

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 January 2009

Please Note: These minutes and the decisions recorded therein have not as yet been confirmed by Council as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

Our vision is that:

The Moora region will be a place of brilliant opportunity over the next twenty years. Sustainable growth will result in a vibrant, healthy, wealthy and diverse community.

Mission

Our mission is:

To identify and stimulate growth through creative leadership and a willingness to get things done.

SHIRE OF MOORA MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2009

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I. <u>DECLARATION OF OPENING & WELCOME OF VISITORS</u>

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 3.32pm, welcomed visitors and announced:

At 3.34pm Cr McLagan joined the meeting.

"Acknowledging of Country"

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and acknowledge their contribution to the Shire of Moora as I do for all its people.

2. DISCLAIMER READING

To be read by the Shire President should members of the public be present at the meeting.

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

3. ATTENDANCE

SA Bryan - Presiding Member

SJ Pond - Councillor
CE Gardiner - Councillor
WA Barrett-Lennard - Councillor
AR Tonkin - Councillor
R Keamy - Councillor
JW McLagan (from 3.34pm) - Councillor
D Clydesdale-Gebert (from 3.37pm) - Councillor

LM O'Reilly - Chief Executive Officer

DA Friend - Manager Finance & Corporate Services

GF Bangay - Manager Health, Building & Planning Services

APOLOGIES

JL Greay - Manager Engineering Services
RL McCall - Manager Economic Development
MJ Prunster - Manager Community Services

CD Hawkins - Councillor

PUBLIC

Hon. Brian Ellis MLC (until 4.15pm) - Member for Agricultural Region

4. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Nil

5. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.24 OF THE ACT

Nil

6. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

8. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

Nil

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

1/09 Moved Cr Barrett-Lennard, seconded Cr Tonkin that Council suspends standing orders at 3.35pm to allow discussion with the Hon. Brian Ellis MLC on various community issues.

CARRIED 7/0

Hon. Brian Ellis MLC addressed the Council meeting and thanked the Shire President for the invitation to attend.

Moora has been in the news, not for the right reasons of late and his current visit is to ascertain first hand developments.

At 3.37pm Cr Clydesdale-Gebert joined the meeting.

Mr Ellis offered his assistance in his current capacity and his local knowledge, in particular issues with anti social behaviour could be called upon.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2/09 Moved Cr Tonkin, seconded Cr Gardiner that standing orders resume at 4.15pm.

CARRIED 8/0

At 4.15pm the Hon. Brian Ellis left the meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

- Attended an interagency meeting following the anti-social behaviour in Moora. A summary was provided for Councillors' information. A further meeting is to be held on Friday 29 January at the Recreation Centre concerning the ongoing issues.
- Met with the police on several occasions over the Christmas break and also conducted interviews with the media.
- Cr Tonkin advised that he attended a Regional Roads Group meeting on 19 January in Moora.

10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 17 DECEMBER 2008

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

3/09 Moved Cr Tonkin, seconded Cr Keamy that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 December 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting subject to; inserting the notation that Cr Hawkins was present at the commencement of the meeting, at 3.35pm he left and then rejoined the meeting at 3.55pm.

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

II.I ADMINISTRATION

II.I.I SHIRE OF MOORA REPRESENTATIVE ON ST JAMES RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

FILE REFERENCE: AD/CPE1

REPORT DATE: 14 January 2008
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: Nil

AUTHOR: Lynnette O'Reilly, CEO

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To nominate an Elected Member for the Board of Management for the St James Residential College.

BACKGROUND:

Council has in the past had representation on the College Board of Management.

COMMENT:

The attached letter explains the request for a Council representative.

It should be noted that meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month commencing 5.30pm. There are approximately 8 meetings per year.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

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 are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

Social

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications to Council in relation to this item.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)

4/09 Moved Cr Gardiner, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that Council advise the Acting Chairperson of the St James Residential College that its representative on the Board of Management will be Cr Sheryl Bryan for the year to 31 December 2009.

CARRIED 8/0

11.2 FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

11.2.1 LIST OF PAYMENTS AUTHORISED UNDER DELEGATION 1.31

REPORT DATE: 14 January 2009 **OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

AUTHOR: Darren Friend, Manager Finance & Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS: Accounts Paid Under Delegated Authority

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Payments have been made under delegated authority and a listing of these payments is attached for Council to note and endorse.

