

Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes



FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2003
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CALINGIRI COMMENCING AT 1.00PM.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 1.00pm and welcomed Mr John Rossiter from Main Roads.

Mr Rossiter addressed Council on the difficulties associated with road networks for heavy transport and the various policies in neighbouring shires.

Main Roads WA is seeking to set up a three tier approach where:-

- Tier 1 - Main Roads will develop a network of "through roads" in each shire for heavy transport vehicles to use. These will generally be MRWA Roads.
- Tier 2 – Local Access Network will be those roads available to local carters to access farms.
- Tier 3 – Temporary Access Roads for use only at busy times i.e. harvesting.

Discussion ensued on configurations for hay carting, and neighbouring shires needing to get together to come up with a network plan for a "continuous access route".

Mr Rossiter left the meeting at 1.58pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1.58pm

The meeting resumed at 2.03pm.

Mr Mark Graves from the Forrest Products Commission entered the meeting at 2.03pm.

Mr Graves addressed Councillors on Share Plantations (Pine Trees). Forrest Products Commission (FPC) Plantations are generally kept below 100ha and fire management plans are being drawn up for each shire and copies will be provided. FPC firefighters will attend any fire in plantation area.

Mr Graves also advised that the Glenrowan Sandalwood Plantation is not a FPC Plantation and he has no power to impose a risk management plan. The Shire controls fire risk through its Town Planning Scheme.

Mr Graves left the meeting at 2.33pm.

Cr Smith left the meeting at 2.33pm.

Cr Smith returned at 2.37pm.

Cr J Kelly and Cr Woods left the meeting at 3.58pm

Cr J Kelly and Cr Woods returned 4.00pm

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

President:	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
Councillors:	Cr J Kelly	West Ward (1pm to 3.58pm)(4pm to 5.47pm)
	Cr N Smith	East Ward (1pm to 2.33pm)(2.37pm to 5.47pm)
	Cr J Young	East Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
	Cr S Woods	Central Ward (1pm to 3.58pm)(4pm to 5.47pm)
	Cr R Thorpe	Central Ward
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr P Anning	(1pm to 1.58pm)(2.05pm to 5.19pm)(5.19pm to 5.22pm)(5.26pm to 5.33pm)(5.33pm to 5.47pm)
Finance and Administration Manager:	Mr H Hawkins	(1pm to 4.16pm)(4.17pm to 5.47pm)
Community Services Manager:	Mr T Walker	
Works Manager:	Mr A Kent	(1pm to 1.58pm)(4.58pm to 5.05pm)(4.58pm to 5.47pm)
Landcare Officer:	Ms E Tierney	(3.30pm to 3.58pm)
Apologies:	Cr S Kelly	West Ward

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

Resolution 372/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23rd September 2003 be confirmed.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0

7.2 Business Arising

Nil

8 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9 PRESIDENT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cr Anspach

Attended Local Government Law Conference in Mandurah and reported to Council.

Cr Anspach and Chief Executive Officer

Attended a meeting with incoming chairman of the Wheatbelt ACC.

Cr Smith

Attended Sport and Recreation meeting at Calingiri 24th September and attended a councillor training session at Goomalling on 30th September.

Cr J Kelly and Finance and Administration Manager
Attended CDI meeting in Moora 24th September.

10 BUSINESS PAPER

- 10.1 Finance
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- 10.5 Works
- 10.6 Landcare

10.1 FINANCE

F291 Accounts for Payment

Resolution 373/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Woods that Municipal and Trust cheques numbered 1046-1047, 1049-1051, 1053-1061, 1064-1080, 1083-1143 and direct payments totalling \$187,014.38 be passed for payment.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F292 Sundry Debtors

Resolution 374/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr J Kelly that the sundry debtors report be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F293 Monthly Financial Statement

Resolution 375/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 30th September 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F294 Quarterly Financial Statement

Resolution 376/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending 30th September 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F295 Municipal and Trust Fund

Recommendation 377/03

That the Municipal and Trust Fund as tabled be received.

The Municipal and Trust Fund is to be faxed to all Councillors as soon as possible after the Ordinary Meeting.

