

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

8th March 2005

DSS12

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

FILE: 149 KMT (NRN)

{Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on Questions Without Notice from the Council meetings of 1 September 2004, 14 September 2004, 9 November 2004, 14 December 2004, 18 January 2005, 8 February 2005 and 14 February 2005.



Responses to Councillors Questions Without Notice are listed for information.

Extraordinary Meeting 1st September 2004

Councillor T L Hunt

File: R Smith St

(Folio No. **281440**)

That the Director Engineering would raise with the RTA the left turn exit at the traffic lights exiting Woolworths in Smith Street and the need for this to also allow traffic to proceed across to Stuart Street.

Recommendation from the LTC: That the RTA further investigate the operation of the traffic lights on the corner of Smith Street and Stuart Street and Smith Street and Belgrave Street - awaiting feedback.

Ordinary Meeting 14 September 2004

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: R Maria River

(Folio No. **282578**)

That the Director Engineering would write to Hastings Council to see if they would be willing to join Kempsey Shire Council in applying for R2R funding to seal Maria River Road and a bridge to Port Macquarie.

Awaiting announcement of guidelines for Roads to Recovery Program.

Ordinary Meeting 12th October 2004

Councillor B R Sowter

File: P1-7

(Folio No. 284157)

That the Director Engineering would investigate the establishment of a better caravan parking area for Kempsey in the Forth Street area and arrange suitable signposting and advertising.

Plans prepared for four options and preliminary estimates being determined.

Ordinary Meeting 9th November 2004

Councillor J H Bowell

File: D5-2

(Folio No. 285724)

2. Can the Director Engineering investigate the disposal of stormwater in Hopetoun Street, Kempsey.

Situation being investigated.

Councillor B R Sowter

File: H2-17A

(Folio No. 285754)

3. What is the situation with the storage of vehicles under the bridge at Smithtown?

The matter is being investigated.

Ordinary Meeting 14 December 2004

Councillor E R Walker

File: B6-5

(Folio No. 288009)

1. Could the Director Shire Services investigate the possibility of putting a handrail on the topside of Sherwood Bridge - the foundation under the water line is deteriorating and has become dangerous especially when children are swimming in the area?

The Director Shire Services advised that the bridge is owned by the RTA - the Mayor advised that the matter would be raised with the RTA as a safety hazard.

Ordinary Meeting 18 January 2005

Councillor B Sowter

File: 59

(Folio No. **289762**)

6 Are restricted speed signs going to be erected in Crottys Lane and is the public gate going to be removed?

Directions to restriction have been received at Council from RTA. Signs to be erected.

Councillor R McWilliam

File: 149

(Folio No. **289765**)

1 Could the Director Shire Services please look at updating the signs for alcohol free zones within the Shire?

Report to go to April Council meeting.

Councillor R McWilliam

File: 218

(Folio No. **289766**)

2 Has any further negotiation taken place between NPWS and Council regarding pruning of trees on Phillip Drive and Wilson Streets, Arakoon?

Order issued for pruning.

Councillor T Hunt

File: 221

(Folio No. **289773**)

2 Can we identify the number of parking sites in the CBD parking areas of Kempsey?

There are approximately 1900 parking sites in the CBD areas of Kempsey and West Kempsey.

Councillor J Gribbin

File: 55

(Folio No. **289777**)

2 What is happening about the dead trees along Phillip Drive?

Order issued for pruning.

Ordinary Meeting 8 February 2005

Councillor R H McWilliam

File: 60

(Folio No. 290771)

- 1 Could the Director Shires Services investigate the clogging of the stormwater drain on the corner of Wilson and Gladstone Streets, Arakoon?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

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Councillor R H McWilliam

File: 149

(Folio No. 290774)

- 3 Is there anyway that Council could find a vacant building to house a boating project for TRAC. Jan Eason, Principal, has three (3) weeks to find premises or lose the project due to PCYC pulling out of the deal?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

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Councillor R H McWilliam

File: 228

(Folio No. 290775)

- 4 When will the kerb and guttering be done in Simpson Street, South West Rocks, between Mitchell Street and the golf course?

This project was listed and included in the Works Program but as part of Council's revision of the budget in September 2004 this project was deferred. The Works Program has been corrected.

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Councillor R H McWilliam

File: R Gregory St

(Folio No. 290776)

- 5 Tar spraying recently at Gregory Street, South West Rocks left excess gravel at the site. Could we look at sweeping up loose gravel after spraying and maintenance?

Contractors undertake aftercare sweeping within three days. Area has been inspected and is satisfactory.

