



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes for an Ordinary Meeting of Council held

On	Tuesday 19 th September 2006
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	1.00pm

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 1.00pm

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

President:	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
Councillors:	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr D Lovelock	West Ward
	Cr S Woods	Central Ward
	Cr J Brennan	Central Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr J Young	East Ward

Apologies: Nil

Chief Executive Officer:	Mr H Hawkins
Finance and Administration Manager:	Mr N Hamilton
Works Manager:	Mr A Kent (2.45pm to 3.01pm)
Building Surveyor:	Mr G Tester (1.22pm to 1.38pm)
Executive Assistant:	Mrs F Watson (Minutes)

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATION'S/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution 267/06

Moved Cr Brennan seconded Cr Smith that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 15th August 2006 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

7.2 Business Arising from Minutes

Cr Lovelock

Has been contacted by RSL and local member Gary Snook is to convene a meeting between relevant parties so as not to involve the shire further on this matter.

Cr Kelly

Mogumber Tavern

Has been asked the question by resident/ratepayer - Why was Subiaco involved in the Planning matters of the proposed development? Cr Kelly advised the caller that Subiaco was involved on our shared resources service to provide more informed advice on the matter presented to Council for consideration.

8 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cr Anspach

Thanked all those for attending Main Roads meeting at the Calingiri Hall.

Cr Kelly

Has Calingiri industrial land been finalised for Mr Clampett?

CEO

Yes – settlement has been effected.

CEO

Spoke on upcoming hearing involving M Stock of Bolgart.

Cr Lovelock

Attended the last Community Vision Workshop in New Norcia. Direction decided upon was to encourage participation on a whole shire basis rather than a town basis. Invitations have been sent throughout the shire to nominate people for their contribution to Victoria Plains. Next meeting 18/10/06. S Kremple will arrange to attend the next council meeting (October 06).

CEO

Has spoken with Ms Kremple and invited her to attend the council meeting to be held in October.

Cr Erickson

MCC – Georgie Gardner has resigned.
Advertising the position Georgie held.
Another meeting to be held Friday. One applicant.

Cr Woods

Minutes of the landcare management meeting held this morning have been circulated for councillor information.

10 BUSINESS PAPER

- 10.1 Finance
- 10.2 Community Services
- 10.3 Town Planning
- 10.4 Administration
- 10.5 Works

10.1 FINANCE

F473 Accounts for Payment

A list of accounts paid for the month of August follows this item. The payments made are within budget parameters. Payments made in the "90000" series of cheque numbers are direct payments via the Electronic Funds Transfer system and are for the payment of employee's wages.

Resolution 268/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Lovelock that Municipal and Trust cheques numbered 4770 to 4911 and direct payments 90168 to 90171 totalling \$356,496.54 be passed for payment.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F474 Sundry Debtors

A list of sundry debtors to 31st August 2006 follows this item.

Resolution 269/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson that the sundry debtors report as at 31st August 2006 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F475 Monthly Financial Statement

The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st August 2006 follows this item.

Resolution 270/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Holmes that the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st August 2006 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F476 Municipal and Trust Fund

The Municipal and Trust Fund on hand as at the 15th September 2006 was tabled at the meeting.

Resolution 271/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Kelly that the Municipal and Trust Fund on hand as at the 15th September 2006 as tabled be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F477 Outstanding Rates Report

The Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 11th September 2006 follows this item.

Resolution 272/06

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Kelly the Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 11th September 2006 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F478 Use of Common Seal

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: n/a

File Reference: F1.7.1

Attachments: Nil

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Neil Hamilton - Finance and Administration Manager

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Background

Council is advised that the Shire of Victoria Plains Common Seal was used on 1st September 2006 and affixed to the Loan Agreement to refinance the light vehicle loan of \$125,000 as per the budget approval for 2006/2007.

Comment

The loan is for a period of four (4) years at 6.29%. The total interest payable over the term of the loan being \$18,304.93.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

- ▶ **Environment**
Nil
- ▶ **Economic**
Nil
- ▶ **Social**
Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Resolution 273/06

Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Lovelock that the information be received by Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Incorporating Health, Building and Community Services)

CS313 Mission Cottage - New Norcia

Location: Loc ML15 Great Northern Highway New Norcia

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc.

File Reference: p-gtnh

Attachments: Application for Planning Approval, Extract from Conservation Policy in New Norcia: Mission Cottage Building, Conservation Management Plan, Site plan and Elevation plan.

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Gordon Tester – Building Surveyor

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

An application for Planning Approval to restore the Mission Cottage building situated north of the Church from its current use as a public toilet, to its former use as a Mission Cottage building has been received from the Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc.

The scope of works is outlined in the attached Extract from a Conservation Policy in New Norcia.

Comment

The proposal is supported as the building is the last remaining Mission Cottage in the New Norcia Heritage Precinct and the project is being managed by Heritage Architect Mr R. McK Campbell who will ensure that the building is restored in accordance with sound conservation values.

The restored building has the potential to form an additional educational resource in the New Norcia Heritage Precinct and to enhance tourism.

Statutory Environment

Town Planning Scheme No 4 states:

PART 6 - HERITAGE PRECINCTS AND PLACES OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

6.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT - *The purpose and intent of the heritage provisions are:*

- a) to facilitate the conservation of places of heritage value;*
- b) to ensure as far as possible that development occurs with due regard to heritage values.*

6.4 NEW NORCIA HERITAGE PRECINCT

(1) There shall be a Heritage Precinct as designated in the New Norcia Conservation and Development Plan approved by the Benedictine Community of New Norcia and endorsed by Council.

(2) The purposes and the intent of the New Norcia Heritage Precinct will be to;

- a) recognise the unique heritage values of the precinct while allowing a wide range of land use and development options in accordance with the Scheme Objectives and the needs of the existing community of New Norcia, and*
- b) ensure the coordinated development and conservation of new Norcia in accordance with the New Norcia Conservation Design and Management Plan.*

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Will further enhance Tourism in this area

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 274/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Young that Council approve the development application from the Benedictine Community of New Norcia to restore the mission Cottage Building at Location ML15 Great Northern Highway New Norcia subject to a Building Licence being obtained from Council prior to any restoration works commencing.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

G Tester – Building Surveyor entered the meeting at 1.22pm

CS314 Application for Oversized Shed - Yerecoin

Location: Lot 21, No 41 Milner Street Yerecoin

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Arthur Hall

File Reference: p-miln

Attachments: Site plan, shed plan (elevations), Response for neighbour, Application letter

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Gordon Tester - Building Surveyor

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

The owner of Lot 21 Milner Street Yerecoin, Mr Arthur Hall, seeks Council approval to construct a steel framed colour bond walled, zincalume roofed shed at the rear of his property.

This matter is referred to Council as the floor area and wall height of the proposed shed exceeds the dimensions indicated in the Residential Design Codes of 2002.

Comment

The owners of the neighbouring properties to the proposed shed were consulted in writing and one reply was received indicating no objection to the proposed shed. At the time of writing this report a response had not been received from K C Burrell of Yerecoin.

The proposed shed has a wall height of 3m and a floor area of 90m². An existing small shed of 12m² raises the total aggregate of shed floor area on this property to 102m².

This exceeds the maximum allowed shed floor area of 60m² by 42m² and the maximum allowed wall height of 2.6m by 600mm.

Statutory Environment

Residential Design Codes 2002

Policy Implications

Nil. It may be of value to consider adopting an Outbuilding Policy.

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Large sheds on residential blocks can have a negative impact on a townsite.

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Resolution 275/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Brennan that Council approve the construction of a steel framed, colour bond walled, zinalume roofed shed with a floor area of 90m² and a wall height of 3m, on Lot 21 Milner Street Yerecoin subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. Disposal of stormwater to be as directed by Council so as not to adversely affect neighbouring properties; and**
- 2. Shed to be used only for private purposes.**

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

10.3 Town Planning Status Report

Resolution 276/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Holmes that the items in the Town Planning Status Report detailed below be noted.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Item No	Report Details	Town Planning Action Required	Status
TP57	Planning approval - New Norcia Hotel	Nil. Approved by Council	Complete
TP58	Local Planning Scheme No 5	Adopted by Council. Formal process of adoption commenced.	Ongoing
TP59	Local Planning Strategy	Adopted by Council. Formal process of adoption commenced.	Ongoing
TP60	Application for Planning Approval - Mogumber Tavern	That further information be provided by W R Carpenter prior to council approval; council carry out a 21 day public consultation; and all questions as put to the July ordinary meeting of Council be answered and presented in writing by WR Carpenter.	Ongoing

10.3 TOWN PLANNING

There are no items for discussion under the Town Planning section for this meeting

G Tester - Building Surveyor left the meeting at 1.38pm.

10.4 Administration Status Report

Resolution 277/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Holmes that the items in the Administration Status Report detailed below be noted.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Item No	Report Details	Administration Action Required	Status
A908	Chief Executive Officer's Report	Nil	Received
A909	Biosolids Research Project	Council do not support a letter of support to Trees Midwest.	Complete. Trees Midwest notified of outcome of meeting
A910	Sale of Shire Residential Land	Council agreed to sell residential land being Lot 110 Yulgering Road and No. 7 Harrington Street Calingiri by public tender as per the provisions of section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 subject to a building licence being applied for within 6 months of purchase and substantial progress towards the building of a home or relocation of a transportable home being undertaken within twelve months of purchase.	Ongoing
A911	ACC Board Member Elections	Council resolved that no action be taken.	Complete
A912	Sale of Industrial Land Calingiri	Council accepted the offer to purchase Lot 303 Yulgering Road Calingiri submitted by Simon Clampett of Millendon at the advertised price of \$7,500.	Ongoing. Settlement being effected
A913	Central Midlands VROC Minutes	Minutes of the Central Midlands VROC meeting held on the 21 st July 2006 received by Council.	Complete
A914	Standing Orders	Resolved that Council be stricter in allowing issues to be introduced as late items of an urgent nature at the end of meetings where they are not in writing including a detailed preamble and distributed to all Councillors prior to or at the commencement of the meeting at which they are to be raised.	Complete
A915	Heavy Vehicle Access to local roads	That the information was received by Council and that once information sought from local contractors is received, by no later than September 19 th 2006, a special meeting of the Plant and Works Committee be convened to	Ongoing. Plant and Works Meeting to be held 19 th September.

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		develop a plan for the urgent upgrade of required roads deemed unsuitable for Restricted Access Vehicles.	
A916	Mosaic Slabs at Calingiri War Memorial	Council resolved to relocate the mosaic slabs to the road verge along Yulgering Road outside the Memorial Park be accepted and that the slabs be moved as soon as possible.	Complete

10.4 ADMINISTRATION

A917 Chief Executive Officer's Report to Council

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Chief Executive Officer

File Reference: A1.2.1

Attachments: Chief Executive Officer's report

Date Report Written: 14th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

See report.

Comment

See report

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 278/06

Moved Cr Brennan seconded Cr Woods that the Chief Executive Officer's report as presented to Council be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Chief Executive Officer's Report to Ordinary Meeting of Council

1. Meetings Attended

1. CMVROC Executive Officers meeting at the Shire of Dalwallinu 18th August 2006
2. CMVROC ECO Industrial Park meeting at Shire of Chittering 25th August 2006
3. LEMC Meeting at Shire of Wongan Ballidu 6th September 2006
4. DOAC Meeting in Carnamah on the 13th September 2006
5. Meeting with John Rossiter from MRWA in Calingiri 14th September 2006
6. Meeting with FESA A/DCON and CEMO in Calingiri 15th September 2006

2. SAT Hearing

Notification has been received of a SAT directions hearing for action brought by Margaret Stock which is to be held on the 21st September 2006. Under SAT rules copies of all documents lodged with SAT are to be given to the shire however at the time of writing this report no documentation had been received from Mrs Stock and the subject of the hearing is unknown. An update on the Supreme Court Appeal of 2nd November 2005 was received from Minter Ellison who advised that Justice Jackson has been ill and further advice as to when a decision may be handed down is expected in four to six weeks.

3. National Young Farmer of the Year

Cameron Williams of Mogumber who was sponsored by the shire to attend the National Rural Youth Convention last month was honoured as the National Young Farmer of the Year for 2006. Comments received at the Dowerin Field

Days confirmed that Cameron was a worthy winner and a great ambassador for the Shire of Victoria Plains. A letter of congratulations from Councillors and staff at the shire has been sent to Cameron.

4. Ex CEO House Leased

Lauren Brown a teacher from the Calingiri Primary School has moved into the ex CEO house in Yulgering Road Calingiri on a lease until the end of the school year in December. The house has been leased at \$100 per week plus outgoings. An expression of interest in leasing the ex landcare house at 9 Harrington Street has also been received however at the time of writing this report no firm commitment had been received.

5. Mogumber Tavern Redevelopment

The Mogumber Tavern Development proposal has been advertised in the Mogumber area for public comment and has been sent to the City of Subiaco for assessment and advice. A preliminary report was received from Subiaco and sent to WR Carpenter for comment and most points were agreed with the only sticking point being a request for traffic, noise and light management reports which were labelled as not required by Carpenters as they will be in line with the current Tavern operations and preparing management reports would only see consultants being paid thousands for no benefit. This comment has been sent back to the City of Subiaco for a response and at the time of writing this report no response had been received.

6. Gillingarra Hall

There has been some confusion recently about the ownership of the Gillingarra Hall so Frank Cooper was contacted and he provided details about the whereabouts of files that contained records from the early eighties. These files contained correspondence showing how the land the hall is on was given back to the crown, reserved and vested in the shire with the right to lease. The hall it self was then taken over by the shire and leased back to the Gillingarra Sport and Recreation Club on a 21 year lease similar to the Calingiri Sports Club lease with the Gillingarra Sport and Recreation Club responsible for all costs including maintenance and insurance. No signed lease has been found although correspondence and draft lease documents suggest that a lease was taken out and it is thought to expire in 2009.

7. Staff

Gavin Eastwood has been employed as a general hand/Plant Operator on the outside crew filling the final vacancy that existed, Gavin who lives in his own accommodation in Calingiri has a crane and dogman ticket and the Works Manager expects him to be an asset to the shire with his ability and skills. As in previous years any additional staff required during the road construction projects will be sourced on a contract or casual basis within budget constraints.

A918 Credit Card Limit Increase

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Chief Executive Officer

File Reference: F1.8.4

Attachments: Nil

Date Report Written: 23rd August 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

Due to some transactions such as booking airfares having to be conducted over the internet and problems in the payment of out of pocket expenses at conferences etc. a corporate credit card account was opened in 2003 for the CEO with a credit limit of \$1,000. This credit limit is now not sufficient to meet the level of some of these expenses and an increase in the limit is required.

Comment

In the past few months some local government expenses have been paid by staff personal credit cards and reimbursed later as the shire corporate credit card limit was insufficient to meet the costs. An increase in the limit to \$5,000 which appears to be the industry average is suggested.

The increase in limit will not lead to increased expenditure but will reduce the need for staff to pay expenses from a personal credit card and be reimbursed adding to bank fees and staff time. All of the current control processes which protect against inappropriate use are working well and will remain in place.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

- ▶ **Environment**
Nil
- ▶ **Economic**
Nil
- ▶ **Social**
Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 279/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson that the CEO be authorised to increase the credit limit on the Bendigo Bank Shire of Victoria Plains' Corporate Credit card to \$5,000.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A919 Homestead Lot

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Richard Hardie

File Reference: D5.2

Attachments: Letter from Applicant

Date Report Written: 23rd August 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

The applicant is proposing to sell his farming property and would like to rearrange the boundaries of the lots on that property to split off a homestead lot as per the conditions on page 44 of the new Local Planning Strategy. As the strategy has not been advertised or received approval from the EPA and the WAPC support of the Council for this proposal is requested.

Comment

As a part of the process of developing the Local Planning Strategy a proposal was put forward by Paul Bashall of Planwest where a homestead lot could be created by rearranging the boundaries where two or more lots exist on a property as an alternative to a subdivision to create an additional lot.

The proposal which was discussed at a meeting between the property owner, his estate agent and the CEO is consistent with these provisions contained in the adopted Local Planning Strategy and Council is therefore encouraged to support the proposal.

Statutory Environment

Planning and Development Act 2005, Local Planning Strategy

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Discussion was held on boundaries, homestead lots and rural/residential subdivision.