BACKGROUND

At the December 2005 Ordinary Meeting of Council resolution 276/2005 delegated the authority of payments from Municipal and Trust Funds to the Chief Executive Officer.

COMMENT

Accounts Paid under delegated authority are periodically presented to Council.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Delegation 1.31 – Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.10

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 12 & 13.

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 are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

Social

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Payments are in accordance with the adopted budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)

5/09 Moved Cr Barrett-Lennard, seconded Cr Tonkin that Council notes and endorses the Payments from the Municipal and Trust Funds made under delegation 1.31

Municipal Fund	Chqs 58906 to 58955	\$66,569.65
Direct Debits	EFT 1731 to 1853	\$496,428.03
	Net Pays – PPE 23 Dec Net Pays – PPE 6 Jan	\$80,078.99 \$68,037.48
Trust Fund	Chqs 4532 to 4536	\$2,187.86
Total		<u>\$713,302.01</u>

CARRIED 8/0

11.2.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

REPORT DATE: 14 January 2009 **OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil **PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

AUTHOR: Darren Friend, Manager Finance & Corporate Services
ATTACHMENTS: Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended 31

December 2008

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To note and receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 December 2008.

BACKGROUND:

Council is provided with monthly financial reports to enable monitoring of revenues and expenditures against the adopted budget.

COMMENT:

The Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended is provided as a separate attachment in Program format.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Clause 34

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Monitoring of actual revenues and expenditures against the adopted budget assists Council in being informed as to the financial health of the organisation.

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:

Year to date income and expenditure is provided by program to enable comparison to 2008/2009 adopted budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)

6/09 Moved Cr Barrett-Lennard, seconded Cr Tonkin that Council notes and receives the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 3 I December 2008.

11.2.3 2008/2009 AUDIT SERVICES

FILE REFERENCE: F/AUDI

REPORT DATE: 12 January 2009

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Nil

OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: 28 June 2006

AUTHOR: Darren Friend, Manager Finance & Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS: Quotation for Provision of Audit Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider the appointment of Council's current auditors, UHY Haines Norton for a further year prior to the possibility of a regional audit service.

BACKGROUND:

Council's auditors UHY Haines Norton were appointed by Council in June 2006 for a three year period commencing I July 2005.

Preliminary discussions have been held involving the Chief Executive Officers from the Central Midlands Voluntary Region of Councils (CMVROC) on the cost savings of a regional audit service. All four Councils involved have the same audit company however, the Shires of Dalwallinu, Victoria Plains and Wongan-Ballidu all have one more year to run on their current audit contracts.

As a consequence, Council can appoint its current auditors for a further 12 months or call for expressions of interest to supply an audit service for up to five years.

COMMENT:

A quotation has been sought from UHY Haines Norton and is attached for Council's information. The recently expired contract was for \$9,000 (ex GST) per year plus travel however, this figure was a "base fee" and Council's actual costs were substantially greater due to a number of factors including staff turnover and increased scope of the audit due to legislative changes. The figure quoted of \$15,000 (ex GST) plus travel for 2008/2009 compares favourably with the recently expired contract, taking into account the reduced duration of the appointment. Council's total cost for auditing of their 2007/2008 books amounted to \$16,802.

Future savings may be made, subject to a regional audit service being sourced that meets the requirements of the Councils involved.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Part 7 of the Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Meeting statutory compliance and obtaining an independent audit of Council's books of account assists the Shire in achieving its strategic goals.

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:

Council will be required to provide for the remuneration of the Auditors within its 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 Budgets.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)

7/09 Moved Cr Gardiner, seconded Cr McLagan that Council appoints Mr David Tomasi and Mr Greg Godwin of UHY Haines Norton as its auditors for the 2008/2009 year in accordance with the provisions of their quotation dated 12 December 2008.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

11.2.4 MOORA REPERTORY CLUB – HOLDING OF FUNDS

FILE REFERENCE: CC/MRE1

REPORT DATE: 12 January 2009

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Moora Repertory Club

OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: Nil

AUTHOR: Darren Friend, Manager Finance & Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS: Letter to Westpac

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider the proponent's request to hold surplus funds in Trust due to disbanding of the organisation.