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Councillor B R Sowter

File: 263

(Folio No. 290781)

- 1 Would the Director Shire Services investigate blocked site view at the Croads Lane/Plummers Lane intersection?

Works staff met adjacent landowner on site and approved trimming of trees to suit new fencing.

Councillor B R Sowter

File: 149

(Folio No. **290782**)

- 2 Would the Director Shire Services investigate the automatic rain gauge at Seven Oaks that is not working?

The gauge is working currently. However, a section of Council's web page is not functioning correctly. Manly Hydraulics Laboratory advised to correct promptly.

Councillor B R Sowter

File: 55

(Folio No. **290783**)

- 3 Would the Director Shire Services investigate a stump not removed from the footpath at 12 Cameron Street, West Kempsey which has been there since late last year?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor B R Sowter

File: 60

(Folio No. **290784**)

- 4 Would the Director Shire Services advise on a blocked culvert at Dowlings Fall Road that was reported last November and nothing has been done?

Response: The Director Shire Services advised this has been investigated and the culvert fills up with rocks during heavy rain. The Director has been discussing with DIPNR how to restore the culvert.

Councillor E R Walker

File: 109

(Folio No. **290786**)

- 2 Can a check be made of the footpath in Wide Street near Tozer Street which is breaking up?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor T Hunt

File: 34

(Folio No. **290789**)

- 1 Will Council refer to the Traffic Committee the speed limit in the North Street area bounded by Sea Street and Armidale Road?

The matter has been referred to the Local Traffic Committee meeting scheduled for 2 March 2005.

Councillor E A Green

File: 192

(Folio No. **290792**)

- 2 Would it be possible to have a restricted parking sign in front of 14 Broughton Street where Community Transport pick up a disabled person and are required to double park creating traffic problems?

Response: The Director Shire Services advised that this matter is on the agenda for the Access Committee meeting to be held this week.

Councillor E A Green

File: 59

(Folio No. **290793**)

- 3 Is Council aware of a number signs at its beaches in poor condition and falling over?

Beach signs have been reviewed and new signs ordered for Stuarts Point North, Middle Head South, Oil Pipeline SWR and Back Creek SWR. Signs will be erected on delivery.

Councillor E A Green

File: 361

(Folio No. **290794**)

- 4 Is Council aware of the crack in the base of the Frederickton War Memorial?

This matter was referred to the RSL Sub-Branch who are seeking grant funds for maintenance.

Councillor E A Green

File: 60

(Folio No. **290796**)

- 6 What is Council's proposals for sewerage at Stuarts Point?

Response: The Director Shire Services advised that there are currently no proposals.

Report to Council on Ranking to March Meeting.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: R Point Plome

(Folio No. **290796**)

1. When is the road condition warning sign at the beginning of Point Plomer Road to be replaced?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: 180

(Folio No. **290850**)

1. When will recycled bins be relocated at Crescent Head?

Recycle bins relocated at Crescent Head on 10 February 2005.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: R Belgrave St

(Folio No. **290941**)

7. Is there a program for improvement to median strips in Belgrave and Smith Streets?

Response: The Director Shire Services will prepare a report for Council.

Councillor J H Bowell

File: R Belgrave St

(Folio No. **290943**)

8. Is there a program for resealing Belgrave Street (Smith to Stuart Street) and Smith Street (Belgrave to Forth Streets)?

Response: The Director Shire Services advised that there is no immediate program for Belgrave Street and road has been inspected and is holding. With Smith Street this is an RTA responsibility and they are being pursued to undertake improvement works in Smith Street and also in Lord Street and Lachlan Street.

Councillor J A C Hayes

File: 119

(Folio No. **290851**)

2. What can be done about the amount of giant parramatta grass growing in urban area?

Response: The Director Shire Services will consider educational programs but more funding would assist.

Councillor J A C Hayes

File: 55

(Folio No. **290852**)

3. What can be done about the ringbarked tree close to a residence that looks dangerous in Sea Street opposite the top entrance to St Paul's College?

The tree is on private property.

Councillor J A C Hayes

File: 60

(Folio No. **290854**)

4. Can action be taken to stop the gravel being washed across Sherwood road near Ronella Drive?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Councillor J A C Hayes

File: R Wide St

(Folio No. **290855**)

5. Can installation of bollards in Wide Street be considered to prevent vehicles from driving across the median in a dangerous manner?

Response: The Director Shire Services will investigate.

Extraordinary Meeting 14 February 2005

Councillor D F Saul

File: 375

(Folio No. **291072**)

1. Major Oaks bridge at Smithtown has bad potholes.

Jet patcher attended the area week ending 25 February 2005.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- *Social*

Nil

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Director's Review*

As per the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES