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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Boddington Shire Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19 July 2005 commencing at 4.20pm.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr Flaherty, declared the meeting open at 4.20pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Cr E Flaherty	Town Ward	President
Cr PR Carrotts	Rural Ward	Deputy President
Cr DN Veitch	Rural Ward	
Cr SW Patten	Town Ward	
Cr EK Hoek	Town Ward	
Cr JW Pyke	Town Ward	
Cr RA Kelsall	Rural Ward	
Mr P Bradbrook	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr A Cook	Director of Finance	
Mr R Belton	Town Planning Consultant (from 4.20pm – 4.43pm)	
Mr L Welch	Relief Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor	
Mr J Gibbs	Member of Public	
Mr S Ferrari	Member of Public	
Mr G Day	Member of Public	
Mr A Hardie	Member of Public	

APOLOGIES - Nil

VISITORS – Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

All Councillors declared a financial interest in Item 8.5.5.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - Nil

5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Mr Gibbs made a presentation to Council on the need to establish a fourth Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade to cover the rural area currently covered by the Boddington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. He said that the probable expansion of the townsite through further residential development plus an increase in the number of small hobby farms justified the additional brigade.

The Chairman advised that these comments would be taken into consideration when discussing the matter later in the meeting (Item 8.5.6).

Messrs Gibbs, Ferrari, Day & Hardie left the Council Chambers at 4.38pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 21 JUNE 2005

Resolution No. 105/05 Moved Cr Veitch

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on 21st June 2005, be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Seconded Cr Carrotts Carried 7/0

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Flaherty informed Council of the following:

Cr Kelsall, the Chief Executive Officer and himself had attended a meeting in Mandurah, organised by the Peel Development Commission (PDC), to meet with representatives from State Government Departments and other instrumentalities i.e. Department of Industry & Resources (DOIR), Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DPI), Shire of Murray. Boddington Gold Mine 9bgm) had also been represented.

A Stakeholders' Committee, comprising the PDC, BGM, DOIR, Shire of Murray & Shire of Boddington, had been established to progress the potential Gold Mine expansion. Sub-groups would be formed to consider issues relating to: water/sewage, power, light industrial land, health, education, residential land, etc. so that they can be prepared for the expansion.

He had attended the Mayor & Presidents' Forum and ascertained that the President and Chief Executive Officer were responsible for reporting corruption. Emphasised that it was essential for the Council and staff to work as a team.

Cr Veitch announced he would be attending an APB Advisory Board meeting on 28th July and were there any issues Councillors would like raised. Cr Kelsall mentioned that feral pigs were still a problem and the problem was increasing.

Cr Veitch advised that the proposed APB levy on primary producers had been withdrawn.

8.1 *TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT'S REPORT*

8.1.1 Proposed Tasmanian Blue Gum Plantation – Gray Property

Location:	Lot 31 & 4814 off Marradong Road
Applicant:	Great Southern
File Ref. No:	
Disclosure of interest:	
Date:	12 July 2005
Author:	RJ Belton

Summary

An application to plant 222ha of Eucalyptus Globulus over cleared land off Marradong Road is supported subject to conditions regarding harvesting, fire protection and standards of practice.

Background

The application is to plant 222ha of Eucalyptus Globulus over the cleared and previously farmed sections of the subject land. The area to be planted is shown cross red hatched on the attached plan. There is no proposal to clear and plant over native remnant vegetation areas.

Comment

- Council has approved eight 'blue gum' plantations since the mid nineties.
- These plantations are generally ready to harvest after 10 years and Council will need to take into consideration the affect of harvesting on its rural road system.
- The subject land lies in Precinct B2 of Councils Rural Strategy, the objectives of which include the maintenance of the rural landscape character of the locality and provision of opportunities for more intensive agriculture. The proposed plantation does not conflict with this fundamental policy.

Consultation

The south western extremity of the land lies within the 1200m Bauxite buffer zone, but having regard to the fact that no development, other than planting is proposed in this area, it was not considered necessary to forward the application to the Dept. of Minerals and Energy.

Options

- Refuse
- Approve
- Approve with conditions

Statutory Environment

Council has been requiring Development Approvals for Tree Farms of this size.

