

Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council to be held

On Monday 26th October 2009 At Council Chambers, Calingiri

Commencing 5.23pm

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.23pm.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

President: Cr G Erickson South Ward

Councillors: Cr N Smith East Ward

Cr B Johnson
Cr D Holmes
Cr M Anspach
Cr D Lovelock
Cr J Kelly
Cr J Brennan
Cr S Young
East Ward
West Ward
West Ward
Central Ward
Central Ward

Chief Executive Officer: Mr H Hawkins

Visitors: Lincoln Mead and Shaun Westlake

3 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

3.1 SPORTSGROUND PAVILION AND CHANGE ROOMS UPGRADE

FILE REFERENCE: Reserve 26577 Lot 138 CHI

REPORT DATE: 26th October 2009

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Calingiri Football and Hockey Clubs

OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: 216/09 August 2009

AUTHOR: Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: None

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide Councillors with an update on the sportsground pavilion and change room upgrade project and to gain a firm commitment of the amount of the Council contribution to the project.

BACKGROUND: Council gave an in principle contribution of the 2009-2010 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund to the football and hockey clubs at the August 2009 meeting towards the upgrade of the Calingiri Sportsground pavilion and change rooms upgrade. Council also allowed up to \$10,000 towards the preparation of a grant application and the development of the project.

COMMENT: Since the original proposal for the allocation of the shires Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund 2009-2010 funding for the upgrade

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of the Calingiri Sportsground Pavilion and Change Room upgrade project there has been some confusion about the amount of Council's allocation. To ensure that the project can go ahead with certainty Council are being asked to reaffirm resolution 216/09 from August 2009.

RESOLUTION 216/09

Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Kelly that Council endorse and give in principle support to the proposal to utilise the Shire of Victoria Plains 2009/2010 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund allocation along with the Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF funding to upgrade the pavilion and change room facilities at the Calingiri Sportsground and that an allocation of up to \$10,000 is made from the Infrastructure Reserve for the employment of consultants to develop the proposal.

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The confusion has arisen due to the application for CSRFF funding where the State Government will fund one third of the project and in the past Council has only funded another one third. While the Department of Sport and Recreation will only fund one third of a project the remaining two thirds can be funded by the local government and sporting club on what ever basis suits the proponents and with a project of this size, on a building that is ultimately owned by the shire, it is unrealistic to expect the football and hockey clubs to fund a full third of the project. The Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund was set up to help fund the infrastructure backlog in country local governments and this project fits that criteria.

The project has been further hampered by the lack of funds to have full plans drawn up to enable realistic quotes to be given. The architect working with the clubs has quoted between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to prepare plans suitable for the obtaining of firm quotes from builders.

The Football and Hockey clubs have been looking at other funding proposals to help fund their contribution however with the deadline for expenditure of Royalties for Regions funding they will not have significant funds in time and are seeking Council support for the full \$344,524 allocated to the Shire of Victoria Plains for 2009-2010 so that the project can proceed in a timely manner.

The proposal to offer a self supporting loan towards the project will hinder the clubs future plans to upgrade the oval lighting to allow night carnivals and also to air condition the pavilion to support the reintroduction of a cricket team to Victoria Plains.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS: None

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

> Environment

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

> Economic

There will be significant flow on effects to local businesses that will benefit from this project as the vision is to utilise as many local business as possible and for external contractors etc to encourage them to use local business as much as possible.

> Social

Provides the opportunity of greater physical activity for our community. Provides an opportunity for inclusiveness in the community for people who are not inclined to play team sports or sport and recreation services that are currently being offered.

Provides an opportunity for social networks to be increased.

Increases in physical activity will improve both the physical and mental health of the community within the Shire of Victoria Plains.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications to Council as funding sought is the Royalties for Regions grant only.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: NO

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council confirm their support to the upgrading of the Calingiri Sportsground Pavilion and Change Rooms; and

- 1. That the 2009-2010 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund allocation of \$344,524 is allocated to the project.
- 2. That funding of up to \$20,000 is allocated from the Infrastructure Reserve to allow full plans to be prepared to enable accurate quotes to be obtained.

RESOLUTION 291/09

Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Brennan that funding of up to \$20,000 is allocated from the Infrastructure Reserve to allow full plans to be prepared to enable accurate quotes to be obtained.

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RESOLUTION 292/09

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Anspach that the 2009-2010 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund allocation of \$344,524 is allocated to the project.

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4	DECL	ARATION	OF CL	OSURE
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There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.04pm									
Signed this	24 th	day of	November 2009						
Presiding Member									