

# TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

## MINUTES

### TOWN ASSETS COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN  
ON WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019, AT 10.15AM

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#### 1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member opened the meeting, welcomed all those in attendance and conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

#### 2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Kathryn Hamilton  
Cr Jai Wilson  
Cr Renee McLennan

##### Staff

Peta Mabbs, CEO  
Phil Adams, A/Executive Manager Infrastructure  
Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

#### 3.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

#### 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### 4.1 Town Assets Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2019

##### COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

MOVED Cr McLennan, Seconded Cr Hamilton, that the minutes of the Town Assets Committee meeting held 19 June 2019, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3/0

## **5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

*The Presiding Member commended the Arbor Carbon report and asked that it be on the record.*

## **6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil

## **8.0 REPORTS**

### **8.1 Update - Tree Planting in the Town**

As per Council's direction, the Parks Department of the Town has purchased 200 trees to be incorporated into the Street Tree Planting Program. The species include:

- 10 Chinese Elm;
- 50 Flooded Gums;
- 50 Spotted Gum;
- 30 Claret Ash;
- 30 Chinese Pistachio; and
- 30 Royal Poinciana.

The planting program will commence on the 5 July 2019 and will run for approximately two weeks. Residents can nominate a location and choose from the species provided.

*Committee members made the following comments, for further discussion at a later date:*

- *Undergrounding of power to include greening.*
- *Need to start planning for 2020 planting season.*
- *Councillors to brainstorm ideas for tree planting.*
- *Process for procurement of trees needs to be reviewed - better value for money, good quality stock, long term planning.*
- *Explore the potential of EMRC having trees grown for the member Councils.*

- *All staff involved in the planting, care and maintenance of trees need to read the Arbor Carbon report and have a discussion with Councillors.*

**COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1**

**TAC - 1/07/19**

MOVED Cr Hamilton, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the Town Assets Committee notes the update on tree planting in the Town.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 3/0

**8.2 Tree Protection in the Town**

Officers are currently examining other jurisdictions and local governments in WA to assess what mechanisms they have in place to promote greater preservation of trees particularly on development sites.

A report and recommendations will be referred to the next meeting of the Town Assets Committee.

*Staff are currently rewriting the Tree Protection Policy.*

**COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2**

**TAC - 2/07/19**

MOVED Cr Hamilton, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the information be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 3/0

**8.3 Old Perth Road Street Tree Audit (Ref: GOVN/CCLMEET/1); Ken Cardy, Manager Asset Services)**

**APPLICATION**

The purpose of this report is to provide Arbor Carbon's audit finding to the Town's Asset Committee regarding, existing streetscape plantings in Old Perth Road, and identified areas to increase street tree canopy and greenness of the area.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION — ITEM 8.3

**TAC - 3/07/19** MOVED Cr Hamilton, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the Asset Committee:

1. Receive the report findings from Arbor Carbon; and
2. Supports the consideration of options for increasing tree canopy as part of the future development of a precinct plan for the Town Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3/0

**9.0 CLOSURE**

The next meeting is to be advised.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 11.25am.