



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes

FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL'S PLANT AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 27th MAY
2003 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CALINGIRI COMMENCING AT 11.00AM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 11.04am.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

President	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
Councillors	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
Apologies	Cr N Smith	East Ward
Chief Executive Officer	Phil Anning	
Works Manager	Allen Kent	
Executive Assistant	Fiona Watson	

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation

Resolution 156/03

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr J Kelly that the minutes of the Plant and Works Committee Meeting held 25th March 2003 be confirmed.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

3.2 Business Arising

Nil

4 WORKS

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Location Calingiri
Name of Applicant Chief Executive Officer
File Reference A1.2.1
Attachment/s Chief Executive Officer's Report
Date 15th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See attached

Comment

See attached

Statutory Environment Nil
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Nil
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution 157/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the Chief Executive Officer's report for the Plant and Works Committee Meeting of 27th May 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

4.2 Works Manager's Report

Location Calingiri
Name of Applicant Allen Kent – Works Manager
File Reference A1.2.1
Attachment/s Works Manager's Report
Date 15th May 2003
Author Allen Kent - Works Manager

Background

See attached

Comment

See attached

Statutory Environment Nil
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Nil
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution 158/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the Works Manager's report for the Plant and Works Committee Meeting of 27th May 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

WORKS

W137 State Budget

Location	Western Australia
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	T1.2
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

A number of releases have been received and copies forwarded to Councillors regarding the action of the State Government in slashing \$14.2M from Local Government Road Funding and breaking the pre-election commitment of the Premier to maintain Local Government Road Funding under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement which runs until 2005.

Comment

In our case from previous information given to the Regional Road Group it appears that we will lose about \$28,000 from our allocation which is committed to the resealing of the Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road and reduce the length of the reseal possible thus extending that project.

The breaking of the election promise by the Premier is of concern however it is another in a long line of broken election promises. Also of concern is the comment by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure that as we receive additional funds from the Roads to Recovery Federal Grants the cuts will have little impact.

Statutory Environment	State Government
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Reduction in funding received
Strategic Implications	Less works completed

Resolution 159/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that it be recommended to Council that the information be received and this Council express their disappointment at the breaking of election promises by the Premier and the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the comments by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

Cr Anspach – Should we mount an Agenda item for the upcoming State Conference.

CEO – Suggestion that the Shire should write to WALGA and express our support through them for road funding issues.

W138 Agricultural Lime Route 2

Location Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant n/a
File Reference p-agli
Attachment/s Nil
Date 14th May 2003
Author Phil Anning – Chief Executive Officer

Background

As Council is aware we have been continually without success seeking confirmation of funding in the year 2003/2004 for continuing the AgLime Route Construction. The release of the State Budget confirmed our fears that funding would be withdrawn. There is no allocation in 2003/2004 for this work in the State Budget allocations.

Comment

I have managed to contact John Clydesdale of the Ministers Office who has confirmed that no funding is allowed in 2003/2004. He has advised that forward estimates allow for \$2.5M to be spent in the four years forward estimates. He advises that the Minister is considering options of bringing forward future allocations to 2003/2004 as happened with funding this year that was from 2003/2004 to this year. We can expect contact from the Minister regarding this in the next two weeks.

Statutory Environment State Government
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Effect on budget
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution 160/03

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr J Kelly that it be recommended to Council that the information be received and that we continue to pursue all avenues to provide funding to complete the Heavy Haulage Route.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

W139 State Blackspot Funding

Location Western Australia
Name of Applicant Shire of Victoria Plains
File Reference T1.2
Attachment/s Nil
Date 14th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The allocation of Black Spot Funding for State Projects has been received.

This shire received a total of \$90,666 which is required to be matched by \$45,555 of shire funds. The jobs are:-

1. Gillingarra New Norcia Road – Upgrade and Seal \$114,000
2. Bolgart West/Wyening West Road – Reshape existing double band \$30,000

Comment

Of our other applications two have been listed as unfunded reserve projects being:-

1. Yarrawindah West Road/Great Northern Highway and Bindoon Moora Road for installation of guard rails and lines
2. Old Plains Road/Calingiri West Road to reshape bends cut vertical crests and extend culverts.

Statutory Environment	Main roads
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Additional road funds in 2003/2004
Strategic Implications	Better Roads

Resolution 161/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that it be recommended to Council that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

W140 Change of Road Name - Mogumber

Location	Mogumber
Name of Applicant	Geographic Names Committee
File Reference	p-mogw
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th May 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Council agreed to the proposal to rename that section of road West of Mogumber to "Mogumber Road West"

Comment

The name has now been officially approved from 14th April 2003.