BACKGROUND:

The Moora Repertory Club Inc. has not been active since 2005. The Committee has subsequently been disbanded. Signatories to the bank account have instructed the Westpac Bank to draw a bank cheque to Council to close their account and for the cheque to be forwarded to the Shire of Moora with an instruction that the funds be

held in Trust until such time as a "new" club is formed in accordance with their constitution.

COMMENT:

Staff have taken the bank cheque for \$5,345.26 and receipted the money into Council's Trust bank account. I have been advised that the request made is not uncommon in Moora and that Council has previously held funds for a club/s whilst they were in hiatus.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Section 6.9 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Clause 8 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

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 are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

Social

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications to Council in relation to this item.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)

8/09 Moved Cr Tonkin, seconded Cr McLagan that Council endorses staff actions in receipting and banking surplus funds into its Trust account on behalf of the Moora Repertory Club Inc.

11.3 OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

11.3.1 FERGUSON STREET, MOORA ROAD REALIGNMENT

FILE REFERENCE: TP/PTW1

REPORT DATE: 16 January 2009 **OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: 22 October 2008 Council Meeting **AUTHOR:** John Greay – Manager Engineering Services

ATTACHMENTS: Aerial Photo – West Moora

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

Roadworks proposed on Ferguson Street require confirmation/recommendation to the Western Australia Planning Commission for the realignment of the road through Mr Vaughn Franklin's property, being Melbourne Location 2461.

BACKGROUND:

On Ferguson Street, between Clarke Street and Riley Road a potential blackspot exists where a serious accident could occur. Council has been successful in having this "S" bend identified via a road safety audit. Main Roads Western Australia has also recognised this potential HAZARD and has provided funding in this current financial year.

COMMENT:

Over a number of years there have been a number of minor mishaps there with vehicles turning off the road, through the two sharp corners, and collecting trees. No personal injury is known to have occurred but this may not always be the case. The current corner of the lot that requires some land to be resumed has been contacted and has given his consent. He is to be compensated for land value which is believed to be about 0.4 ha.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

LEGESLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Local Government Act 1995-\$168 Land Administration Act 1997-(part 5)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This realignment will create a much safer section of road to travel on.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Environment

There are no known significant environmental implications due to the new alignment going through previously cleared pastured paddocks.

Economic

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

Social

Improvement for all road users plus the elimination of dust over homes which are in the vicinity of Ferguson Street

Funding Implications

Funding is provided in this year's budget.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority required.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATIONS)

- 9/09 Moved Cr McLagan, seconded Cr Gardiner that Council approves and confirms the realignment of Ferguson Street, between Clarke Street and Riley Road, Moora through Location 2461 currently owned by Mr Vaughn Franklin and advises the WA Planning Commission that:-
 - I. It supports and approves the closure of the section of road as shown on the plan submitted once the new alignment has been created: and
 - 2. It approves of the creation of a new alignment through the section of land on Melbourne Loc 2461 as indicated on the plans submitted, with the boundaries of the truncated lot to be now included in the road reserve as the serviced portions of the lot are too small to include on adjoining lots which are owned by other landowners.

CARRIED 8/0

11.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil

11.5 ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Nil

11.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil

11.7 SPORT AND RECREATION

12. <u>ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN</u>

Nil

13. MOTIONS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

Nil

14. NOTICE ON MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Nil

15. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)

10/09 Moved Cr Tonkin, seconded Cr McLagan that the meeting move behind closed doors to discuss Item 15.1, 'Recruitment of Manager Health and Planning Services' as it is a matter affecting employees pursuant to Section 5.23(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED 8/0

At 4.42pm the meeting moved behind closed doors.

15.1 Recruitment of Manager Health and Planning Services

Provided to Councillors under confidential cover.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (CEO RECOMMENDATION)

11/09 Moved Cr Gardiner, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that Council, in accordance with Section 5.37 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Council Policy 1.5 "Senior Employees" approves the appointment of Mr Trevor Brandy on a short term contract of 3 months with an optional extension of up to 3 months to the Manager Health, Building and Planning position.

CARRIED 8/0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

12/09 Moved Cr Tonkin seconded Cr McLagan that the meeting come out from behind closed doors and re-open to the public.

At 4.45pm the meeting reopened to the public.

On reopening the meeting, there were no public present therefore the Shire President did not read aloud the decision made behind closed doors.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4.47pm.

CONFIRMED

PRESIDING MEMBER