F296 Outstanding Rates Report

Resolution 378/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Erickson that the Outstanding Rates Report as at 15th October 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

F297 Investments

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	F1.1.2
Attachment/s	None
Date	15 th October 2003
Author	Harry Hawkins – Finance and Administration Manager

Background

Council has surplus funds to the value of \$300,000.00 after the collection of rates money. These funds have been invested in a term deposit with the Bendigo Bank for 30 days at 4.87% an approximate yield of \$1,200.82 maturing on the 14th November 2003.

Cash Flow will be monitored and further investments will be made as further funds are received.

Comment

The investments with Bendigo Bank are within policy guidelines and although slightly higher rates may be obtained elsewhere the additional commission earned at Bendigo Bank negates any lost interest revenue.

	Budget Interest	Budget YTD Interest	Actual YTD Interest
Municipal A/C	25,000	6,250	1,802
Reserve A/C	6,000	1,500	1,363
Totals	31,000	7,750	3,165

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act Sections 6.15
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Maximum interest earned.
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 379/03

Moved Cr Erickson seconded Cr Woods that Council endorse the investment with Bendigo Bank.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

Resolution 380/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Woods that the meeting adjourn for afternoon tea.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

The meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

Ms Tierney entered the meeting at 3.30pm

Ms Elizabeth Tierney - Landcare Officer addressed Council on the role of Northern Agricultural Catchments Council at the Regional Landcare Initiatives.

Ms Tierney left the meeting at 3.58pm.

Resolution 381/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr J Kelly that a letter of appreciation be sent to Lisa Grosskopf for volunteering her time at the shire landcare office.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Incorporating Health, Building and Community Services)

CS199

Community Services Manager's Report

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	Community Services Manager Report
Date	9 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

See report

Comment

See report

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

Resolution 382/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that the Community Services Manager's report be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

CS200 Cultural Arts Funding Opportunity

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	F1.11.1
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	9 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Advice has been received that Cultural Arts Funding is available through the Cultural Planning Investment Programme.

It is felt that a Cultural Mapping exercise would stimulate dialogue between the Council and the Communities that it services within the Shire.

Comment

The process would involve a cultural arts facilitator working with each community to identify areas of cultural, social and economic concern which could then be reflected in Councils strategic plan. Council would derive great benefit from a process which would clearly identify the areas of concern for the distinct communities within the Shire.

Cultural Mapping information will assist Council with its strategic planning and identify the future direction the community as a whole wishes to take with respect to Local Governance.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act 1995
Policy Implications	Assists with strategic planning
Financial Implications	2003/2004 budget
Strategic Implications	Will give strategic direction

Resolution 383/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr J Kelly that Council allocates an amount of \$5,000 in the 2004/2005 budget to implement a Cultural Mapping Programme involving the seven communities with the Shire of Victoria Plains and that Council authorises the Community Services Manager to apply for funding from the Regional Cultural Planning Investment Programme.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/1

CS201 Planning Consent – Timber Framed Games Room

Location	Lot 182 Poincare St Bolgart
Name of Applicant	Mr M Stock
File Reference	D5.1
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	9 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

As Councillors are aware special building licence conditions relating to the relocated dwelling at Lot 182 Poincare St Bolgart were not completed by the agreed times (15th April 2002). Continued pressure to have the outstanding conditions complied with has resulted in the building being 95% complete at this point in time. On 30th January 2003 Mr Stock applied for planning consent to relocate a second hand timber framed games room to the rear of the partly completed dwelling. Mr Stock was advised in writing that

“approvals to relocate/erect further buildings on Lot 182 Poincare St will not be considered until conditions pursuant to the planning consent and special licence have been satisfied”.

Comment

On Thursday 25th September 2003 inspection of Lot 182 Poincare St Bolgart revealed that a timber framed skid mounted structure has been relocated behind the existing dwelling, *without approval*. During discussion with Mr Stock he admitted that he had arranged to put the building there and he is aware that approval has not been granted by Council for the structure to be on the property.

Council has two options to deal with the matter:-

Firstly, Council could prosecute Mr Stock and request the court to order that the building be removed. The costs involved in mounting a prosecution of this nature would be in the region of \$1,000 to \$2,000. If a conviction was secured a fine would be awarded and costs awarded against the defendant. The costs awarded by the court may not reflect the amount outlaid to mount the prosecution. Recovering the costs awarded by the court from the defendant may involve significant further effort and financial outlay.

