

**COPY**EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KEMPSEY  
SHIRE COUNCIL11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009RESOLUTION COMPLETED **DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT****DSS18 CARDWELL STREET - CAPITAL WORKS**~~FILE:153 CC:R CARDWELL ST BJM~~

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**SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the current situation in relation to the proposed capital Works at Cardwell Street.

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**DESCRIPTION:**

As a result of concerns expressed by some of the residents of Cardwell Street in relation to the commencement of capital works within the street the work has ceased and additional consultation with the residents has been initiated.

The works were initially identified as a result of an OH&S concern raised in relation to vehicular movements within the street, with particular emphasis on the provision of garbage collection services within Cardwell Street. The original proposal was for the construction of a cul-de-sac at the end of the current formed section of Cardwell Street, although a design brief and scope of work was not prepared by Council staff when the proposal was identified. On investigation, design and estimation of this work it was determined that the proposed works could not be constructed within the budgetary provision allocated. The investigations revealed that an alternative option, being the extension of Cardwell Street as a single lane, one way road to Young Street, could be constructed within the current budgetary provision.

This option was canvassed with the residents at the end of Cardwell Street, without objection and was subsequently planned to be progressed on that basis. The work was originally proposed for earlier this year, although was delayed due to the extended wet weather. The work progressed to date is preliminary clearing and drainage installation to facilitate the drying of the site to allow construction to proceed.

In addition, a survey **Appendix R - Page H132** has been distributed to the residents of Cardwell Street and whilst an analysis of the outcome of this survey has not been completed at this stage, a preliminary assessment indicates that the majority of the residents are desirous of the cul-de-sac option, although they are not prepared to contribute to the additional costs. It is currently proposed that a public meeting be held to further discuss the options with the residents and, if necessary, a Works Inspection be held to determine the matter and allow the works to proceed.

Currently, time is of the essence as the budgetary allocation for the works at Cardwell Street are grant funded and are likely to be forfeited if the work is not completed by 30 September 2009. Council will ultimately need to make a decision in relation to the work to be progressed at

Cardwell Street, with the options being to proceed with the construction of a cul-de-sac at an estimated cost that is \$105,000 in excess of the current budgetary allocation; proceed with the construction of a one lane one way road; or to cancel the work.

The matter of the on-going safety risk of the garbage collection vehicles accessing the area needs to be considered and it is suggested that this risk should be controlled by the cessation of garbage collection services at individual residential properties within the Cardwell Street area with the residents being required to deliver their garbage bins to a temporary collection zone in the vicinity of the intersection of Cardwell and Wilson Streets.

**RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

*Nil*

- ***Social***

***The local residents are likely to object to the requirement to deliver their bin to the garbage collection area.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

***The option to proceed with the construction of a cul-de-sac will result in Council needing to allocate an additional \$105,000 for the project to proceed.***

- ***Policy or Statutory***

***The safety of the local residents and the safe operation of the garbage collection vehicles need to be considered.***

- ***Director's Review***

***A timely resolution to this matter is required to prevent the forfeiture of the grant funds allocated for the conduct of these works. The safety of the local residents and the waste collection operators is paramount and needs to be duly considered by Council.***

**Director Shire Services Recommendation:**

- 1 That a bin collection zone be established with all residents of Cardwell Street and connecting streets be required to deliver their bins to this collection zone to be emptied, with effect of the all waste collection services from 17 August 2009.**
- 2 That Council conducts a Works Inspection commencing from the Council Administration building at 9:00am on 14 August 2009 to determine the works that are to proceed at Cardwell Street, South West Rocks.**

**MOVED:**

***Moved: Cl. Hayes  
Seconded: Cl. Green***

1. That Council resume work on the extension of Cardwell Street to Young Street
2. That discussions be held with J R Richards in relation to an alternative route as outlined by Mr Keifer in the Public Forum of this meeting.
3. That the road be a single lane service road and be sign-posted accordingly.

An AMENDMENT was MOVED:

*Moved: Cl. Howell  
Seconded: Cl. Saul*

That Council conduct a Works Inspection commencing from the Council Administration building at 8:30am on 14 August 2009 to determine the works that are to proceed at Cardwell Street, South West Rocks.

