



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes for an Ordinary Meeting of Council held

On	Tuesday 21 st March 2006
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	1.00pm

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Following the Plant and Works Meeting which commenced at 11.00am, Councillors, Senior Staff and interested community members walked around the Washpool area with Elizabeth Tierney to discuss possible options of the area.

The Presiding Member declared the Ordinary Meeting open at 1.01pm.

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 J Young	East Ward
Cr N Smith	East Ward

Apologies: Harry Hawkins - CEO (Annual Leave)

Acting Chief Executive Officer: Mr N Hamilton

Works Manager: Mr A Kent

Executive Assistant: Mrs F Watson (Minutes)

Visitors: Mrs Doris Martin

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Mrs Martin's questions from the Ordinary Meeting held in February 2006 were answered by a letter addressed to her from the Chief Executive Officer dated 8th March 2006.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Martin – Bolgart

Mrs Martin handed out a map of the Forrest St/Davey St/Unnamed road area of Bolgart (old)

Q1 If the lots contained in Reserve 39103 were deemed as being unsuitable for development by your then Community Services Manager, why couldn't the Forrest Street we are using now simply have been dedicated and are Councillors aware that if Forrest Street is being shifted simply to service lot 131 which I believe is owned by Doug McGill of Bolgart or a member of his family, that not only will the original Forrest Street need to be reformed by possibly Davey Street as well adding massive costs to the whole project?

Works Manager left the meeting at 1.02pm.

Q2 Could the shire please consider forming the surveyed route that bypasses Bolgart Lots 127 and 126 and ends in line with the boundary joining 126 and 125 first before anything else is done in the area seeing as the "Martin" family have been without a road to these lots for as long as they have owned lots 127 and 126 which must be in the vicinity of 70 to 80 years?

Q3 When will the shire finally get the library service at Bolgart up and running on computer instead of it having to be done by hand is it is now?

Works Manager entered the meeting at 1.03pm.

President

All questions will be placed on notice until the Chief Executive Officer returns from leave. Every effort will be made to answer Mrs Martin's questions prior to the next meeting of Council.

Discussion was held on the Unnamed Road portion of that area.

President

Council will come up with a workable solution for all concerned.

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 90/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Lovelock that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 21st February 2006 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

7.2 Business Arising from Minutes

Cr Woods

Items A858, A859 and A860 from the February 2006 Ordinary Meeting enquired if these items were in fact moved enbloc.

After discussion it was confirmed that the items noted were moved as single items.

Cr Woods would like it noted on record that he was not involved in any illegal roadside clearing as was suggested by Cr Kelly at the February 2006 Ordinary Meeting.

Cr Kelly replied by saying that what he was believed to have said regarding clearing was said in the context of discussion and not intended to offend or upset Cr Woods.

8 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cr Lovelock

Attended Moora District Consultative Group meeting (previously APB) and some topics covered included:-

- ▶ Biosecurity Agricultural Management Bill, this Bill covers 17 old Acts.
- ▶ Biosolids/Cereal Grains Trial
- ▶ Department prediction of seasonal rainfall
- ▶ Wetlands policy

Cr Erickson

MCC Meeting - Elizabeth Tierney has resigned from MCC and taken up a position with the Ag Dept in Northam. MCC have advertised for replacement. Mogumber Water Committee - Noel Dodd attended and advised that there are five preferred sites. 16,600 gal/day.

Cr Kelly

Mogumber Water Committee - \$100,000 grant avail – spoke with David Hillier and these grants are not for drinking water projects purely for beautification – ovals, landscaping etc.

Cr Smith

Attended Future of Wheatbelt Meeting in Wongan Hills. Committee elected and they will work on further development of the concept.
March 31 – Rural Water Council Meeting in Moora on March 31st. Cr Erickson or Cr Kelly to also attend if possible

Cr Kelly

John Longman had recent operation and is recovering. Shire of Victoria Plains and LCDC to send get well card please.

10 BUSINESS PAPER

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

10.1 FINANCE

F437 Accounts for Payment

A list of accounts paid for the month of February 2006 is attached to the Minutes. 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.

Please note that a number of cheques at the beginning of the report have a description "Take on opening unrepresented cheques". These are cheques that were originally raised in the LOGIS system and are awaiting presentation at the bank, and so have been set up in the new SynergySoft system for bank reconciliation purposes.

The amount of \$142,856.30 includes these outstanding LOGIS cheques. Actual amounts for payments made for February amount to \$102,838.67.

Cr Woods

Check that Repeater radio system on land at G Manning's (previously Troy and Shona McDonald) is held by the shire. Who is responsible for the land/radio – does the shire have a caveat on land?

Resolution 91/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Brennan that Municipal and Trust cheques numbered 3749-3750, 4198-4254, 4236, 4255-4295 and direct payments 90143-90144 totalling \$142,856.30 be passed for payment.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F438 Sundry Debtors

A list of sundry debtors to 28th February 2006 is attached to the Minutes.

Resolution 92/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Erickson that the sundry debtors report to 28th February 2006 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F439 Monthly Financial Statement

With take on of the new SynergySoft Finance System, and the subsequent conversion of year to date figures from the LOGIS System, which is still ongoing, it has not been possible to produce a Finance Report at this time. It is expected that Finance Reports will be available for the next Council meeting to be held 18th April 2006.

F440 Municipal and Trust Fund

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

Resolution 93/06

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F441 Outstanding Rates Report

The Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 15th February 2006 as rejected at the February 2006 Council Meeting due to calculation errors was resubmitted for Council approval.

Recommendation

The Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 15th February 2006 be received. 9/0

The Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 14th March 2006 is attached to the Minutes.

Recommendation

The Outstanding Rates Report for the period ending 14th March 2006 be received.

Resolution 94/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Erickson that both Recommendations in Item F441 be moved en bloc.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F442 Investments

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

Not applicable

File Reference:

F1.1.2

Attachments:

Nil

Date Report Written:

15th March 2006

Author:

Neil Hamilton - Finance and Administration Manager

Disclosure of Interest:

Not applicable

Background

Council has at the time of agenda preparation, surplus funds to the value of \$309,860.46 after the collection of Council rates. These funds have been invested in a term deposit with Bendigo Bank as follows. Expected interest on this investment is approximately \$1,375.27

30 days	\$309,860.46	5.40% Interest
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Comment

The investments with Bendigo Bank are within policy guidelines and although slightly higher rates might be obtained elsewhere the additional commission earned from Bendigo Bank helps to offset any lost interest.

	Budget Interest	Budget YTD Interest	Actual YTD Interest
Municipal A/C	21,000	14,000	15,337
Reserve A/C	12,000	8,000	10,683
Totals	33,000	22,000	26,020

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 Section S6.15

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Maximum interest earned

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 95/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Holmes that Council endorse the investments made with Bendigo Bank.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

F443 Waste Oil Facility

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

Not applicable

File Reference:

CA1.3.3

Attachments:

Nil

Date Report Written:

15th March 2006

Author:

Neil Hamilton - Finance and Administration Manager

**Disclosure of
Interest:**

Not applicable

Background

A grant amounting to \$19,965 (including GST) was received by the Shire of Victoria Plains in October 2002 for the installation of a Waste Oil Facility to be installed at the Shire of Victoria Plains Depot. To date this grant has not been acquitted.

Comment

This item is to inform Council of the need to acquit the grant and return the unspent money to the value of \$5,721.84 (including GST) to the Department of Environment and Heritage.

Although the facility was constructed by shire employees using shire plant it is important to note for future grant applications that in this instance the acquittal criteria specifically excludes Council costs regarding wages, plant usage etc.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Unbudgeted expenditure of \$5,721.84 (inc GST)

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

The surplus situation as identified in the half year budget review will facilitate sufficient funding to meet this acquittal.

▶ **Social**

Nil

Voting Requirement

Not applicable

Resolution 96/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Young that Council approve unbudgeted expenditure of \$5,721.84 to acquit the Waste Oil Facility grant.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

10.2 Community Services Status Report

Resolution 97/06

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Item No	Report Details	Community Services Action Required	Status
CS304 Compulsory Water Services Audit	The results of the audit showed that the schemes are in compliance with the requirements of the operating licence.	Nil	Complete. Report received by Council
CS305 Biosolids Application	The Water Corporation advised that it proposed to apply Biosolids to Annadale Farm, Bulbarnet Road, Gillingarra.	Nil	Complete. Report received by Council
CS306 Biosolids Application	The Water Corporation has advised that it proposes to apply Biosolids to Glentromie Farm, Glentromie-New Norcia Road, New Norcia.	Nil	Complete. Report received by Council.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Incorporating Health, Building and Community Services)

CS307 Exploration Licence Application

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

Millward Surveys

File Reference:

R3.12

Attachments:

Application Documents

Date Report Written:

9th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of
Interest:**

None

Background

Millward Surveys on behalf of Murchison Resources Limited have applied to the Department of Industry and Resources for exploration licences 70/1263 to 70/1267 in Victoria Plains and Chittering in the Yarrawindah area.

Comment

It is a requirement under section 33 (a) of the mining act to notify the Chief Executive Officer of all applications for exploration licences.

Statutory Environment

Mining Act 1978

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

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

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 98/06

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

CS308 Exploration Licence Application

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/ Respondent:

Department of Industry and Resources

File Reference:

R3.12

Attachments:

Application Documents

Date Report Written:

9th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest:

None

Background

Iluka Resources Limited have applied to the Department of Industry and Resources for exploration licence 70/2781 to drill exploration holes on road reserves in Victoria Plains and Dandaragan Shires in the Mogumber and Gillingarra areas.

Comment

It is a requirement under section 33 (a) of the mining act to notify the Chief Executive Officer of all applications for exploration licences and when exploration is on road reserves the Minister for State Development is to get a clearance from the Minister for Local Government therefore Council's comment is requested.

Statutory Environment

Mining Act 1978

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 99/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Erickson that Council advise the Department of Industry and Resources that it has no objection to exploration drilling on road verges provided that any damage to the running surface of the roads are repaired at Iluka Resources expense.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

CS309

Biosolids Application

Location:

Glentromie Farm - Glentromie-Yerecoin Road, New Norcia

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

Department of Health

File Reference:

H2.12

Attachments:

Copy of letter from Department of Health.

Date Report Written:

9th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest:

Not applicable

Background

The Water Corporation has requested on behalf of Mr Ian Wright approval to apply Lime Amended Biosolids to Jim's paddock, Glentromie Farm, New Norcia.

Comment

The Department of Health has no objection to the proposal subject to the conditions contained in the 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 100/06

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

CS310 Second Home and Shed on Rural Property

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent:

Steven G Freestone

File Reference:

D5.2

Attachments:

None

Date Report Written:

9th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest:

None

Background

Steven Freestone and his family own and live on a homestead block at Lot 2809 Parker Road Calingiri and would like to build a second residence and shed on the block to house a family member.

Comment

The Freestone Property at Lot 2809 Parker Road Calingiri is 87.5 hectares and consultant planner Paul Bashall has advised that there are no planning restrictions for the construction of a second residence on a rural lot of that size.

The Freestone's have previously applied for permission to subdivide the block and with the current attitude of the WA Planning Commission to rural subdivisions this appears to be a better solution for them.

Statutory Environment

Town Planning and Development Act 1928

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Valuation may increase leading to higher rates

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

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

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 101/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Erickson that Council grant approval to Steven G Freestone for the building of a second home and shed on Lot 2809 Parker Road Calingiri to provide housing for a family member subject to him obtaining all of the appropriate building licences and approvals.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

10.3 TOWN PLANNING

There are no Town Planning items for discussion at this months meeting.

10.4 Administration Status Report

Resolution 102/06

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
A851 Road Closure	Council passed resolution 190/05 to allow the closure of the unmade portion of Flavell Road Piawaning from the boundary of location 3219 to Wilson Road. All advertising and checks with service providers has now been completed and there are no objections to the road closure.	Department for Planning and Infrastructure be requested to close that portion of Flavell Road Piawaning, north of location 3219 to Wilson Road and that the land comprising the road reserve be amalgamated into the title of the adjoining land.	Ongoing
A852 Road Alignment Forrest Street Bolgart	Council passed Resolution 15/06 to retain the original survey of Forrest Street Bolgart and close off the current access through Reserves 25332 and 39103. To implement this resolution would cut off the access to lots 125,126 and lot 127 and would be an inconvenience to the owners of lots 112, 113, 114 and 117.	Return Forrest Street Bolgart to its original alignment and to construct the surveyed road that provides access to Lots 125, 126, 127.	Letter sent to LAM 9/3/06
A853 Acting Chief Executive Officer	The CEO is proceeding on three weeks annual leave from the 10 th March 2006 returning to work on the 3 rd April 2006 and it is customary to appoint the Deputy CEO as acting CEO.	Council approved the appointment of Deputy Chief Executive Officer Neil Hamilton as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period from the 13 th March 2006 until the 1 st April 2006.	Complete

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A854 Calingiri Public Toilets	The Calingiri public toilets currently located at the Calingiri caravan park are in a bad state of disrepair and present a very poor image of the community and the shire.	Council approved the opening up of the Calingiri Recreation Hall toilets as public toilets as an interim measure until such time as the Calingiri caravan park ablution block issue is resolved	Ongoing
A855 Exploration Licence Application	Millward Surveys on behalf of Washington Resources Limited have applied to the Department of Industry and Resources for exploration licences	The information was received	Complete
A856 Application for Commercial Release of GMO Cotton	Gene Technology Act 2000 requires the Office of Gene Technology to seek advice from a diverse range of agencies including local government	The information was received	Complete
A857 Building Asset Maintenance Officer Position	The administration building and many of the other building assets owned by the shire are in a poor state of repair	From the 2006-07 financial year one staff member position be transferred from the outside works crew to a newly created building maintenance officer position	Matters being addressed. Ongoing
A858 Banners in the Terrace	Each year as a part of Local Government Week WALGA holds a "Banners in the Terrace" competition	Letters have been sent to the 3 primary schools in the shire inviting their participation	Ongoing
A859 Blessing of the Roads	Each year before the Easter holidays begin the police chaplain visits selected arterial roads and conducts a ceremony to "Bless the Roads"	Information received	Complete
A860 Land Clearing Regulations	In 2004 new regulations were introduced under the Environmental Protection Act in relation to clearing of native vegetation with some exemptions for Local Government	Information received	Complete

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A861 Mogumber Water Supply	The Mogumber Progress Association has elected a committee to progress the town water supply project	Council authorise \$1,500 of unbudgeted expenditure to fund the initial investigation and design process of the Mogumber town water supply project	Ongoing
A862 Biosolids Trial Storage Facility Location	During the last twelve months the Water Corporation has been consulting with the community to try to determine where the most suitable location for a Biosolids storage facility would be	A letter of support from the Shire of Victoria Plains be sent to the Water Corporation expressing preference for the Biosolids Trial Storage Facility to be located on the combined Dalkey Downs – Mount Yule site on Great Northern Highway rather than the Annadale Farm site on the Bindoon Moora Road	Letter sent to Water Corporation. Ongoing
A863 Sale of Shire Land	In recent months there have been many general enquires regarding availability of land for sale in Victoria Plains and Calingiri in particular	That Council agree to sell two of its residential blocks in Mofflin Street Calingiri to the proponents 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	Offer received from one of two proponents. Item represented for Council consideration in March 06.
A864 Harley Davidson Motorcycle Tenders	The 2005 draw was won by the Shire of Victoria Plains. Resolution 23/06 from the January 2006 Ordinary Meeting of Council authorised the motorcycle be sold by public tender	Harley Davidson Motorcycle won by the Shire of Victoria Plains be sold to Anthony Ruyg who tendered \$20,888	Complete

10.4 ADMINISTRATION

A865 Compliance Audit Return

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

None

File Reference:

F1.4.5

Attachments:

Compliance Audit Return under separate cover

Date Report Written:

9th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of
Interest:**

None

Background

Each year Council is required to complete a compliance audit return to ensure that the operations of the organisation are complying with the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations.

Comment

This report aims to highlight the areas of non-compliance, and detail remedial action proposed to be taken in regard to instances of non-compliance.

The items of non-compliance were:

1. The Local Laws review under section 3.16(1) was commenced by the previous CEO and put to one side in an archive box and forgotten about.
2. Where a decision of Council varies significantly from the officer's written recommendation then a written reason should be included in the minutes this was not done at the October 2005 meeting and although raised at the November 2005 meeting when confirming the minutes for October no clear reason was established and so no written reason was included in those minutes.

3. The contract of employment for the CEO and all designated senior employees details the maximum amount of money payable if the contract is terminated before the expiry date and this amount is the lesser of the value of (a) one years remuneration under the contract or (b) the value of the remuneration they would be entitled to if the contract was not terminated.

The remedial actions proposed in relation to these items of non-compliance are;

1. The CEO and senior staff will ensure that a review of all local laws is completed as soon as possible, local laws in Victoria Plains other than Health local laws (which have been reviewed) are the model local laws and the absence of a review has not caused any inconvenience.
2. The CEO has advised Councillors and the Shire President of this requirement and will ensure that where this occurs in future a written reason will be included in the minutes.
3. The contracts for the CEO and senior staff were either drawn up before the amendments to the act and associated regulations were gazetted or the provisions of section 5.39 (3)(c) and Admin regulation 18B were overlooked in the renewal process and will be rectified by an addendum to the contracts.

Council is required to adopt the return and endorse remedial actions before the return is submitted to the Department of Local Government and regional Development.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ Environment

Nil

▶ Economic

Nil

▶ Social

Voting Requirement

Nil

Cr Lovelock

Queries raised in Compliance Audit Return on:-

Page 11 Item 2 - public thoroughfare

Page 11 Item 4 – gates/grids

Page 38 item 9 – fees for attending meetings

Page 44 Item 43 - investments

Resolution 103/06

Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Young that Council adopt the Compliance Audit Return for the year 1st January 2005 to 31st December 2005 and endorse the remedial actions proposed on the three items of non-compliance.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A866 Gillingarra Railway Station (former)

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

None

None

File Reference:

D9.3

Attachments:

Letter and maps/aerial photographs

Date Report Written:

10th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

**Disclosure of
Interest:**

None

None

Background

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) has written to the shire asking Council to arrange for a survey to be undertaken in order that the PTA can excise the road from the railway reserve. Council will also need to liaise with Department for Planning and Infrastructure Midland for the dedication and (possible reservation) process.

Comment

The particular portion of land on the Bindoon Moora Road in Gillingarra has possibly been created by a deviation of the road reserve which now encroaches onto the rail reserve. The land is adjacent to the Bindoon Moora Road and possible uses could include a rest stop with tourist signage or similar.

The PTA now wishes to tidy up these reserves and as a part of that process are offering the shire management of that land (via a crown lease) no longer required for either a road or rail reserve.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Cost of survey

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

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

Voting Requirement

Nil

After general discussion it was resolved that Neil Hamilton Finance and Administration Manager liaise with the PTA and follow up on the item.

Recommendation

That Council advise the Public Transport Authority that Council will arrange for the survey of the excess land as described on the attached maps/aerial photographs.

Resolution 104/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Lovelock that item lay on the table until the Finance and Administration Manager has followed the item up with PTA.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A867 Bolgart Library Services

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/

Respondent:

None

File Reference:

RC3.1.1

Attachments:

None

Date Report Written:

10th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of

Interest:

None

Background

The Bolgart Progress Association has since 2001 provided library services to the community of Bolgart and surrounding districts on behalf of the Shire from the Bolgart Hall. The agreement for provision of those services expired in July 2005 and the renewal was overlooked.

Comment

In consultation with the Bolgart Progress Association an agreement for renewal of the agreement for the provision of library services has been negotiated with a 5% increase in the fees payable by the shire. This 5% increase fits within the current budget allowance.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Provision of library services for the Bolgart Community

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ **Environment**

Nil

▶ **Economic**

Nil

▶ **Social**

The Bolgart library provides reference and reading books, photocopying and public computer and internet services

Voting Requirement

Nil

Cr Erickson declared an interest in the following recommendation.

Resolution 105/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Erickson that Council accept the negotiated renewal of the Agreement for Provision of Library Services to the Bolgart and surrounding communities in the Bolgart Hall by the Bolgart Progress Association with an increase in fees of 5% to \$352.00 per month plus GST.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

A868 Sale of Land Mofflin Street Calingiri

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

Name of Applicant/ Respondent:

M & J Crowther T/as Calingiri Shearing Contractors

File Reference:

D4.2

Attachments:

Letter from proponents and market appraisal

Date Report Written:

10th March 2006

Author:

Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest:

None

Background

At the February 2006 Ordinary meeting of Council Resolution 81/06 was passed for two blocks in Mofflin Street Calingiri to be sold to two people who were looking to develop these blocks immediately. One of the people has already purchased a block in another town and the second M & J Crowther T/as Calingiri Shearing Contractors has made the attached offer.

Comment

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.58 a Local Government can dispose of property by either (a) public auction, (b) by public tender or (c) by before agreeing to sell the property, it is to give local public notice of the disposition describing the property concerned, giving details of the proposed disposition and inviting submissions to be made within 14 days of the advertisement and then considering any submissions made to it.

As the proponent is a local business who is buying the land for employee housing purposes it is suggested that option (c) above be used and that the offer of \$6,500 be accepted for either lot subject to the conditions specified in Resolution 81/06 that a building licence be applied for within six months and that substantial progress be made towards building or relocating a transportable house must be made within twelve months.

Statutory Environment

Local Government act 1995 Section 3.58

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Profit will be made on the sale of land and rates will be collected on what is now non-rateable Council owned land.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Sustainability Implications

▶ Environment

Nil

▶ Economic

Nil

▶ Social

Calingiri Shearing contractors are the biggest employer in Calingiri outside of the shire and are providing housing for another family to move into town

Voting Requirement

Nil

Resolution 106/06

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Brennan that M & J Crowther t/a Calingiri Shearing Contractors offer of \$6,500 for the purchase of vacant land at No. 15 or No. 17 Mofflin Street Calingiri be accepted subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.58(3) concerning advertising and consideration of submissions that may be received and also the conditions stipulated in Resolution 81/06.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Finance and Administration Manager left the meeting at 2.01pm

Finance and Administration Manager entered the meeting at 2.02pm

10.5 PLANT AND WORKS

All Plant and Works items were placed on the Plant and Works Committee Agenda.

Resolution 107/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Brennan that Minutes Items W228 to W230 inclusive and Item 11.1 from the Plant and Works Committee meeting held 21st March 2006 be received enbloc as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

10.6 LANDCARE

L32 Landcare Officer's Report

Location:

Shire of Victoria Plains

**Name of Applicant/
Respondent:**

Landcare Officers

File Reference:

A1.2.1

Attachments:

Report'

Date Report Written:

16th March 2006

Author:

Elizabeth Tierney and Georgie Gardner

**Disclosure of
Interest:**

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

Resolution 108/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Erickson that the Landcare Officers report for March 2006 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Cr Woods

Moore Catchment Council is readvertising for a replacement for Elizabeth Tierney's position. NRMO/grain graze position.

Cr Young

BBQ 7am on Friday 31st March in Progress Park Calingiri as a farewell for Elizabeth.

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 109/06

Moved Cr Kelly seconded Cr Smith that New Business be introduced to Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Email has been received from the Northam Shire regarding the Wheatbelt Region Roads Evaluation Study Workshop to be held at the Northam Shire on Monday 27th March at 10.00am. Delegates from VP are required to attend.

Works Manager to follow up.

Cr Erickson

Industrial Land in Bolgart

One party has expressed an interested in helping with headworks to enable the works to get underway. What direction can be given to this person?

Cr Holmes

Has shown people the industrial land in question. The costs/location of the headworks is proving to be a problem.

President

The Chief Executive Officer has sent the appropriate paperwork to Landcorp. Letters of help/intent from interested parties should be sent in to shire then forwarded to Landcorp.

Cr Erickson

Has spoken to D Watson and B Darragh regarding industrial land.

Cr Woods

The Bolgart Industrial Land project has been handed to Landcorp. Let them deal with the matter and wait for answers from them.

President

Spoke regarding the Edmonds Street (ex Freestone) subdivision and Bolgart Industrial Land.

Cr Woods

Landcorp were supposed to deal with both areas and advise the shire accordingly.

13.1 Landcorp Progress Report

Resolution 110/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Woods that Council liaise with Landcorp and request that Landcorp supply a progress report on the current status of Calingiri (42 Edmonds Street), Bolgart Industrial Land and the Bolgart Cemetery Project.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Cr Erickson

Grant has been received for Bolgart Heritage and Conservation Park, works will commence first Sunday April 2006.

Cr Young

Enquired regarding the Aged Persons Units in Calingiri and Bolgart. What is current status for building and occupation?

13.2 Aged Persons Units

Resolution 111/06

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Woods that Council place an application with Homeswest for two further units to be built in Bolgart and two further units to be built in Calingiri and that it be progressed as soon as possible.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Discussion was held on the visit to the Washpool area today (21/3/06).

13.3 Washpool Area

Resolution 112/06

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Young that Council write to Calingiri Progress Association to further the development of the Washpool area with council support.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 9/0

Cr Kelly

Spoke regarding town beautification grants from shire. Is funding still applicable? Could Mogumber Progress Association be informed of the processes to apply for funding.

Executive Assistant to send information to Mogumber Progress Association.

Cr Erickson left the meeting at 2.39pm.

Cr Erickson entered meeting at 2.40pm

Works Manager left meeting at 2.42pm.

14 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed 2.45pm.

Signed this day of 2006

Presiding Member