



Shire of Victoria Plains

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held**

On	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	2.05pm

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 2.05pm

## 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

<b>President:</b>	Cr G Erickson	South Ward
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
	Cr D Lovelock	West Ward
	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr J Brennan	Central Ward
<b>Chief Executive Officer:</b>	Mr H Hawkins	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cr B Johnson	East Ward
	Cr S Young	Central Ward
<b>Visitors:</b>	Mr Tom Kelly	
	Mr Bob Hendry	

## 3 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

### 3.1 SALE OF HOUSE – 9 HARRINGTON STREET CALINGIRI

FILE REFERENCE: A20367 HAR  
REPORT DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
APPLICANT/PROPONENT: None  
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None  
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: 219/08, 271/08, 272/08  
AUTHOR: Harry Hawkins - Chief Executive Officer  
ATTACHMENTS: Offer for sale of 9 Harrington Street

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To advise Council of an offer received on the house at 9 Harrington Street Calingiri to allow them to make a decision on whether to accept the offer.

**BACKGROUND:** Council inspected the staff house at 9 Harrington Street Calingiri during the August meeting in response to the situation that arose after an advertisement to fill vacancies in the outside crew was placed in the West

Australian Newspaper and the applicant who was selected was married and expecting a child. He and his wife inspected the house on offer at 9 Harrington Street and he did not take up the position after rejecting the house as substandard. Council resolved to obtain a valuation on the house with a view to selling it and on receipt of the valuation resolved to offer the home for sale by public auction.

There were no bids received at the auction.

**COMMENT:** The staff house at 9 Harrington Street Calingiri is a three bedroom home with the toilet bathroom and laundry outside the back door on the veranda under the main roof. The bathroom was renovated last year and the house modified to convert it from a two bed plus sleep out to a three bedroom by adding a door from the inside of the house through to the sleep out.

FarmWorks Property were engaged to sell the property by public auction and on auction day the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008 no bids for the property were received. FarmWorks Property under the agreement have sole agency rights until March 2009 and have received an offer of \$110,000 for the house which they are obliged to present to the shire.

Should Council resolve not to accept the offer presented to this meeting then they must decide if the house should be sold at a higher price if such an offer is forthcoming or take it off of the market and upgrade the house to a standard where it would be acceptable to future employees of all backgrounds and family status.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:** None

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

To attract quality staff quality housing needs to be made available.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

➤ **Environment**

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

➤ **Economic**

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

➤ **Social**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Resolution 272/08 from October 2008 requires sale proceeds to be placed in the housing reserve.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

*ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED: NO*

**RESOLUTION 31/09**

**Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Kelly that Council do not accept the offer of \$110,000 received for the staff house at 9 Harrington Street Calingiri.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 6/1**

**3.2 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

General discussion took place on spending of grant monies.

**RESOLUTION 32/09**

**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Brennan that Council apply funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program in priority of items from the January Council Meeting plus extras in order of priority with a maximum of \$25,000 for the Bolgart Shed and \$20,000 for the Calingiri Hall Kitchen upgrade**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0**

**RESOLUTION 33/09**

**Moved Cr Anspach seconded Cr Lovelock that the meeting adjourn for afternoon tea.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 7/0**

The meeting adjourned at 3.10pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

**It was agreed by all present that the Chief Executive Officer would obtain legal opinion on ownership of buildings and halls on Crown Reserves vested in the Shire of Victoria Plains.**

**3.3 REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND**

Safety aspects of buildings was discussed i.e. asbestos

Works and Services Manager to work on his priority roads list.

Community Services Manager to carry out inspections on all shire owned property including houses and provide a report to Council.

**RESOLUTION 34/09**

**Moved Cr Lovelock seconded Cr Smith that due to the inability to distribute the Federal Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program grants evenly throughout the communities of the Shire of Victoria Plains, the Council supports these communities to a similar amount either through the Royalties for Regions Grant or through the 2009-2010 Budget.**

**MOTION PUT & CARRIED 5/2**

*Votes for: Cr Lovelock, Cr Kelly, Cr Smith, Cr Holmes, Cr Brennan*

*Votes against: Cr Erickson, Cr Anspach*

**4 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.38pm

Signed this                      17<sup>th</sup>                      day of                      February                      2009

Presiding Member .....