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An AMENDMENT was MOVED:

*Moved: Cl. Sproule  
Seconded: Cl. Hayes*

1. That Council resume work on the extension of Cardwell Street to Young Street.
2. That discussions be held with J R Richards in relation to an alternative route as outlined by Mr Keifer in the Public Forum of this meeting.
3. That the road be a single lane service road and be sign-posted accordingly.
4. That Council conduct a Works Inspection at Cardwell Street, South West Rocks
5. That the paragraph in the Director's report on top of page H42 be removed from the report.

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The Mayor noted that the foregoing resolution was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

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**Appendix R**

Kempsey Shire Council

Cardwell Street Project

Residents Survey

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BJM:mjt23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009**CARDWELL STREET-TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY**

Council recently commenced the initial clearing and drainage works associated with proposed works in Cardwell Street. This work was identified as a result of OH&S concerns raised in connection with Garbage Collection services for Cardwell Street and the streets that connect to Cardwell Street. The purpose of the works was to improve the safety for the garbage collection trucks and other vehicles using Cardwell Street.

The original proposal was to construct a culd-a-sac at the end of the existing formed section of Cardwell Street. This work was first proposed in Councils 2006/07 Management Plan and Budget. The proposed work did not progress and the funding for the works were carried forward to future years for execution. Prior to the commencement of the works the scope of work was reviewed. This review identified that a more cost effect option was to extend the Cardwell Street, within the existing road reserve, as a gravel road to Young Street. This action was deemed more practical maintaining/improving potential access to the existing allotments within this section of Cardwell Street and also resolving the safety concerns. In addition this proposal is within the original budgetary provision, whilst the culd-a-sac option will require a considerable augmentation of the budget.

Council staff discussed this option with the residents considered to be the most impacted by this change. These residents indicated that they supported the revised proposal. On commencement of this work, which has now been ceased for further consideration by Council via a report will be presented with the outcomes of this survey, the concerns which were expressed in relation to this work, requesting that it not proceed.

Your input in regard to this project would be appreciated so that Council can fully consider the desires of the residents of Cardwell and other connected streets in determining the most appropriate option to improve vehicular safety in this residential area.

Whilst many solutions may be possible to improve safety in the Cardwell Street area the following three options are considered to be the most viable, with other options being a derivative or variation to one of the options. These options, along with a summary of the responses to this survey will be considered by Council at a future Council meeting.

**Option 1**

Continue with the project as currently proposed. This project involves a one-way single lane extension of Cardwell Street with a 6m wide gravel formation and a 4m wide seal. This would extend to Young Street, with the one way section being from the current end of the street to Young Street in a southerly direction.

Project Cost - \$80,000

**Option 2**

Revert to the original proposal of a culd-a-sac at the end of the existing formed section of Cardwell Street. The footprint of the culd-a-sac, given the slope and the size required for vehicles to adequately turn is likely to require property acquisition. The estimate to undertake the construction of the culd-a-sac, **without** consideration of property acquisition exceeds the current budget and additional funds will need to be allocated to implement this option.

Project Costs - \$185,000

Additional Budget Required \$105,000, plus any property acquisition expenses.

**Option 3**

To cancel the project and not proceed with any physical modifications to Cardwell Street, addressing the safety concerns by establishing a Garbage bin collection zone on the flat section of Cardwell Street in the vicinity of the intersection of Cardwell Street and Wilson Street, with all residents in the area being required to position and retrieve bins from this collection zone for bins to be emptied.

Project Cost- \$20,000 (Stormwater and signage)

Savings- \$60,000

## Survey Questions

1. Which option would you prefer Kempsey Shire Council to implement?

- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3
- Don't have an opinion

2. If Option 2 is implemented would you be prepared to financially contribute to the funding shortfall?

- Yes
- No
- Other

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3. Is there any other solution that you believe should be considered and further investigated?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. An officer of Council will collect the completed surveys Tuesday morning 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, so a report can be endeavoured to be prepared for the August Council meeting. If you could kindly place your completed survey in your mailbox on the collection date it would be greatly appreciated or alternatively you can return them by post.

Bruce Morris  
Director Shire Services  
Kempsey Shire Council