



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes

FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL'S PLANT AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25th
MARCH 2003 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CALINGIRI COMMENCING AT 11.05AM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chairman, Cr M Anspach declared the meeting open at 11.05am.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

President	Cr M Anspach	West Ward
	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
Councillors	Cr N Smith	East Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward
Chief Executive Officer	Phil Anning	
Works Manager	Allen Kent	
Executive Assistant	Fiona Watson	

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation

Resolution 84/03

Moved Cr Holmes seconded Cr Smith that the minutes of the Plant and Works Committee Meeting held 25th February 2003 be confirmed.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

3.2 Business Arising

Nil

4 WORKS

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer will provide a verbal report to the Meeting.

Resolution 85/03

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

4.2 Works Manager's Report

1. AgLime Route 2 - Construction Progress Report

On the existing 1.80 kms of gravel water binding to be completed at the Calingiri end, tests had been carried out on the gravel material from Irwin Barrett-Lennard's property the results on the gravel showed a high Plasticity Index of 11.1 %. This was too high to meet the standard requirements set by Main Roads WA. The ideal % should be around 7% and the B.C.R. which is the strength of the gravel under load achieved 110 % this is a very positive result and adds to the overall strength of the material hence the gravel can have a slightly higher Plasticity Index.

To overcome the high Plasticity Index AgLime Sands were added and mixed with the gravel to bring the Plasticity Index down to the standard required. The results were achieved and this will give the road a much longer life. This in turn has taken longer to complete this section of road i.e.: mixing and water binding to achieve the results.

The water binding will be completed for the primer seal which will be laid by the end of March 2003. The construction crew will then move into the New Norcia end to complete the remaining construction of approximately 4.30. kms from the end of the bitumen towards the Carani "T" road. At this stage the drainage construction is ongoing and the survey and tree lopping is programmed for the immediate future, to work ahead of the construction crew.

2. AgLime Route 2 - Calingiri Goomalling Boundary

Gordon Woods Crew

The second construction crew will start the construction of the 1 km section from the Shire Boundary past Brian Slater's property the week commencing the 19th March this section will be completed to the Primer Seal stage by the end of April 2003, if not before.

Councils Capital Works Programme

Gordon Woods's construction crew have completed 2 kms of gravel re-sheeting on Calcarra West and 2 kms on Catabody Road. Some minor drainage work will need to be carried out at a later date at the bottom of the hill on Calcarra West road as this will alleviate water running

across the road causing scouring to the road surface. This could not be achieved prior to construction work starting because of our heavy construction work load.

Maintenance Grading throughout Shire of Victoria Plains

As Council is aware I have engaged two contractors to carry out maintenance grading works within the shire. This has been a dry grading exercise and is only a temporary fix. Once the winter rains arrive these roads will be picked up again in the normal grading process. The grading contractors have covered the worst areas of corrugated and rough areas including school bus routes. Contractors have graded approximately 180 kms of roads in different areas as directed. If any roads have been missed I would appreciate if Councillors could bring them to my attention.

Cr Holmes advised that he had received a report on the Goomalling East Road – bitumen/gravel section and asked that this road be included in current maintenance grading program as the drop off is very deep.

Parks and Gardens

Calingiri football oval and hockey oval are coming along nicely for the sporting events this year. In the last week we have had a contractor engaged with a de-compactor machine that breaks up the clay compacted areas of the ovals and allows water to enter the root zone area. This will improve drainage and generate growth of the playing fields and will also aerate the root zone areas. The water system has been functioning well and scheme water has been used only on very odd occasions throughout this summer.

AgLime Maintenance Programme

The existing gravel sections of the New Norcia/Calingiri and Calingiri/Goomalling roads have been wet graded. Arthur Jones has been engaged with this project for the past 3 weeks. When winter rains break and we have had enough rain these sections will be regraded and maintained to a suitable standard.

Allen Kent

Manager Works Services.

Cr Anspach spoke of his reservations on the initial inspection of the Tree Pruner. His concerns regarding the hydraulics were raised again regarding the numerous repairs to this item.

Works Manager – Allen Kent advised that the machine has now been repaired with 3 new hydraulic motors and hoses have been placed in steel tubing. Repairs have been at the expense of the supplier.

Resolution 86/03

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

WORKS**W131 Reserve 24590**

Location	Melbourne Location 3769
Name of Applicant	DOLA
File Reference	ES4.3
Attachment/s	Copy of location map attached
Date	12 th March 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

Reserve 24590 is an unvested Reserve set aside for the purpose of "Timber Mallet".

DOLA has received a proposal to purchase the reserve from adjoining owners and seeks Council advice regarding interest in the Management Order for this Reserve with a suggested purpose of "Parklands".

The offer of a Management Order has also been provided to CALM.

Comment

The issue of Fire Control Management may be a deterrent to Council accepting the Management Order. I believe that it is important to preserve remaining timber habitats and this may mean that Council does accept an order.

Statutory Environment	DOLA
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Any Management Costs
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

That it be recommend to Council that Council agree/do not agree to seek a Management Order for Reserve 24590.