Policy Implications

- Council has supported plantations of this nature subject to
- a) Compliance with the code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia.
 - b) Compliance with a Development and Management Plan prepared to Councils satisfaction.
 - c) The lodgement of a revised harvesting plan 2 years prior to the anticipated harvesting date.
 - d) Compliance with the Guidelines for Fire Protection Booklet prepared by CALM and FESA.

Financial Implications

Funds could be required for the upgrading and maintenance of Marradong Road at the time of harvesting around the year 2015. Council could be requiring contributions toward road maintenance at this time.

Economic Implications

Could provide local employment opportunities for annual maintenance, fire prevention and harvesting periods.

Social Implications - As above

Background

The Department of Health established a Working Group with representatives from the WA Local Government Association, Department of Local Government, Australian Institute of Environmental Health, the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors and the Department of Health to develop a discussion paper on Public Buildings after operational difficulties had arisen as a consequence of the wider interpretation of the public building definition in section 173 of Part VI of the Health Act 1911.

The Committee developed a discussion paper based on the underlying philosophy of risk management, to allow the available resources to be focused on the regulation of those public buildings and public places that represent the most risk to the public health, safety and the general amenity of persons using them.

The discussion paper was presented to Local Government in March of this year. The attached correspondence is a follow up from the closure of comments in April.

In the schedule of Public Buildings – 2004, by risk category as outlined in the attachments you will note that since 1992 the places donated by # have been added. These additional places have increased the work load but the cost recovery to Local Government has not kept pace with economics nor has the an appropriate penalty regime been implemented for non compliance. The WA Local Government Association is seeking the Health Department to review both issues when the new Health Act is presented for consideration by Parliament.

Consultation – Nil

Options

1. Complete the feed back fax which the Association has drawn up on the Interim Policy to place practical limits on the scope of the definition of a Public Building.
2. Not return the feed back form.

Statutory Environment

The Health Act 1911 ("public building" means ----

- (a) a building or place or part of a building or place where persons may assemble for –
 - (i) civic, theatrical, social, political or religious purposes;
 - (ii) educational purposes;
 - (iii) entertainment, recreational or sporting purposes; and
 - (iv) business purposes;

and

- (b) any building , structure, tent, gallery, enclosure, platform or any part of a building, structure, tent, gallery, enclosure, platform or other place in or on which numbers of persons are usually or occasionally assembled, but does not include a hospital.)

Policy Implications – Nil

Financial Implications – Has increased the statutory responsibilities and potential legal liabilities.

Economic Implications – Nil

Social Implications

Because of a legal decision by the State Solicitor's Office that any building where a number of persons may be assembled at the same time (whether for a common purpose or not) has the potential to be a public building has therefore changed the perspective of what constitutes a public building.

Environmental Considerations – Nil
Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.3.1

That Council

i) Choose either option one, two or three as to Councils preferred option on the Interim Policy and

ii) That Council agree on the three Broader Recommendations as outlined within the WA Local Government Association correspondence Reference 05 026 01 0002. (*Please see the Attachment included with the Agenda).

Resolution No. 107/05

Moved Cr Carrotts

That Council:

- i) endorses Option 3 (Acceptance of the Interim Policy, including the Schedule of Public Buildings, with no changes), and
- ii) endorses all three broader recommendations: (a) that the Association calls for an immediate amendment to the Health Act with respect to the definition of a public building, (b) That all public building structural issues be covered by Building Code of Australia, and (c) That the Association calls on the Department of Health to develop an appropriate fee structure for public buildings based on cost recovery and an appropriate penalty regime,

as contained with the WA Local Government Correspondence of 30th June 2005 Reference: 05 026 01 0002.

Seconded

Cr Patten

Carried 7/0

Reason for Difference between Recommendation & Resolution: Council resolved immediately on the actual options and broader recommendations rather than move the original recommendation requiring them to be considered.

8.4 Director of Finance Report

8.4.1 Debtors Write Off

Location:

Applicant:

File Ref. No:

Disclosure of interest: Nil

Date:

Author: Aaron Cook

8.4.2 General Ledger Write Off

Location:
Applicant:
File Ref. No:
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date:
Author: Aaron Cook

Summary

There have been ongoing issues with the Bank Reconciliation that the administration staff have been battling with since the introduction of the new financial operating system. This problem has now been corrected and the monthly reconciliations are balancing with no variances.