Secondly, Council may grant planning approval for the relocation of the building with strict conditions attached. In this case they would be:-

- Remove the “u” beam skid mountings and install an approved slab on ground footing or an approved stump footing system;
- Remove secondhand corrugated iron cladding from the building;
- Install a new hardiflex external cladding;
- Line the building internally with 10mm gyprock lining;
- Repaint the building inside and out in an approved tradesman like manner;
- Lodge a \$2000 bond or bank guarantee to ensure that the conditions are complied with.

Statutory Environment	Town Planning and Development Act 1928 Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1960
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	\$2,000 to \$3,000 (Prosecution Option)

Strategic Implications

Recommendation

That Council adopts one of the two options as noted in comment section.

Resolution 384/03

Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Holmes that Mr M Stock of Lot 182 Poincare St Bolgart be directed to remove the unauthorised second hand skid mounted, corrugated iron clad structure at the rear of his house within fourteen (14) days of notification, failure to comply will result in appropriate legal action being taken against him.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

The Finance and Administration Manager – H Hawkins declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 4.16pm.

CS202

Home Occupation

Location	13 Lambert Cres, Calingiri
Name of Applicant	Mrs D Hawkins
File Reference	D5.4
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	10 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Mrs D Hawkins seeks planning approval to operate a soap and detergent distribution business from the residence she occupies at 13 Lambert Crescent Calingiri.

13 Lambert Crescent is a Council owned property.

Comment

District Town Planning Scheme No 4 clause 4.1 gives Council the power to approve planning consent applications. This particular application is defined as a home occupation in the scheme. A home occupation means

“a business or activity carried out within a dwelling house or the curtilage of a house by a person resident therein or within a domestic outbuilding by which it is appurtenant”.

This application satisfies the requirements of a home occupation classification.

Statutory Environment	Town Planning and Development Act 1926 District Town Planning Scheme No 4
Policy Implications	Compliance with Town Planning Scheme
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 385/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Young that Council grants home occupation planning approval to Mrs D Hawkins to operate a soap and detergent distribution business from 13 Lambert Crescent Calingiri.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

Finance and Administration Manager – H Hawkins entered the meeting at 4.17pm.

CS203 Analysis of Compost

Location	Atlas Farms - Calingiri
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	p-cwh
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	10 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

At the last meeting of Council it was suggested that Council should endeavour to ensure that the compost being produced from municipal waste and spread on crop land at Atlas Farms Calingiri is free of heavy metals, pesticides and hydrocarbons.

Comment

Enquiries reveal that the cost to analyse a sample of compost for heavy metals, pesticides and hydrocarbons would be \$750.

Statutory Environment	Health Act 1911 Environmental Protection Act 1986
Policy Implications	Protection of the environment
Financial Implications	\$750
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

That Council authorise an approach to Atlas Farms for permission to sample the final compost product which is being applied to crops on the Atlas Farms property at Calingiri.

Motion is to lay on the table.

CS204 Biosolids Application

Location	"Wourie Pool" Farm - Mogumber
Name of Applicant	Mr & Mrs B Cocking
File Reference	H2.12
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	14 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

Mr & Mrs Bill Cocking have applied to the Department of the Environment for approval to incorporate 8 dry tonne/ha pelletised solids to lots M893 and M905 on the Mogumber Yarrawindah Road Mogumber.

Comment

It is proposed to cart the pelletised dried Biosolids from the Subiaco treatment plant to the lots in question to provide a low grade organic fertiliser to assist with the production of a canola crop.

Carting will proceed via Bindoon Moora and Mogumber Yarrawindah sealed roads up until December. It is planned to apply the Biosolids in April/May 2004.

Statutory Environment	Environmental Protection Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 386/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Young that Council receive this information.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

10.3 TOWN PLANNING

TP19 Proposed Town Planning Policy No. 1

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	D4.1
Attachment/s	Draft Town Planning Policy No. 1
Date	9 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

In the past Council has approved the relocation of buildings into the Shire with conditions which have proved very difficult to enforce.