Resolution 280/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Lovelock that Council support the proposal by the property owner to change the boundaries of existing lots at the Mount Yule farming property to create a Homestead Lot that may be split off and retained in the event of the farm being sold.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

G Tester - Building Surveyor left the meeting at 1.36pm

A920 Local Emergency Management Committee

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:** n/a

File Reference: L3.1

Attachments: Nil

Date Report Written: 23rd August 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of
Interest:** Nil

Background

Resolution 204/06 passed at the June meeting of Council was to join a joint Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) with the Shire of Wongan Ballidu. This was agreed to by their Council and the joint LEMC is now a reality however the Shire of Victoria Plains needs to elect a shire representative to be on the committee.

Comment

The Joint LEMC makes good sense as the Shire of Victoria Plains does not have any State Government agencies located within its boundaries and all organisations that would be called on in a major emergency apart from the volunteer bush fire brigades and St John Ambulance would come from outside the shire. Representation on the committee from Victoria Plains would be the Chief Bushfire Control Officer, a St John Ambulance representative (on a rotating basis with Wongan Ballidu) a shire representative and a community representative. Victoria Plains would also contribute to the administration costs of the joint committee. The CEO will attend all meetings as it is his responsibility to administer emergency services in the shire.

The Chief Bushfire Control Officer and St John Ambulance representatives would be selected by their position and organisation and outgoing CBFCO Keith Hunt has agreed to sit on the committee as the community representative. Council must now elect a Shire representative who should be an elected member. Meetings are held quarterly in the Wongan Ballidu Council Chambers and exercises to test the preparedness and expertise of the committee for various emergencies are held regularly on an ad hoc basis.

Statutory Environment

Emergency Management Act 2005

Policy Implications

A new emergency management policy needs to be adopted

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Membership would improve emergency preparedness in Victoria Plains

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Improved awareness and response capability would lessen the impact of any potential environmental catastrophe

▶ **Economic**

Combined resources and administration of emergency management would remove duplication and provide advantages in improved services

▶ **Social**

Increased capabilities of combined resources would aid recovery after any disaster and lead to a faster return to normality for the community

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 281/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Woods that Councillor Anspach is elected the Victoria Plains Shire representative on the joint Local Emergency Committee and Councillor Brennan is elected as his proxy in the event that he is unable to attend any meeting or exercise.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A921 Review of Biosolids Guidelines

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: n/a

File Reference: H2.12

Attachments: Letter from Department of Environment

Date Report Written: 6th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: None

Background

The Department of the Environment and the Department of Health are conducting a review of the "Guidelines for the Direct Land Application of Biosolids and Biosolids Product Feb 2002" and have invited the shire as a key stakeholder to comment on the current guidelines. The deadline for comment is the 20th October 2006.

Comment

The review by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Health into the Guidelines for the Direct Land Application of Biosolids and Biosolids Product Feb 2002 is as stated in the attached letter looking for comments on the current guidelines and specifically where the guidelines may be confusing, lack relevant information or differ from practical application and is nothing to do with the appropriateness of using Biosolids or the proposed Biosolids storage facility.

Breaches of the guidelines are regularly reported and many opponents of Biosolids believe that it is the failure to comply with the guidelines that is the problem. It is suggested therefore that comments should be concentrated on the basis of where the guidelines differ from practical application.

Statutory Environment

Health Act 1911, Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ Environment

Breaches of guidelines are regularly reported it is the failure to comply not the guidelines that is the problem.

▶ Economic

Biosolids use under the current guidelines provides a benefit to users as a less expensive fertilizer alternative with increased crop yields.

▶ Social

Odour, perceived fly breeding and a lack of information on the long term effects of Biosolids create uncertainty in the community.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 282/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Erickson that Councillors, the EHO and interested members of the community be invited to make submissions in writing to the CEO on the current Guidelines for the Direct Land Application of Biosolids and Biosolids Products by the 30th September 2006 for inclusion in a Shire of Victoria Plains comments paper to be prepared by the CEO and reported to the October meeting of Council for endorsement and lodgement with the Senior Scientific Officer Wastewater Management Section of the Department of Health by the 20th October 2006.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Householder flyer to be sent within the shire to request comments.

A922 Biosolids Policy Position

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Chief Executive Officer

File Reference: H2.12

Attachments: Nil

Date Report Written: 30th August 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of
Interest:** Nil

Background

Agricultural land application of Biosolids has been going on in the Shire of Victoria Plains for approximately seven years however over the past two years since the Water Corporation was issued with planning consent to construct the trial storage facility at Gillingarra there has been an increase in protests and other activities in an attempt to ban the stockpiling and spreading of Biosolids in Victoria Plains particularly west of the Great Northern Highway. Staff are often requested to take action or are questioned on action taken by ratepayers in regards to Biosolids land application and storage.

Comment

The issues surrounding the stockpiling and spreading of Biosolids on agricultural land is an emotive and complex issue with both sides of the debate providing information and documentation to support their argument.

The Departments of Health and Environment and Conservation have approved the use of Biosolids in the Shire of Victoria Plains for land application and although not every application is subject to a licence, approval from the Department of Health is provided to the shire.

The Environmental Health Officer and the CEO are coming under pressure from those opposed to Biosolids to write to the Water Corporation, Department of Health, Department of Environment and Conservation, the Environmental Protection Authority and politicians in the name of the shire to express concern at the practices of some local landowners (ratepayers) using the product and the stockpiling and spreading of the product in general.

The Shire of Victoria Plains does not have a policy on Biosolids and staff have been asked by some groups in the community to report alleged breaches of guidelines for the use of the product without the local users who are also ratepayers having the opportunity to defend their actions or the product. Council has also been asked by one group for financial support to continue their work in opposition to the use of Biosolids.

Council is asked to make a policy decision as they did on GMO's in relation to Biosolids use so that staff have some direction and do not become pawns stuck in the middle of this debate which has ratepayers both as opponents and proponents. It should be acknowledged that a policy is a guideline only that gives direction to staff and Councillors on an issue and does not bind Council, although a good reason would be required to go against policy.