Background

The bank reconciliations for the financial year being 2004 / 2005 have been inclusive of variance amounts that have not allowed the reconciliation to balance. This is a serious accounting error that needed to be fixed. The amounts of the variances each month have been small amounts but a bank reconciliation should have a variance of \$0.

This fix or correction has now taken place and the bank reconciliations have balanced for the last 2 months with no adjustments or variances. What has been identified through this is that the General Ledger is overstated by \$723.07 and needs to be corrected for the closing of the 2004 / 2005 financial year. This will allow for the new financial year to start with a clear slate and balanced books.

Comment

This problem has been a major issue for staff and to have the issue resolved is a relief for several of the finance officers. The removal of the funds from the General Ledger does not affect the position of council at all as the most important issue is that the General Ledger balances to the Bank Statement.

As such I have taken the liberty to correct the issue before closing the 04 /05 financial year and opening the 05 / 06 financial year within the financial operating system.

Consultation - Nil

Options - Nil

Statutory Environment - Nil

Policy Implications - Nil

Financial Implications - Nil

Economic Implications - Nil

Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements - Nil Information only

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4.1

That Council notes this information relating to Bank Reconciliation discrepancies during 2004/2005.

Resolution No. 109/05 Moved Cr Hoek

That Council notes the information relating to Bank Reconciliation discrepancies of \$723.07 during 2004/2005.

Seconded Cr Carrotts Carried 7/0

Reason for Difference between Recommendation & Resolution: Council decided that the amount of the discrepancy should be included in the resolution to clarify the amount to be noted.

8.4.3 Monthly Financial Statement to 30th June 2005

Location:
Applicant:
File Ref. No:
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date: 11th July 2005
Author: Aaron Cook

Summary

The Local Government (Financial management) Regulations 1996 require the preparation of Quarterly Financial Reports in such form as the local government considers is appropriate.

Background

In accordance with Council Policy 9.11, Council is to be presented with a Monthly Financial Report including the Operating Statement, Statement of Financial Position for the Year to date together with a Bank Reconciliation Statement as at the end of the period. Also included is the list of payments for the last month of the period and a full budget review highlighting significant areas of concern and savings.

Reconciliations for the following accounts are also included for the Councillors' reference to show that the major accounts are balanced as the end of the financial year is fast approaching: Creditors, Debtors, Payroll and all other Bank Statements.

8.4.4 Expression of Interest CEO Recommendation of Preferred Supplier

Location:
Applicant:
File Ref. No: T 7.1
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date: 12th July 2005
Author: Aaron Cook

Summary

It is a requirement of an Expression of Interest for the CEO to nominate to Council the preferred suppliers so that the Council can instigate a Restricted Request for Tender.

Background

An Expression of Interest was invited during June to assess the market as to companies that wished to conduct business with the Shire of Boddington in relation to the change over of the administration fleet of four vehicles.

Comment

The Expression of Interest attracted two interested parties, those being Station Motors Collie and DVG Morley, that wish to be apart of the tendering process and wish to negotiate with the Shire of Boddington. Due to the lack of responses to the invitation to express an interest both companies may be called to present a tender proposal.

This will ensure that both companies are included in the further process and will not show any bias to a preferred company.

Consultation - Nil

Options

1. Council to accept the recommendation from the CEO that both companies that answered the Expression of Interest be invited to tender for the vehicle change over of the administration fleet.
2. Council not accept the recommendation of the CEO and propose a new strategy
3. Council not accept the recommendation of the CEO and to close the proceedings of the expression of interest.

Statutory Environment

S.3.57 Tender Regulations

Policy Implications – Nil

Financial Implications - Nil

Economic Implications - Nil

Social Implications - Nil

Environmental Considerations - Nil

Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4.4

Resolution No. 111/05

Moved Cr Pyke

That the Council accept the recommendation from the CEO that the two companies that expressed an interest in the provision of administration motor vehicles, i.e. Station Motors Collie and DVG Morley, be accepted as the preferred tenderers and as such be invited to tender on the supply of the four administration vehicles.

Seconded

Cr Patten

Carried 6/1

8.4.5 Expression of Interest / Tender for the Provision of Motor Vehicles

Location:

Applicant:

File Ref. No: T 7.1

Disclosure of interest: Nil

Date:

Author: Aaron Cook

Summary

The vehicle changeovers are currently subject to market fluctuations and at present the changeovers are more expensive than normal and it is more efficient currently to enter into a agreement over 1.5 to 2 years and have a fixed rate of vehicle change over.