Resolution 87/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that it be recommend to Council that Council do not agree to seek a Management Order for Reserve 24590.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W132 Guidelines for assessing the suitability of Routes for Multi Combination Vehicles

Location	Western Australia
Name of Applicant	Main Roads WA
File Reference	T5.1
Attachment/s	Copy of Executive Summary

Date 12th March 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The draft copy of the guidelines is in line with policy of the WA Government and the emphasis on environmental and community issues relating the heavy vehicle access to the road network.

Comment

Though the principle of community consultation may be laudable it seems that the process of changing or making policy for roads under Local Government control and management will be a major exercise in the future. The Guidelines incorporate some 30 plus pages and are available for Councillor perusal if required.

Statutory Environment Main Roads WA
Policy Implications Road Train Policy
Financial Implications Unknown
Strategic Implications Unknown

Resolution 88/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Smith that it be recommended to Council that the information be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W133 2003 Annual Roads Forum and ALGA National Roads Congress

Location City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Name of Applicant WALGA and ALGA
File Reference A1.8.1.2
Attachment/s Nil
Date 12th March 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The Annual Roads Forum presented by WALGA in conjunction with Main Roads will be held at Kalgoorlie on Friday and Saturday 27th to 28th June 2003.

This will be followed by the National Local Roads Congress hosted by the ALGA and also at Kalgoorlie on Monday 30th June to Tuesday 1st July 2003.

Comment

I recommend that the opportunity be provided for the Works Manager and perhaps two Council representatives to attend. We usually are represented at the Annual Roads Forum and it is unlikely the opportunity will arise to attend a National Road Congress in the near future again.

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

Resolution 89/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that it be recommended to Council that approval be granted for two Councillors and the Works Manager to attend the Annual Roads Forum and the National Roads Congress in Kalgoorlie from 28th June to 1st July 2003.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W134 Cycling on Footpaths

Location	Western Australia
Name of Applicant	Office of Road Safety
File Reference	T1.5
Attachment/s	Copy of information attached
Date	12 th March 2003
Author	Phil Anning – Chief Executive Officer

Background

On 5th February 2003 the Associations State Council considered an Office of Road Safety Discussion Paper regarding existing regulations in WA which limit use of footpaths to cyclists under the age of 12 years.

The discussion paper canvassed these wide ranging bicycle use/pedestrian use issues and liability for Local Government if changes were made opening up footpaths to cyclist of all ages.

Comment

It is interesting to note and very few people would know and it is certainly not enforced that only children under 12 can currently ride on footpaths.

Personally I believe it would be of concern if all footpaths not just dual purpose paths were open to cyclists in busy area.

I would be happy to provide comment and would appreciate any comments from Councillors.

Statutory Environment	Australian Road Rules
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Unknown at this time

Resolution 90/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that it be recommended to Council that the Chief Executive Officer provide comments incorporating comments from Councillors.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W135 Regional Road Group Funding

Location	Western Australia
Name of Applicant	n/a
File Reference	T1.1.1
Attachment/s	Memo and copy of position paper draft
Date	17 th March 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See attached report

Comment

Nil

Statutory Environment	Nil
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Reduction in R R G Funding 2003/2004 budget
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 91/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Holmes that it be recommended to Council that this Council strongly oppose State Government initiatives to reduce funding for roads to Regional areas of the State.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W136 Tender – OVP Fairlane Sedan

Location	Shire of Victoria Plains
Name of Applicant	Various
File Reference	F1.9.5
Attachment/s	Copy of tenders received
Date	18 th March 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See attached tenders

Comment

See attached

Statutory Environment	Tenders Regulations
Policy Implications	Council Plant Policies
Financial Implications	Budgetted item
Strategic Implications	Nil

Recommendation

That it be recommended to Council that the tender of North City Holden for a WH Statesman Sedan be accepted together with the outright purchase by John Humphris of the trade in vehicle.

Resolution 92/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Smith that it be recommended to Council that:-

- a) Council do not accept tenders as presented for outright purchase or trade of OVP;
- b) Council retain the current Fairlane OVP and tenders be invited in 2003/2004 when new model vehicles are available.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

Reason for change to recommendation

The committee considers there will be greater savings to Council by waiting for a new model vehicle.

5 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Resolution 93/03

Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that new business be received.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

Cr Smith declared an interest in the following item.

5.1 Yerecoin Golf Club

Cr Smith has been approached by the Yerecoin Golf Club regarding recent works carried out at the Golf Course.

- a) Old Council Policy stated that 1 day of works was supplied free to Sporting and Community bodies. Is this policy still effective?
- b) Would Council be prepared to supply the works at cost to the Golf Club and not charge the works out at Private Work's rates?
- c) Work involved was approximately 6 hours using 3 shire trucks and the shire loader.

Cr Smith left the meeting at 11.57am

Resolution 94/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr Holmes that the Yerecoin Golf Club be charged at cost for works recently carried out at the Yerecoin Golf Club.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 3/0

Cr Smith entered the meeting at 12.06pm

5.2 Caravan Club

Cr Holmes has been approached by a Caravan Club regarding use of the Bolgart oval for a weekend in August 2003.

5.3 Road Works

Works Manager - Allen Kent discussed road works to be included in the Budget. A draft is to be supplied to Council.

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

7 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson, Cr M Anspach declared the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Signed this day of 2003

Chairperson