Statutory Environment	DOLA
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 162/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that it be recommended to Council that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

W141 Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group

Location Wheatbelt
Name of Applicant President Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group
File Reference T1.1
Attachment/s Nil
Date 14th May 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

It was resolved at the March meeting of the Regional Road Group that a meeting be convened with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to be attended by Chairperson, Secretaries and Chairman of the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group in order to argue retention of existing levels of RRG Funding in 2003/2004.

Comment

We have been advised by Bert Llewellyn who is the new President of the Wheatbelt North RRG that a meeting is scheduled for 28th May 2003.

Obviously the Minister has deferred the meeting until the budget was released and there is little chance of change, however we await the outcome.

Statutory Environment State Government
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Reduction in RRG Funding
Strategic Implications Nil

Resolution 163/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that it be recommended to Council that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

W142 Sign for Bypassing Calingiri level Crossing

Location Calingiri
Name of Applicant Cooperative Bulk Handling
File Reference T3.4
Attachment/s Nil
Date 15th May 2003
Author Allen Kent - Works Manager

Background

During the construction of the Grain Storage Facility site at Calingiri information was put forward to Cooperative Bulk Handling to supply and erect a sign on Calingiri New Norcia Road near the CBH Terminal to bring to the attention of motorists that if the railway line was blocked by trains loading grain that an alternative would be made available to "Emergency Vehicles"

through the worksite area of CBH and onto the section of Bin Road at the Eastern end to link up with the Calingiri West Road.

Comment

This was discussed at the time with CBH, the Shire of Victoria Plains and Main Roads whilst the facility was under construction. A recommendation was made to CBH from Main Roads that a sign be provided by CBH and erected to alert traffic of an alternative route. The sign shall read:-

USE CALINGIRI ROAD CROSSING WHEN CALINGIRI NEW NORCIA ROAD LEVEL CROSSING IS BLOCKED ACCESS VIA BIN ROAD AND CBH SITE

The sign is to be reflective blue background, 10mm high white lettering and a border and will be located between the Level Crossing and CBH access of the Southern side of the roadway.

Statutory Environment

Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

That it be recommended to Council that Council approve the CBH Rail Crossing sign at the total cost of supply and the erection of the same at its proposed location at the CBH Terminal in Calingiri.

Discussion was held regarding the sign as proposed. Wording "Emergency Vehicles" needs to be included. Height indicator needs to be included.

Resolution 164/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that this item be deferred and Cr Smith, Works Manager and Chief Executive Officer meet with CBH representative at a meeting scheduled for 10th June 2003 and discuss the signage issue.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

Reason: Signage not appropriate.

5 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Resolution 165/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that New Business be introduced.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

5.1 Red Gully Road

A complaint has been received by Cr J Kelly from the Williams family, Mogumber regarding Red Gully Road. Inferior Gravel.

Discussion:

This is to be included in the Shire's maintenance program as a resheet. Gravel is available on site.

5.2 Cocking Road

Box culverts or a bituminised floodway needs to be installed near the lake on Cocking's property.

5.3 Second Hand Box Culverts

Cr Anspach – What is council policy on use of second hand box culverts.

Works Manager – As long as box culverts are class 4 and above and meet Main Roads WA specifications there is no reason why second hand box culverts can not be use.

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 12.02pm

Signed this day of 2003

Presiding Member

**Chief Executive Officer's Report to Plant and Works Committee Meeting
27th May 2003**

Funding 2003/2004

As per the Agenda the funding for the AgLime Route 2 was not included in the Budget Papers, however we may still be allocated some funding from the forward estimates to allow the works to continue. We are hopeful of early advice in this regard. We have again been successful with Black Spot Funding which will offset Regional Road Group decreases.

Drought Proofing Calingiri

This proposal drags on and I am hopeful that we are moving towards a conclusion. The water source has been established and the licence approved. Planning for the project is expected to be received from the Consultants by 21st May 2003 and we hope to receive approval from the Water Corporation quickly. I am hopeful that I can defer funding from external sources as funds were proposed to be expended by 30th June 2003. Personally this project has been a grind and I am hoping to wrap it up as soon as possible.

Staff

I would like to discuss with the Committee the need to increase our Works Staff by a further permanent employee in the forthcoming budget. During the 90's Works Staff were reduced and this has placed a strain on our activities. This year because of the huge increase in the Works Program we have utilised casual staff for most of the year but even with a standard program the need to utilise Town Maintenance staff on rollers or other tasks in the field has meant that we are not maintaining our towns to a sufficient standard.

The Works Manager and myself have discussed this issue and believe that we can dedicate a person to this task by increasing our workforce by one and this right person given a deal of freedom to allocate his own priorities and work without continual supervision could make an impact and reflect creditably on the Shire and the public. Maintenance of our towns is an area where we receive a deal of criticism whether warranted or not. It would be important that this employee not be taken from his/her duties unless absolutely necessary.