Other Shires have addressed the problem of inappropriate buildings being transported into their municipal areas by the adoption of a Town Planning Policy.

Comment

Clause 8.5 of District Town Planning Scheme No. 4 gives Council the power to make policies. The procedure is, to prepare and adopt an appropriate policy to control relocated buildings. In order to make the policy operative the adopted draft policy needs to be advertised in a local paper once per week for two consecutive weeks. After twenty one days the draft policy is required to be reviewed and submissions considered. Final adoption can then be made.

Notification of the final adoption is then required to be advertised once in a newspaper circulating in the Shire.

An appropriate policy needs to include the following to be effective:-

1. A requirement that the building proposed to be relocated be inspected by an officer of the council to determine the suitability of the building for relocation into the Shire of Victoria Plains and also to identify whether the building contains inappropriate materials (e.g. asbestos);
2. A requirement that all materials containing asbestos be removed from the building prior to transporting the building into the Shire;
3. That an approved bond or bank guarantee be lodged with the Council to ensure the satisfactory completion of any conditions of approval;
4. That a special building licence of specified duration be obtained from Council.

A draft Shire of Victoria Plains District Town Planning Scheme No. 4 Policy No. 1 (Relocated Buildings) is attached to this report. Should an applicant be aggrieved by a Council decision an appeal right exists.

Statutory Environment	Town Planning and Development Act 1928
Policy Implications	District Town Planning Scheme No. 4
Financial Implications	Controls relocated buildings
Strategic Implications	Advertising Costs
	Nil

Resolution 387/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Smith that the Council adopts the draft Shire of Victoria Plains District Town Planning Scheme No. 4 Policy No 1 as presented and the Community Services Manager be authorised to pursue implementation.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/1

10.4 ADMINISTRATION

A554 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	CEO Report
Date	13 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See report

Comment

See report

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

Resolution 388/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Thorpe that the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A555 Bushfire Advisory Committee

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Advisory Committee
File Reference	L1.2
Attachment/s	Copy of Minutes of Meeting
Date	7 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The AGM of the Bushfire Advisory Committee was held on the 16th September 2003.

Comment

It is suggested that a motion receiving the minutes be passed to acknowledge that the Councillors have seen the minutes and are aware of the issues.

Statutory Environment	Bush Fires Act 1954
Policy Implications	10.1.2
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 389/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Young that the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee held 16th September 2003 be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A556 Purchase of Land

Location	Calingiri
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	p-edmst
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	7 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Further to Council direction at the September meeting of Council an offer of \$15,000 was made for lot 42 Calingiri Townsite identified on the title as 52 Edmonds Street. The offer was made through Angus James Real Estate of Toodyay.

Comment

The offer has been accepted and settlement will occur on 5th November 2003.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Unbudgetted expenditure as noted at September 2003 Meeting
Strategic Implications	Land holding for the Shire

Resolution 390/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr J Kelly that the information be received and the action endorsed.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A557 Tourism Strategy – Steering Committees

Location	Perth, Peel and part of Mid West Region
Name of Applicant	WATC
File Reference	ES2.4
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	7 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

As previously advised our application to be included in the above region under the proposals for the new concept for State Tourism Strategy was approved. Recently applications were called for the representatives for the initial Steering Committee for each Region.

The Region or Zone we are in has appointed the following:-

Kevin Dorotich, Leonora Gregory, Vern Goff, John Hanson, Jill Henry, John Longley, Peta McAuliffe, Marion McFadden, Jennifer Rupp, Andrew Slomp, Craig Green, and representative from the Australian Hotels Association and chaired by Paolo Amaranti (WATC)

Comment

Marion McFadden is the representative from this area based at Gingin.

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

Resolution 391/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Thorpe that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A558 West Koojan – Gillingarra LCD

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	John Longman
File Reference	CA3.4.5
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	7 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

As Council is aware the above LCD has been given the opportunity to develop a catchment demonstration initiative project on 22 farms totalling 35,000ha adjacent to the Moore River. 60% of this area is in Victoria Plains with 40% in Dandaragan.

The Shire of Victoria Plains is invited to nominate a representative to sit on the Management Committee for the project which consists of representatives from the LCDC, NACC, sub regional groups, Government agencies and Local Government.

