



Shire of Victoria Plains

Minutes

FOR MEETING OF COUNCIL'S PLANT AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25th
NOVEMBER 2003 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS CALINGIRI COMMENCING AT 11.00AM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Cr Anspach declared the meeting open at 11.02am.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation

The minutes of the Plant and Works Committee Meeting held 21st October 2003 were confirmed by Resolution 399/03 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21st October 2003

3.2 Business Arising

Nil

4 WORKS

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Drought Proofing Calingiri

I have referred to this project in my report to full Council and it is covered in the Works Manager's report. Unfortunately due to the timing we are short on volunteers but to meet the funding deadlines it is proceeding on schedule.

Small Vehicle Replacement

The budget allowed for the sale of the two utilities used by the grader operators predominantly with replacement being by the use of the ex landcare vehicle and one new vehicle to be purchased. Under the current work load arrangements the three vehicles are all being utilised and it may be better to maintain an additional utility in the fleet or defer replacement of the current utilities. I suggest that it be discussed at this meeting.

Resolution 406/03

Moved Cr N Smith seconded Cr J Kelly that the sale of the two utilities used by the grader operators be deferred until next financial year.

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Phil Anning

Chief Executive Officer

Resolution 407/03

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

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4.2 Works Manager's Report

Construction – Calingiri New Norcia Road

Aglime Route 2

Water binding of last years construction is progressing this has been a slow process as the material has compacted very solid and is breaking up when ripped into large chunks with the grader, breaking up the clods then becomes time consuming.

Gordon Wood is in control of this project and he will remain on this construction until the task is complete and being ready for the primer seal. Unfortunately Gordon has done it tough over the last couple of weeks as his wife is very ill at this present time, he will require time off work to be with her through the ordeal.

I will be engaging another casual grader operator to carry on with the works while Gordon is away.

Gingin Grading Contractors construction crew will start work on the eastern end near Yenart Road this week, and continue on with the drainage/shoulder cleanup and shaping of the road formation in readiness for the gravel overlay.

The gravel crusher is crushing material at this present time at Howard's Pit and this material will be ready to cart onsite after the cleanup is completed, this section will be approximately 5.5kms in length from Yenart Road to the Carani T junction heading west.

The Calingiri Goomalling section of construction to be completed this financial year will be started after Christmas as the gravel pit area is still in crop and Bob King has suggested that we do not start pushing up gravel until the crop has been taken off. This is the reason for the start on the other section towards New Norcia.

Gillingarra New Norcia Road

Roads to Recovery and Blackspot Project

Ian Osboine and crew are busy with the water binding on the 8kms of construction designated for this years programme once around 50% has been prepared a primer seal will be applied to this section at 7 m in width. We have engaged 2 casual staff to operate rollers on this project.

Yulgering Road – Sub Division

Gravel has been carted onsite for the base coarse material, this has been saturated with the recent rains and will have to be left to dry out. This will be looked at again prior to Christmas and if okay will be water bound and primed when crews are available.

Calingiri Water Supply Project - Yenart

This project is progressing well. 6.6 kms of 90mm pipe has been laid and joined from the bore to the tank site, and backfilling of the trench is also in progress. Trenching has also started on the next 6.0 kms for the 110mm pipe from the tank into town. The bore pump is being fitted at this stage and the power will be connected to the pump by the 3rd week in November. The tank will be installed at Goudge Road within the W.A.WA. Compound on the 28th November, the entire project is progressing in a forward direction.

Parks & Gardens - Maintenance

Minor work has been done in this area when manpower has been available, the old water system from Darraign/Atlas is functioning okay, however we have had minor problems with the pump electrical switches dropping out on a regular basis, this appears to be caused by lightning.

Allen Kent

Manager Works Services

Resolution 408/03

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

WORKS

W168 “Outrage” Road Funding Campaign

Location Western Australia
Name of Applicant WALGA
File Reference T1.2
Attachment/s Copy of letter attached
Date 17th November 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

See letter attached

Comment

See letter attached

Statutory Environment Nil
Policy Implications Nil
Financial Implications Road Funding
Strategic Implications Better Roads

Resolution 409/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr D Holmes that it be recommended to Council that this authority support the “Outrage” campaign as recommended by WALGA.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W169 Road Funding

Location Western Australia
Name of Applicant Bill McNee MLA
File Reference T1.2
Attachment/s Copy of letter from Bill McNee
Date 17th November 2003
Author Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

I wrote to Bill McNee MLA expressing our concerns regarding road funding issues and the response by the Minister.

Attached is the response to Bill McNee from the Minister.

Comment

As anticipated the facts are disguised to justify the action. They are that the Government broke a clear election promise not to reduce the funding agreed to under the Agreement with Local Governments that still had 2 years to run which they did and that the Minister used the Roads to Recovery funding as justification for that action.

Statutory Environment Nil
Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications	Reduced Regional Road Group Funding
Strategic Implications	Better Roads

Resolution 410/03

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

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

W171 Road Safety around Schools

Location	Western Australia
Name of Applicant	Road Safety Council
File Reference	T1.4
Attachment/s	Nil
Date	17 th November 2003
Author	Phil Anning - Chief Executive Officer

Background

The Road Safety around Schools Taskforce has prepared a Road Safety around Schools Audit checklist which has been endorsed by the Road Safety Council and Roadwise. It is recommended to Councils that the manual be adopted for use when auditing roads around schools.

Comment

Our role would be to ask our auditors to acknowledge the issues in the manual when auditing roads around schools for safety.

Statutory Environment	Road Safety Council
Policy Implications	Nil
Financial Implications	Nil
Strategic Implications	Nil

Resolution 411/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr N Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Shire of Victoria Plains adopt the Road Safety around Schools Audit Checklist prepared by the Road Safety around Schools Task Force.

MOTION PUT & CARRIED 4/0

5 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Resolution 412/03

Moved Cr J Kelly seconded Cr N Smith that new business be introduced to Council.

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- 5.1** Discussion ensued on the future of the current water supply system once the new Drought proofing supply is working.

5.2 CEO raised the issue of Railway Street Calingiri in conjunction with the Aglime Route funding, in particular in front of the Post Office Shop.

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

7 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 11.52am

Signed this day of 2003

Presiding Member