Transport problems are a separate issue that has been acknowledged by Temples Transport and the Water Corporation who at a recent meeting at the shire announced that a new type of trailer was being built and would be trailed in an effort to alleviate spillage and odour.

Statutory Environment

Health Act 1911, Environmental Protection Act 1986, Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

New policy required to provide direction to staff

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Conflict between two groups of ratepayers

Sustainability Implications

► Environment

Both sides of the debate produce evidence supporting their stance on the environmental impact of Biosolids

▶ **Economic**

Fertilizer replacement provided at no charge by the Water Corporation

▶ **Social**

Both sides of the debate provide supporting evidence for their views

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Cr Woods

Council have no control over this issue.

Recommendation

Moved Cr seconded Cr that Council authorise the CEO and EHO to develop a policy on agricultural land application and storage of Biosolids containing among other things the following clauses

- 1. That Council supports/does not support/is neutral on the use of Biosolids in the Shire of Victoria Plains.**
- 2. That the EHO and/or the CEO contact ratepayers alleged to have breached the Western Australian Guidelines for Direct Land Application of Biosolids and Biosolids Products (2002) for their comment and seeks Council's adjudication prior to advising authorities (in the name of the shire) of alleged breaches to the guidelines reported by third parties.**
- 3. That the Water Corporation is to advise the shire of the tonnages to be delivered in each application and to seek direction from the shire Works Manager on which local roads it may use to deliver the product to each location included in the application.**
- 4. That to prevent perception of or allegations of bias no financial support will be provided to any interest group where two or more groups of ratepayers are divided on the issues being fought.**

Cr Kelly

Guidance required. Discussed his concerns.

Resolution 283/06

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Lovelock that Council authorise the CEO and EHO to develop a policy on agricultural land application and storage of Biosolids containing among other things the following clauses

- 1. That Council is neutral on the use of Biosolids in the Shire of Victoria Plains.**
- 2. That the EHO and/or the CEO contact ratepayers alleged to have breached the Western Australian Guidelines for Direct Land Application of Biosolids and Biosolids Products (2002) for their comment and seeks Council's adjudication prior to advising authorities (in the name of the shire) of alleged breaches to the guidelines reported by third parties.**
- 3. That the Water Corporation is to advise the shire of the tonnages to be delivered in each application and to seek direction from the shire Works Manager on which local roads it may use to deliver**

- the product to each location included in the application.
4. That to prevent perception of or allegations of bias no financial support will be provided to any interest group where two or more groups of ratepayers are divided on the issues being fought.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/2

A923 Gate on Longman Road

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: David Cocking

File Reference: p-long

Attachments: Letter from Applicant and Email Advice from LGIS

Date Report Written: 23rd August 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

Resolution 473/04 Passed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on the 14th December 2004 read as follows

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Lovelock that:- 1. Cocking's be authorised to have cattle grids and signage to Council approved standards and provide indemnity to the shire in respect to liability on Longman Road; 2. That the cattle grids and signage be upgraded within 90 days with all costs to be borne by the landholder. MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/1.

Since the May Ordinary meeting of Council the upgrading of the cattle grids has been completed and inspected by the Works Manager and the CEO and following the erection of some signage will be satisfactory. David Mugliston (owner of the 40 hectare block) and David Cocking would like a gate installed at the entrance to Longman Road to restrict access.

Comment

Advice has been sought from Local Government Insurance Services on the liability issue and their reply is attached.

Section 9.60 of the Local Government act 1995 allows regulations dealing with matters specified in schedule 9.1 to be made and these regulations then apply as if they were local laws. Schedule 9.1 (5) deals with gates across public thoroughfares and reads as follows; (1) Regulations may be made under which a local government may authorise a person to have across a public thoroughfare that is under its control or management a gate or other

device that enables motor traffic to pass and prevents the straying of livestock. (2) Regulations may include provisions for ensuring that a gate that has been placed across a public thoroughfare with the authority of a local government is not left open.

Regulations 9 and 10 of the Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996 provide more detail on the implementation of the provisions of Schedule 9.1 (5) of the Local Government Act 1995 and reads as follows;

- 9 (1) A person may apply to the local government for permission to have across a public thoroughfare under the control or management of the local government a gate or other device that enables motor traffic to pass across the public thoroughfare and prevents livestock from straying.
- (2) The local government may, before dealing with the application, require the applicant to publish notice of the application in such manner as the local government thinks fit.
- (3) Permission granted by the local government under this regulation is required to specify the period for which it is granted and may be renewed from time to time.
- (4) The local government may impose such conditions as it thinks fit on the construction, placement and maintenance of the gate or other device across the public thoroughfare and may, when renewing the permission or at any other time, vary any condition.
- (5) The local government may at any time withdraw permission granted under this regulation and request the person responsible for the gate or other device to remove it within a time specified in the request.
- (6) A person to whom a request is made under sub regulation (5) commits an offence if the person fails to comply with the request.
- (7) The penalty for an offence under sub regulation (6) is \$1 000.
- (8) A local government is required to keep a register of gates and other devices constructed under this regulation.

10. Gate across thoroughfare not to be left open — Sch. 9.1 cl. 5(2)

- (1) A person who leaves open a gate registered under regulation 9(8) commits an offence.
- (2) The penalty for an offence against sub regulation (1) is \$1 000.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 section 9.60 and Schedule 9.1(5) Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 9 and 10

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil, any costs should be borne by landholders

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

- ▶ **Environment**
Nil
- ▶ **Economic**
Nil
- ▶ **Social**
Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Recommendation

That approval be given for the installation and registration of a gate at the end of Longman Road where it intersects with the Gillingarra Glentromie Road subject to the following conditions and consideration by Council of any submissions received in response to condition 1;

- 1. An advertisement being placed in the Central Midlands Advocate outlining the proposal and any submissions received within 14 days of the advertisement being published being considered by Council.**
- 2. Entrance and exit to cattle grids being maintained with suitable material to ensure that a large drop off for vehicles does not occur, especially during winter months.**
- 3. Appropriate signage being placed on both sides of the gate clearly visible to read PLEASE SHUT THIS GATE.**
- 4. Any signage or other works involved in purchasing and installing the gates being paid for by David Cocking.**
- 5. A joint agreement in respect to liability being entered into by David Cocking and the Shire of Victoria Plains.**
- 6. Failure to meet or maintain these conditions resulting in the gate registration being revoked forthwith.**

Recommendation

Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Erickson that this item lay on table until further information is available.

MOTION PUT & LOST

Debate against

Cr Smith

Is Cr Kelly aware of other roads with gates across them? Laying on the table only prolongs the matter. The information is there, council should make a decision based on that.

Cr Kelly

Is not familiar with gates across roads.

Cr Kelly asked that the fax from B Kelly regarding gates on Longman Rd be read to Council.

CEO read the fax.

Cr Smith

Due respect to fax received. Only first paragraph should be noted as being relevant to Longman Road.

Cr Woods

This gate issue has no affect on anyone other than persons involved. Why would anyone want to use that road?

Resolution 284/06

Moved Cr Young seconded by Cr Smith that approval be given for the

- 1. installation and registration of a gate at the end of Longman Road where it intersects with the Gillingarra Glentromie Road subject to the following conditions and consideration by Council of any submissions received in response to condition 1;**
- 2. An advertisement being placed in the Central Midlands Advocate outlining the proposal and any submissions received within 14 days of the advertisement being published being considered by Council.**
- 3. Entrance and exit to cattle grids being maintained with suitable material to ensure that a large drop off for vehicles does not occur, especially during winter months.**
- 4. Appropriate signage being placed on both sides of the gate clearly visible to read PLEASE SHUT THIS GATE.**
- 5. Any signage or other works involved in purchasing and installing the gates being paid for by David Cocking.**
- 6. A joint agreement in respect to liability being entered into by David Cocking and the Shire of Victoria Plains.**
- 7. Failure to meet or maintain these conditions resulting in the gate registration being revoked forthwith.**

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/4

For: Cr Smith, Cr Young, Cr Brennan, Cr Woods, and Cr Lovelock

Against: Cr Kelly, Cr Anspach, Holmes, and Erickson

Debate against

Cr Kelly

Liability is still an issue. Not happy with joint liability agreement.

CEO

LGIS would draw up the agreement.

Cr Holmes

How can council make a decision on privately owned land?

CEO

The status of the road is not changed by the gate. It is still a public road. People using road need to open and close the gate.

Cr Kelly

Explained the gate/grid scenario to council.

A924 Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: n/a

File Reference: L1.4

Attachments: Nil

Date Report Written: 6th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

Restricted and Prohibited burning times in the Shire of Victoria Plains were amended and new times gazetted last May, however the Council Policy Manual was not amended and still shows the old dates.

Comment

The current Policy Manual shows the Restricted burning times as 19th September to 31st October and 15th February to 29th March and the Prohibited times from 1st November to the 14th February while the dates gazetted in May 2006 show the Restricted times as 1st to the 31st March and 1st to the 31st October with the Prohibited times 1st November to 28th February.

As the gazetted dates are the current ones, it is suggested that the policy manual be updated to reflect these dates. To change the policy manual, Council is required to endorse the new Restricted and Prohibited burning times.

Statutory Environment

Bush Fires Act 1954, Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Change to Policy 10.1.12 Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 285/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Lovelock that Council endorse the changes to the Restricted and Prohibited burning times as gazetted on the 19th May 2006 and authorise policy 10.1.12 Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times to be changed to show Restricted burning times from 1st to 31st March and 1st to 31st October each year and the Prohibited burning times from 1st November each year to 28th February the following year.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/1

Cr Smith

Spoke on previous years burning times and disagrees with the times gazetted.

Cr Lovelock

This can be changed and is only a policy.

A925 Sale of Industrial Land Calingiri

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Bill Cotton

File Reference: D6.1

Attachments: Letter of Offer

Date Report Written: 23rd August 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Background

Land in the industrial subdivision in Calingiri completed in 2003 has been advertised for sale by a sign posted on Yulgering Road complete with prices for each block and an offer has been received to purchase Lot 302 at that advertised price.

Comment

Mr Bill Cotton who has recently purchased a residential block in Yerecoin has sent in a letter of offer to purchase Lot 302 Yulgering Road Calingiri for the advertised price of \$11,620. Lot 302 is the L shaped lot wrapped around the water tower and it is fully fenced ready to occupy without any further expenditure by Council.

It is Mr Cotton's intention to transfer his business which is related to the caravanning industry and includes general repairs and the occasional manufacture of purpose built vans and trailers from Midland. The business which is a permitted use under Town Planning Scheme No.4 and the proposed Local Planning Scheme No.5, may provide some benefit to local ratepayers therefore the sale should be supported.

As the subdivision is considered a major land transaction under section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995 Council may accept the offer without having to comply with the advertising provisions of section 3.58 of the Act.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, Planning and Development Act 2005 and Town Planning Scheme No.4

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Cash income will be received from sale plus future rates income

Strategic Implications

A new business venture will come into the district

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil. Industrial subdivision meets environmental standards for this type of business

▶ **Economic**

New business will provide local access to services

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 286/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Lovelock that Council accepts the offer to purchase Industrial Lot 302 Yulgering Road Calingiri submitted by Bill Cotton of Midland at the advertised price of \$11,620.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A926 Amended Biosolids Licence

Location: Annadale Farm - Bulbarnet Rd Gillingarra

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Department of Environment

File Reference: H2.12

Attachments: Letter and Amended Licence.

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

Annadale Farm in Gillingarra has been a regular user of Biosolids for some time and the Department of Environment and Conservation licence first issued on 14th November 2005 has been amended as of 18th August 2006.

Comment

See attached letter and amended licence.

Statutory Environment

Environmental Protection Act

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

The application of Biosolids to farm land is considered to be a sustainable practice.

▶ **Economic**

Significant economic benefits arise from the application of Biosolids to farm land.

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Not applicable

Resolution 287/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Brennan that Council receives the report.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A927 Biosolids Use

Location: Corio Farm - Piawaning

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Department of Health

File Reference: H2.12

Attachments: Copy of letter from Department of Health

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

The Department of Health advises that the Water Corporation proposes to apply Biosolids to Corio Farm, Piawaning.

Comment

See attached letter

Statutory Environment

Environmental Protection Act, Health Act 1911

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

The application of Biosolids to farm land is considered to be a sustainable practice.

▶ **Economic**

Significant economic benefits arise from the application of Biosolids to farm land.

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Not applicable

Resolution 288/06

**Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Brennan that Council receives the report.
MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0**

A928 Australian Plague Locust

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Department of Agriculture and Food

File Reference: ES1.1.1

Attachments: Nil

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

The Shires of Victoria Plains and Moora have been warned of a plague locust incident for the months from September to December 2006 and to coincide with this incident the Department of Agriculture and Food has released a bulletin number 4691 which deals with the Australian Plague Locust.

Comment

Hard copies of the bulletin (4691) Australian Plague Locust are in the shire administration office or it can be downloaded in PDF format from the Department of Agriculture and Food website at www.agric.wa.gov.au Further hard copies of the bulletin are also available from the department.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Plague locust if left unchecked could move large distances and cause widespread damage

▶ **Economic**

Could cause major damage to crops

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 289/06

Moved Cr Brennan seconded Cr Erickson that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A929 Great Northern Highway Improvements – New Norcia to Waddington Land Acquisitions

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Main Roads Western Australia

File Reference: p-gtnh

Attachments: Letter from Main Roads WA

Date Report Written: 12th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Background

Main Roads WA is undertaking improvements on the Great Northern Highway and in the next few years will be working on the section New Norcia to Waddington and to facilitate these works they are seeking to obtain a portion of land from the highway frontage of the properties listed on the attached letter.

Comment

To satisfy the requirements of the Department of Land Information Council is required to move a resolution that it concurs with the taking of this portion of land the subject of Main roads WA works.

It should be noted that as per the attached letter most land owners have agreed to the taking of the required land.

Statutory Environment

Land Administration Act

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Roadside vegetation clearing will need to be undertaken.

▶ **Economic**

Road improvements should compensate for the loss of farming land at affected properties

▶ **Social**

Reconstruction, widening and realignment of crests and curves together with the construction of a north bound passing lane will make the road safer for all users

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Recommendation

That Council concur with the taking of land, the subject of Main Roads Western Australia drawings 200610-349 to 352 and its dedication as road under section 56 of the Land Administration Act.

Cr Lovelock

Spoke with a member of the Sinclair family. Objection is due to the planned passing lane near their main stock crossing. Sinclair's have requested an underpass and seek due consideration on this issue by Main Roads. Suggests that this item lay on the table.

Resolution 290/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson that this item lay on the table to allow further discussion, negotiation and consideration of Main Roads to the Sinclair family in respect to an underpass for stock movement.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A930 Central Midlands BEC Closure

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Central Midlands BEC

File Reference: CA5.6

Attachments: Letter from CMBEC

Date Report Written: 7th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

In July 2005 the State Government announced changes to the funding for Business Enterprise Centre's throughout the state which saw the closure of the Central Midlands BEC based in Wongan Hills in December 2005. The Central Midlands BEC serviced small business in Victoria Plains and a contribution was made each year from our budget towards the running costs of the centre. Due to the uncertainty of funding for 2005-2006 no contribution was made by the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Comment

The Central Midlands BEC based in Wongan Hills which until December 2005 serviced small business in Victoria Plains is in the process of winding up and

as per the attached letter there is an anticipated shortfall of between \$4,000 and \$7,500 after all costs, debt recovery and asset sales of the association.

To meet this shortfall the association is seeking a contribution in the form of a potentially not refundable loan of \$1,500 from each of the five member Councils (Wongan Ballidu, Dalwallinu, Dowerin, Moora and Victoria Plains) at the time of writing this report Wongan Ballidu and Dowerin had agreed to the request with Moora and Dalwallinu still to make a decision. At the conclusion of the wind up process, which is expected to take about two months, the association has undertaken to refund in equal shares any monies left over. Council did not contribute at all in 2005-06 and the amount of \$1,500 is less than half of the \$3,500 requested for 2005-06.

A lot of voluntary work has been done by members of the committee to ensure a smooth changeover and that client records and reports are available to the new Small Business Centres in Northam and Lancelin while keeping wind up costs to a minimum.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Potentially not repayable loan of \$1,500 to Central Midlands BEC

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

CEO

Explained the outline of the recommendation.

Cr Erickson

This cost should be a responsibility of the Government – not the Local Government.

Resolution 291/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Kelly that Council does not authorise the payment of a potentially not refundable loan of \$1,500 to the Central Midlands BEC as a final contribution to enable the winding up of the centre.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/3

Debate against

Cr Erickson

Council contributed to the Lancelin office and should not be asked for funds to close down the Wongan office.

A931 Northam Sheep Saleyards

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: Shire of Northam

File Reference: ES4.1

Attachments: Letter and Briefing Notes

Date Report Written: 7th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest: Nil

Background

When the State Government decided to move the Midland Saleyards there were proposals put forward from Northam and Moora and despite the Government deciding to move the saleyards to Muchea a consortium of local governments is still pushing ahead with plans to locate a sheep saleyard in Northam and they are seeking support from other Councils to help underwrite the project.

Comment

The Shire of Northam and a consortium of other local governments are pushing ahead with plans to construct a sheep saleyard in Northam and are seeking support to underwrite the project. As explained in the attachment they are not seeking a cash commitment upfront but a commitment to contribute a set percentage of any operating loss including loan repayments should operating income not be sufficient to meet those costs. Any operating profit will be distributed to underwriting local governments at the same percentage.

The proposed State Government plan to relocate the Midland Saleyards to Muchea is of greater benefit to most of Victoria Plains due to the shorter transport distances however it is acknowledged that some producers in the south east of the shire may be closer to Northam and should the Northam saleyards go ahead they of course may use them wether the shire underwrites the project or not. Council in November 2001 in *Resolution 958/01* voted 5 votes to 3 to support the Moora location over the Northam site.

The President from the Shire of Northam has offered to bring a delegation to Calingiri to discuss and explain the proposal to Councillors if required however time is running out and the October meeting may be too late.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil unless required to top up losses

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Resolution 292/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Woods that Council declines the offer to underwrite a portion of the operating costs of the proposed Northam Sheep Saleyards on the grounds that the Muchea location is better suited to most local producers.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Finance and Administration Manager left the meeting at 2.35pm.

Finance and Administration Manager entered the meeting at 2.36pm

11 NOTICE OF MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution 293/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Woods that Late Items as presented of an Urgent Nature be received by Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

13.1 A932 Bolgart Ambulance Shed

Location: Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent: St John Ambulance Toodyay Bolgart Sub Centre

File Reference: CS1.14

Attachments: Letter

Date Report Written: 18th September 2006

Author: Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: None

Background

The Toodyay Bolgart Sub Centre of St John Ambulance has an ambulance shed in Bolgart that stands on a block sloping up from the road making it difficult to reverse into particularly at night and this block has no water connection meaning there are no ablution facilities for volunteers or water for cleaning the ambulance. The Sub Centre has written to the shire and requested an upgrade to the shed to provide facilities or a new shed co-located with the bush fire brigade near the Bolgart Hall.

Comment

Since receiving the letter from the Toodyay Bolgart Sub Centre of St John Ambulance contact has been made with the grants section at Lotterywest who

advise that all grant applications for St John Ambulance Sub Centres are handled as a bulk grant through the head office of St John and that the sub centre should apply to their head office for this request to be included in their bulk grant for next year.

It is also noted that while this is an important and worthwhile project the problems have not just happened and an application for assistance should have been made in accordance with Council's policy to allow for any shire contribution to the project to be allocated in the budget.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Applications for financial assistance are required by the 21st March in the year preceding the commencement of the following financial year.

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

- ▶ **Environment**
Nil
- ▶ **Economic**
Nil
- ▶ **Social**
Nil

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 294/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Young

- 1. That the Toodyay Bolgart Sub Centre of St John Ambulance be supported in their bid to have a new ambulance shed erected in Bolgart co-located with the Bush Fire Brigade and,**
- 2. That the Sub Centre be advised of LotteryWest's policy on St John Ambulance grants and Council policy 6.5.3 regarding funding for the project.**

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Council to investigate FESA collocation funding that may also be available.

10.5 PLANT AND WORKS

Resolution 295/06

Moved by Cr Brennan seconded Cr Kelly that the Minutes of the Plant and Works Meeting held 19th September 2006 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Works Manager entered the meeting at 2.45pm.

The Works Manager discussed the upcoming road assessments to be carried out by a representative of Main Roads and the Works Manager on local roads for heavy vehicle access.

Discussion was held on "Unnamed" road in Bolgart.

Cr Erickson

Should the payment of gravel be revisited?

Works Manager

Difficult situation. Council needs to reassess the situation.

Cr Lovelock

Discussed Glentromie West Rd.

Works Manager

The work has been completed by the shire. Main Roads are yet to complete their works.

Resolution 296/06

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that the meeting adjourn for afternoon tea.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

The meeting adjourned at 3.01pm

Mrs Phyllis King and Mr Don Telfer entered the meeting.

During afternoon tea Cr Anspach thanked Mrs King for her contribution to Council with the provision of her catering services for Council meetings and other functions over the years and wished her well.

The President suspended Council's Standing Orders to allow Mr Telfer to make his presentation.

Cr Anspach welcomed Don Telfer from the Agriculture Department and invited him to make his presentation to Council on Plague Locusts.

Cr Anspach thanked Don Telfer for his presentation and addressing various concerns.

10.6 LANDCARE

Council resumed its Standing Orders at 3.57pm and discussion was held on matters regarding the current Landcare position of Georgie Gardner following her resignation.

Resolution 297/06

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Brennan that feedback is requested from the Shire LCDC's on hosting a NRMO position and it is brought to the October meeting of Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

WALGA – Systemic Sustainability Report

Resolution 298/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Lovelock that Council engage Access Economics to provide a Sustainability Report on the Shire of Victoria Plains.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/1

14 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.25pm.

Signed this 17th day of October 2006

Presiding Member