question.
- NBN decide to go to SAT.
- An alternative site is found.
- Gidgegannup goes in the too hard basket and to the bottom of the list for infrastructure.

It is interesting that the community are voicing further complaints about poor/non-existent telecommunications coverage. This will not be resolved until we have two more towers in Gidgegannup and additional NBN infrastructure attached to existing towers. The only alternative to the towers is satellite.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW PHASE 2

This is now out for comment until next March.

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2018/09/A-new-Act-for-a-new-time.aspx>

SPRAYING OF ROAD VERGES

City have undertaken to change the timing so that any spraying does not occur before the Wildflower season. Also that strict instructions are to be given to crews to target specific species and regrowth. Meeting felt that this would still not resolve the problem as there would still be a large amount of vegetation dying off, going into the bush fire season.

It was pointed out that residents can maintain their verges and remove flammable material and weeds. Should first contact City and get approval in writing, particularly before any burning takes place.

It was requested that clarification could be given as to what species can be cleared on the verges or for fence line clearing. What do the City consider to be native species. Community needs clear information on this and the process to be followed.

Request also made for a Register of plants that the City consider weeds.

SHOWGROUNDS MASTERPLAN

The revised plan was tabled at the meeting of 2nd October, 2018.

Twelve items had been deleted from the original plan and it was explained that the tabled plan is purely a concept plan to allow for budgeting for the items remaining on the list. Each project would be subject to a separate consultation process.

EMRC – RED HILL WASTE FACILITY OPENING TIMES

The Red Hill opening hours were amended as of 1 July to account for declining waste volumes at Red Hill Waste Management Facility and to contain operating costs.

The queuing of trucks at the entrance has been addressed as road safety in Toodyay Road is paramount.

EMRC will review the opening time for residents in the coming months. If residents arrive before 8 am they will be admitted to the site but will not be able to unload at the transfer station until 8 am, Monday to Friday.

PROPOSED MOTION BY CR. KIELY FOR 20% RATE RISE

This will be on the OMC Agenda of 24th October, 2018.

<http://echonewspaper.com.au/kiely-wants-20-per-cent-rate-rise/>

The meeting made it very clear that this motion was not supported. It appears that the motion is intended to draw attention to the amount the Midland Oval redevelopment could cost and the financial risk to ratepayers. It was also felt strongly that the City should not be involved as a developer in this project. We need more details on the business plan.

It was also felt that it was undesirable for City to be a Developer of this project apart from Civic buildings. Any further development should be left to Commercial entities who can take the risk, rather than the City. The role of local government is not to be a developer. This is the role of private enterprise.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – STOP PUPPY FARMING

There is some concern over the item below that has been deferred from the OMC of 26th September 2018. The staff recommendation raises some concerns that the City staff have recommended that livestock working dogs on farms should not be exempt. That would mean all dogs to be de-sexed at an early age. Farmers could only get their working dogs from a few government-registered breeders who would keep their dogs in special premises where everyday training and testing of dogs in all the facets of farm work would be impossible.

Also there are concerns that all dogs would be required to be de-sexed regardless of their age to comply with the proposal.

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/files/assets/public/document-resources/agenda/2.2-local-government-consultation-paper-stop-puppy-farming.pdf>

DOG ATTACKS

Further dog attacks have been reported in North Gidgegannup. The City have been informed and are being extremely helpful. The dogs have been identified.

It is stressed that people should report such incidents to the City and if dogs are found wandering on a property the owners should call the City to have them collected by the pound. This would fix the problem straight away as the City would hold them at the pound making sure they do not return to their own property until they could be contained to the City's satisfaction. Landholders are legally entitled to shoot wandering dogs on their properties, and they don't have to wait for them to attack livestock before doing so. By law, your dog is not allowed to leave its home property.

