



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes for Meeting of Council's Plant and
Works Committee held

On	Tuesday 19 th July 2005
At	Council Chambers, Calingiri
Commencing	11.03am



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Minutes

FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL'S PLANT AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH JULY
2005 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CALINGIRI COMMENCING AT 11.03AM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 11.03am.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

President	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
Councillors	Cr J Kelly	West Ward (from 11.50am)
	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr J Brennan	Central Ward (from 11.45am)
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
Chief Executive Officer	Harry Hawkins	
Works Manager	Allen Kent	
Executive Assistant	Fiona Watson	

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation

The Minutes from the Plant and Works Committee meeting held 21st June 2005 were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21st June 2005.

3.1 Business Arising

Nil

4 WORKS

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

AgLime Route 2 Funding

At the time of writing this report no figure had been received from MRWA for AgLime Route funding. Since the last meeting I have written to the Commissioner for Main Roads and Councillor Anspach and I raised the issue with the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development John Bowler at a meeting in Moora on the 7th July. The municipal budget cannot be finalised until we have this figure a point stressed in the letter to the Commissioner of Main Roads and with John Bowler who asked his senior policy advisor Ian Thomson to follow this up.

Harry Hawkins

Chief Executive Officer

Resolution 188/05

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr Smith That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

Cr Anspach

Met with Greg Willis MRWA. Large demand for funds available. May be mid August before the Shire of Victoria Plains has confirmation of funds available.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer and Cr Anspach met with the Minister for Local Government in Moora. Correspondence has also been sent to the Commissioner of Main Roads to obtain relevant information with regards to funding available to the Shire of Victoria Plains.

Cr Smith

If Goomalling are able to hold a meeting with Main Roads, it would be beneficial for the Shire of Victoria Plains representatives to attend.

The Chief Executive Officer to contact the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Goomalling with regards to being involved in any meeting with respect to AgLime Funding.

4.2 Works Manager's Report

AgLime Route 2

Because of the new financial year being upon us and the Budget not being completed for 2005/2006 as yet, and not knowing the amount of money being allocated to AgLime Route 2 from Main Roads leaves a certain amount of guess work leading up to and into this financial year for the month of July.

Maintenance Grading

At present we have 3 graders engaged with the grading of gravel roads throughout the Shire. It will take a month or so to bring the heavier trafficked roads up to a reasonable standard. At

this present stage we are concentrating on school bus routes as much as possible to ensure the safety of school bus operators and children are looked after.

As Council is aware we had a long dry spell over summer and maintenance grading was put on hold because of other work commitments and the extreme dry conditions, however the start to the winter has been very wet and some of the roads graded previously after the first rains needed work again to bring them up to a trafficable standard.

Road Maintenance – General

This time of the year we are concentrating on maintenance type work throughout the Shire. All roads within the Shire will be inspected when possible and a priority list will be put in place to rectify any major problem areas regarding safety aspects in the Shire.

These works will include:-

- ▶ Drainage -Tree Lopping
- ▶ Shrub removal growing on road shoulders and in drains
- ▶ Erection of guide posts and signs as required
- ▶ Parks and Gardens cleanup – including all townsites
- ▶ Pothole maintenance on bitumen roads. Some roads require a few loads of gravel in low lying areas where blowouts have occurred and are pooling water which is creating a traffic hazard.

Annual Leave

A few staff members are taking annual leave during this part of the year I have encouraged men to do this if the timing suits them before we start construction projects. At this stage Ian Osboine has taken 2 weeks leave during July. Wayne Davey will be taking leave in August.

Operator Training

I have arranged for 2 Council employees – Wayne Davey and Gary Stewart to obtain accreditation in Final Grading and Maintenance Grading procedures in the 3rd week of August 2005. This will entail 5 days training by an experienced operator who has been in this position for 38 years and is now engaged full time with Down 2 Earth Training who are accredited trainers. This in time will be very beneficial to Council and its ratepayers.

Allen Kent

Manager Works Services

Resolution 189/05

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr Smith that the Works Manager's report be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

WORKS

W222 Road Closure - Flavell Road Piawaning

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Bevan King
File Reference	D9.2
Attachment/s	Letter from Applicant
Date	11 th July 2005
Author	Harry Hawkins – Chief Executive Officer

Background

A letter has been received from Bevan King from Piawaning requesting that Flavell Road be closed where it passes through his property to the shire boundary to Wilson road.

The road is not made and there has not been any need or demand for its construction. Mr King has at his expense had the shire gravel a track for his own use through the property. The track is not of a suitable standard to be used as a public road.

Comment

The road has never been made and the portion proposed to be closed runs through location 3219 where it adjoins location 3367 with both locations being owned by the applicant.

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

Resolution 190/05

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that subject to no adverse public comment being raised during the advertising period Flavell Road Piawaning be closed from the boundary of location 3219 to Wilson Road.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

5 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Resolution 191/05

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that new business be introduced.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

5.1 Glentromie East Road

Cr Holmes

Signage is apparently not clearly visible.

5.2 Cocking Gravel Pit

Cr Holmes

Needs to be reinstated and tidied up

5.3 Burning of Gravel Pits

Cr Anspach

Gravel Pits should be burned now and tidied up so that they are able to extinguish prior to fire season.

Works Manager

Attention will be given to making sure this is done.

5.4 Speed Limit Signs

Cr Anspach

Permitted vehicles should be encouraged to limit their speeds to 70km/h (as with the Shire of Goomalling speed signage). It is suggested that Council policy should be changed to reflect the speed change from 80km/h to 70km/h on unsealed roads for all heavy vehicles.

Roads that could be targeted though not limited to should include:-

Skilling Road, Old Plains Road, Bolgart East Road, Glentromie West Road.

5.5 Tree Lopper

Works Manager

The Shire currently has approximately 90km of work to be done. Follow up is being done with other shires and private works jobs to ensure full use of machine. The shire effectively has 1600kms of roadside trees to be lopped.

Cr Smith

Once the AgLime Route is complete the tree lopper should be contracted out as much as possible to supplement works income.

5.6 Plant and Works Meetings and Ordinary Meetings

Cr Anspach

Attention needs to be given to reducing the amount of time spent re-visiting items covered by the Plant and Works Committee Meeting in the Ordinary Meetings.

Cr Smith

The Plant and Works Committee is in place to discuss and debate relevant items. All items should be recommend to full Council to be moved EN BLOC. Any questions relating to Plant and Works Items can be addressed if necessary at the Ordinary Meeting. If full Council wish to pursue the whole Plant and Works Agenda in the Ordinary Meeting then the Plant and Works Committee should be dissolved.

5.7 Plant Inspections

Cr Anspach

Previously, Council would inspect the Shire plant every 3 months. Should this practice be re-instated?

Cr Smith

Plant should be inspected by Council at least once per year.

Chief Executive Officer

More information that is presented to Council prior to budget deliberations is a benefit to decision making.

Cr Brennan

Are oil samples carried out regularly?

Works Manager

Yes. All plant is fine at this stage.

5.8 Gravel Supplies

Cr Anspach

Are there enough gravel supplies available for the current works programme? Is there any benefit in tendering the pushing of enough gravel for the whole works programme not on an as needs basis?

Works Manager

There are benefits and problems with trying to stockpile enough gravel for a whole programme. This can be looked at.

5.9 Spoon Drains

Cr Kelly

Brian Kelly's property and Cocking's boundary need attention and clean out.

Works Manager

The grader is in the area and this area will be looked at.

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

7 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Signed this day of 2005

Presiding Member