Phil Anning
Chief Executive Officer

**Works Manager's Report to Plant and Works Committee Meeting
27th May 2003**

Construction

Calingiri-New Norcia Road/Calingiri-Goomalling Road - AgLime Route 2

To date all the construction work on AgLime Route 2 is going to plan, however over the last week or so we have had some difficulties with the weather which is normal for this time of the year and the construction process has slowed somewhat, this is mainly affecting the western end of Route 2 construction at the Carani end.

Calingiri-New Norcia Road has been completed to a primer seal stage over 4.3 km x 7.0 m to join up with the old seal west of Calingiri and I am very pleased with the result of the completed section.

Calingiri-Goomalling section of AgLime Route 2 over 1.20 km x 7m wide is complete past Brian Slater's property to a primer seal stage this is the only section programmed for total reconstruction and prime this financial year.

The loose material will be swept from the primer seal and guide posts will be erected after the sweeping is carried out.

Calingiri-New Norcia AgLime Route at the Carani end is progressing well and on budget, however as mentioned previously the weather has been a factor in the past few days.

I have had discussions with Roadswest and Main Roads in relation to the completion of the primer seal on the Carani section which will cover approximately 4.30 km x 7m in width and the effect that the wet weather may have in relation to the primer seal being completed this financial year.

As Council are aware Main Roads expected us to complete with the monies allocated this financial year 6.2 km of total reconstruction and primer seal on AgLime Route 2 as Council can see we will achieve more like 11.0 km of total reconstruction and primer seal on AgLime Route 2 this financial year.

However in saying that, if the wet weather persists and the primer seal cannot be laid on this section this financial year, all the materials to complete the prime have been purchased and paid for this financial year, with sanction from Roadswest and Main Roads.

If we do run into very wet weather, and the prime cannot be achieved over this section the material will be waterbound to provide a very good running surface for traffic until mid October 2004 after the winter rains.

If weather conditions improve and we can apply the primer seal all will be achieved in 2002/2003 financial year. As Manager Works Services I will not take the risk of applying the primer seal if conditions are not favourable once the material has been waterbound.

Main Roads and Roadswest are happy with this proposal if the weather creates any major problems for us to finish the programme within 2002/2003.

All materials including signs and guide posts have been purchased this financial year for the AgLime Route 2 Construction for the total length between Great Northern Hwy and the Goomalling Boundary.

Councils Capital Works Programme

Drainage Construction and Gravel Re-sheeting Programme plus Tree Lopping

List of roads completed to date:

Calcarra West Road	- 2.0 km
Yenart Road	- 2.0 km
Gillingarra Glentromie	- 3.0 km (this work will be complete by the end of May 2003)
Wilson Road	- 2.0 km
Catabody Road	- 2.0 km

Capital Works to complete before 30 June 2003

Works listed will commence towards the end of May 2003.

Behanging Road

Various sections to widen and seal inside curves, improve visibility and gravel re-sheeting various.

Corondine Road

Tree Lopping, Drainage Construction to 2.0 km x 8m wide gravel re-sheeting from Fordham Road towards Wyening Mission.

Thompson Road

Two box culverts will be installed within the first week of June 2003 this work may have to be carried out by a contractor as our staff are very busy with construction works.

Old Plains Road

Not on this years budget allocation. This was completed under maintenance 1.20 km x 8m wide from Yenart Road to Great Northern hwy.

Drainage Maintenance

Work will start early June 2003 on cleaning out blocked culverts and drains around the shire as required.

Maintenance Grading

Maintenance grading will continue whilst weather permits and this will be ongoing as time allows. At present I have engaged a contractor RJ &BR Hogg to carry out some maintenance grading as directed by myself while our machines are busy with construction and Capital works including the AgLime Route.

Parks & Gardens Maintenance

Maintenance of the Calingiri hockey and football fields has been ongoing. This work is carried out as time allows from other maintenance and construction works. Town maintenance has

continued as time allows i.e.: mowing, spraying, guide posts, street and road signs, verge spraying.

Capital Works Programme

The following is a list of Capital Works programmed and costed for this financial year for Council consideration and approval.

PROJECT	ROAD	REQUIREMENTS	TOTAL
Regional Road Project	Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road	Reseal and repair failures	\$122,400
Roads To Recovery Project	Gillingarra New Norcia Road	Total re-construction and Prime	\$199,000
Black Spot	Gillingarra New Norcia Road		\$114,000
Black Spot	Bolgart West Road		\$21,999
Capital Works	Road Hierarchy Class 1 Roads		\$311,140
<p>Capital Works total also includes insitu concrete footpath construction McPherson St Bolgart. Roads as listed below:-</p> <p>Boxhall Road Old Plains Road Carani East Road Carani West Road Nicholas St Konnongorring Road McPherson St Footpath</p>			

Allen Kent
Works Manager