DA054-18 - PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY (HARD ROCK QUARRY) - LOT 193 AND LOT 153 TOODYAY ROAD AND LOT 166 BURGESS ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP – Hansons
OMC Agenda 24th October, 2018 – Item 3.11

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve to: Approve the Extractive Industry for the purpose of a Hard Rock Quarry and the associated works at Lot 193 & 153 Toodyay Road and lot 166 Burgess Road, Gidgegannup subject to conditions.

The GPA made a submission on this Development Application and the conditions cover most of the points we have raised, in particular dust drift from the site across the Toodyay Road and upgrade by the proponent to the Toodyay Road to make access and egress for trucks and other vehicles safely.

AUSTRALIA POST

Numerous complaints are being received regarding wrongly addressed mail being delivered to residents that they then have to repost. Unclear whether this is the sorting process or the Postal delivery staff.

TOODYAY ROAD LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

The TLC met on 18th October, 2018. Update information had been received from Main Roads that was reported in the last Gidgegram. Remediation work on the Toodyay Road has been delayed owing to the prolonged rain into October. This will now be undertaken in early November, lasting 3-4 weeks, completion targeted for first week of December.

Gidgegannup Progress Association – November 2018

Main Roads Wheatbelt gave an update on the Toodyay Road in the Shire of Toodyay. Wheatbelt Region is currently developing the Dryandra Rd to Toodyay Upgrade Project.

- The project involves upgrading of approx. 27kms length of the Toodyay Rd in the Wheatbelt Region. The project scope comprises of :
 - geometric improvement (Horizontal/Vertical Curves) on existing alignment and new alignment,
 - 5 Passing Lanes ,
 - Intersection improvements,
 - road formation widening to achieve 11m seal width (2X3.5m Lanes, 2X1.5m Sealed Shoulders, 1m centreline median treatment).
- The project has been divided into 6 sections for development and delivery as follows:

Section	Main Features	Design Stage	Planned Delivery Year
1. Morangup 12.8 – 15.7	Widening	85% under review	2020/21
2. Fernie Rd 15.9 – 23.4	2 x Intersection upgrades 2 x passing lanes	IFC in development	2019/20
3. Jingaling 23.4 – 27.1	1 x passing lane Widening	15% (Under Review)	2021/22
4. Jimperding 27.1 – 29.9	Realignment Replace Jimperding bridge 1 x intersection upgrades	IFC in development	2020/21
5. Sandplain 29.9 – 34.5	Realignment 2 x passing lanes 3 x intersection upgrades	85% in development	2022/23
6A & 6B. Harper Brook 34.5 – 40.4	Widening 2 x intersection upgrades	IFC under review	2018/19, 2019/20

- State environmental approval received, no appeals received, Federal approval process underway, expect approval before Christmas 2018
- Land resumption 70% complete with completion expected June 2019
- Services relocation – Services authorities engaged for designs/approvals for sections 2,4 and 6
- Total Delivery Estimate is \$89m (p90)
 - 2m delivery funding available for section 6A – FY 2018/19
 - \$4.6m funding for development available FY 2018/19

A flythrough simulation's been currently finalised and uploaded in MRWA Projects Page.

Update on Perth-Adelaide National Highway: Main Roads has completed Network Assessment for PANH which has reviewed standards and connectivity, key assumptions were:

- Freeway Standard to east of Gidgegannup
- Rural Highway standard eastwards to Northam
- RAV 7 vehicles

Main Roads has consulted with Local Government and next step is to provide submission to WAPC. There will be some changes required to MRS. Further planning likely to be undertaken as part of "Eastlink" Proposal.

Federal Government awarded \$10mn. So that Main Roads could move towards preparing a Business Plan. Further funds will be required to progress this to a Project Management level.

Reporting faults: Note this can be done by phoning 138 138 which is available 24/7.

Weeds: Comment on weed infestations. Have asked for a list of plants that Main Roads define as weeds.

Cumulative impact of proposed increase of truck traffic on Toodyay Road: This needs to be assessed but volume of traffic is not clear as yet.