Meetings are irregular at this time but may be held monthly.

Comment

Cr J Kelly and the Finance and Administration Manager attended the last meeting and may wish to report on that attendance.

Statutory Environment	National Heritage Trust
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Increased Production Capabilities

Resolution 392/03

Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Woods that Cr J Kelly be nominated to represent the Shire of Victoria Plains on the management committee for the West Koojan Gillingarra LCD project.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A559 Sport and Recreation Industry Golf Day

Location	W A Golf Club – Mt Yokine
Name of Applicant	D S R
File Reference	A1.9.8
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	7 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The DSR is holding a Golf day to promote camaraderie and provide networking opportunities for people within the Sport and Recreation Industry.

The day will be held on 17th November at Mt Yokine. Teams of 4 @ \$65 per person which includes 18 holes of golf, light lunch, cocktail reception function and prizes.

Comment

Attendance may depend on harvest arrangements for Councillors. It would be possible to arrange a joint Councillor/Staff team in considered appropriate.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Cost of attendance
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 393/03

Moved Cr Thorpe seconded Cr Erickson that Council do not support the Sport and Recreation Golf Day at Mt Yokine.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A560 Fire Fighting Equipment Programme

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Bushfire Advisory Committee
File Reference	L1.7
Attachment/s	Copy of programme attached
Date	7 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning – Chief Executive Officer

Background

The Bushfire Advisory Committee met in September and reviewed the five year equipment programme. Under the FESA levy programme there is no contribution by Council and following advice from the Bush Fires Board representative at the meeting the attached programme was put forward.

It was suggested that instead of transfer pumps it is likely that the units at both Bolgart and Yerecoin will be replaced as they are both due for replacement.

Comment

I suggest that the programme be adopted with replacement units being stated to replace Transfer pumps.

Statutory Environment	FESA
Policy Implications	10.2.1
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Upgrading Equipment

Resolution 394/03

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr Smith that the programme as presented be endorsed for period 2004/2009.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A561 Meeting dates for Council Ordinary Meetings

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Chief Executive Officer
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	9 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

A suggestion has been made that the Council consider a permanent change of meeting dates for Works Committee and Ordinary Council Meetings from the 4th Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month. There are some advantages to this as it will more regularly mean that meetings are a full month apart and there are no problems as far as staff are concerned as it will still allow plenty of time from the end of the preceding month to prepare financial statements and agenda requirements.

Comment

Personally I see advantages for sundry debtors and creditors but otherwise the change proposed is not major.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 395/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that Council agree to alter Council Meetings from the 4th Tuesday in the month to the 3rd Tuesday in the month commencing from the first meeting in the 2004 calendar year.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/1

A562 Trails Plan and Tourism Strategy

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	ES2.5
Attachment/s	Copies of both reports provided under separate cover
Date	8 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

As Council is aware over recent months Consultancies have been underway for:-

1. Tourism Strategy for the Shire of Victoria Plains. Steering Committee chaired by Cr Shane Kelly;
2. Trails Master Plan. Steering Committee chaired by Cr Rex Thorpe.

Both Consultancies were subsidised by grant funds and both have now been completed. The outcomes are provided for Council information.

Comment

Action will be commenced to attract funding and volunteer support to implement the recommendations of the reports. I have referred to this matter in my report. Councillors Kelly and Thorpe may wish to speak on the projects.

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	To be budget considerations in the future
Strategic Implications	Sustainability of the Shire

Resolution 396/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Young that the outcomes of the Trails Plan and the Tourism Strategy be noted and received and that Council staff be authorised to pursue implementation of the recommendations contained therein.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/2

A563 Commercial Release of G.M.O. (Canola)

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Office of Gene Technology Regulator
File Reference	ES1.5
Attachment/s	Copy of information provided under separate cover
Date	14 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

As Councillors are aware Council Policy has been to make no comment on the trials etc for Roundup Ready Canola in the past. The Office of Gene Technology has now approved Genetically Modified Canola for commercial release but at this time the State Government have not agreed and as I understand it the Ag Department should be monitoring trials.

We have again been asked to comment on the Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan which the Gene Technology Regulator will use to form a basis for a licence issue.

Comment

There have been a number of comments on the issue since the public became aware of trials in our Shire. I believe that it may still be better to retain our policy of no comment as a Shire as it raises strong opinions both for and against and unless we have a clear indication from the public one way or the other a neutral stance appears to be the best option. The state Government is working towards a policy for this state on the use of G.M.O.'s.

It is also noted that WALGA has adopted the following policy position:-

1. A moratorium of 3 years on the commercial production of G.M.O.'s be supported;
2. Responsibility is given to an appropriate agency, which undertakes the following:-
 - Research the effects of G.M.O.'s on the receiving environment, non GMO crops, human health, (food production and consumption) social and economic impacts and any related ethical considerations;
 - Public dissemination of information on the above research which is independent and defensible;
 - Development of a comprehensive monitoring and surveillance framework to track GMO products and the above effects; and
 - Development and administration of a system to control the production, distribution and sale of GMO crops and foods.
3. With particular emphasis on the establishment of GMO free zones, the legislative framework regulating G.M.O.'s and its relationship with State and Commonwealth legislation is researched and clarified with an aim to providing for public participation;
4. Ongoing research (field and laboratory) into G.M.O.'s is supported provided such research is conducted under strict containment and monitoring conditions.

Statutory Environment	Federal and State Government
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Unknown

Resolution 397/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Erickson that Council maintain the policy of not commenting on the issue of Genetically Modified Organisms at this time.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

A564 Appreciation

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Calingiri New Norcia LCDC
File Reference	CA3.4.1
Attachment/s	copy of letter attached
Date	14 th October 2003
Author	Phil Anning- Chief Executive Officer

Background

See letter attached

Comment

The success of Landcare in this Shire has been significant and this has been reflected by the recent State Award.

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

Resolution 398/03

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

10.5 WORKS

Resolution 399/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Woods that Plant and Works Committee Meeting Items W161 – Resolution 363/03 to W167 – Resolution 371/03 be accepted.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

10.6 LANDCARE

L6 Landcare Officer's Report

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Elizabeth Tierney – Landcare Officer
File Reference	A1.2.1
Attachment/s	Landcare Officer's Report
Date	14 th October 2003
Author	Elizabeth Tierney - Landcare Officer

Background

See report

Comment

See report

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

Resolution 400/03

Moved Cr Woods seconded Cr Erickson that the Landcare Officer's report be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

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 401/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that late items of business be introduced to Council.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

Chief Executive Officer – P Anning declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 5.19pm.

13.1 Chief Executive Officer Contract

Resolution 402/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that Phil Anning be invited back into the meeting to explain his intentions.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

Chief Executive Officer – P Anning entered the meeting at 5.22pm

Chief Executive Officer – P Anning left the meeting at 5.26pm

Resolution 403/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Woods that Council renegotiate an extension of 12 months on the Chief Executive Officer's contract from the date of expiry being March 2004.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/2

Chief Executive Officer – P Anning entered the meeting at 5.33pm

13.2 Councillor Photographs

Resolution 404/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Woods that Council have photographs taken of Councillors and displayed on the wall of Chambers.

MOTION PUT & LOST 2/6

13.3 CS205 Industrial Subdivision

Location	Yulgering Road, Calingiri
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	D6.1
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	17 th October 2003
Author	Trevor Walker - Community Services Manager

Background

At the last meeting of Council it was resolved that a sign be erected on Yulgering Road advertising the sale of industrial lots. That sign is erected. The Local Government Act 1995 requires that before the lots can be sold by private treaty a written market appraisal is required to be obtained. A market appraisal has been obtained from Wesfarmers Landmark and the proposal advertised.

Comment

The market appraisal is accompanied by an offer from Wesfarmers Landmark to market the lots at a suggested fee of 5% of the selling price. The strategy offered also includes the preparation of a flyer and 50/50 sharing of the cost of advertising in local and city papers.

Statutory Environment	Local Government Act 1995
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	5% Commission on selling price of lots
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 405/03

Moved Cr Young seconded Cr Woods that Council engages Wesfarmers Landmark to market the Calingiri Industrial Lots in Yulgering Road.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 8/0

14 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5.47pm.

Signed this day of 2003.

Presiding Member