Background

Council currently has a policy to change its administration motor vehicle fleet at either 15000 kms or 9 months. This is the industry standard for most Local Governments and contracted deals from car dealers. This normally allows for the vehicles to be traded at either a nil or very small change over, reducing the running costs to Council.

The current market place is not allowing the trade prices that we have been used to and as such the current format is not as efficient in the use of Council funds as it used to be.

An expression of interest was advertised to find companies that were interested in dealing with the Shire and its Vehicle changeovers. Two companies replied to this advertisement being Station Motors Collie and DVG Morley City. Station Motors with their expression of interest included a proposed change over plan for the four vehicles if the current vehicles were to be upgraded.

If the vehicles are to be upgraded at the expense of Council and a contract entered into then Council will own the vehicle and as such have a higher valued asset for the duration of the contract. If the contract should for some reason fail or close early Council will own the vehicle and if the vehicle is to be down graded to the original vehicles Council will recoup it added expense.

Because an expression of interest has been called Council can resolve to deal with the preferred companies that expressed their interest through the form of a tender which can be either one or both companies. If Council chooses not to take this option the two remaining options are to price out each trade when the vehicles age accordingly or a full tender needs to be advertised.

Comment

To expedite the process of the vehicle change over, the most appropriate option would be to deal with the preferred companies from the expressions of interest and call the tender from the company / companies. This would allow a contract to be entered into to cater for the 3 current vehicles that will be requiring change over in the next 2 months.

There are more options open to Council and these have been taken into consideration for example retaining the vehicles to 40000kms etc and the most cost effective options have been listed below.

From this point if the officer's recommendation is accepted then the CEO will call a Restricted Request for Tender from the applicants from the Expression of Interest. As such a selection criteria list will be drawn and distributed with the appropriate notification documentation with a closing date of Monday the 8th August. This will allow for the agenda item to be drawn and presented to Council for the meeting on the 16th August 2005.

Consultation

Western Australian Local Government Association

Options

- 3) Call a tender for the provision of the four motor vehicles with a fixed change over price for a two year period from the companies that applied to be apart of the expression of interest.
- 4) Call full tender for the trade of the four administration vehicles with a preferred preference to a contract basis for 1.5 to 2 years.
- 5) Obtain quotes for the provision of new vehicles upon the trade times of the existing vehicles.

Quotes have been sought from several lawnmower dealers for a ride-on mower that has a minimum 38" cutting deck, can take a catcher attachment and priced from \$2000 to \$3500.

This has allowed for a good cross reference of machines but for Council to purchase a quality machine that will not require maintenance each month Council will need to spend towards the upper end of the market range specified.

The prices that were received are:

John Deere	L100	\$2863 plus GST	17hp	42 inch Cut Deck
	L110	\$3627 plus GST	17.5hp	42 inch Cut Deck
Husqvarna	LT1536	\$3177 plus GST	15 hp	36 inch Cut Deck
Cox		\$3550 plus GST	13 hp	32 inch Cut Deck

Comment

If it is Councils' decision to proceed with the purchase of the lawnmower before the adoption of the budget then the choices above provide a good cross reference of machines and their prices. The John Deere mowers provide the most value for money and seem to be the best suited machine to the work at the Caravan Park.

The difference between the two John Deere mowers are the size of the motor and the gear box. The L100 has a manual 5 speed box and the L110 has a hydrostatic gear box with a pedal reverse. This allows for quicker manageability in tighter areas.

Consultation - Nil

Options

1. To purchase a John Deere L100 with a manual gear box.
2. To purchase a John Deere L110 with a hydrostatic gearbox.
3. To further investigate other ride-on mowers and not purchase a mower at this time.
4. To not purchase a ride-on mower at this time and wait for the budget to be adopted.
5. To share the depot TORO ride-on mower and train the Caravan Park Caretaker in the proper use of the machine and its maintenance.

Statutory Environment - Nil

Policy Implications - Nil

Financial Implications - Nil

Economic Implications - Nil

Social Implications - Nil

Environmental Considerations - Nil

Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4.6

Motion

Moved Cr Kelsall

That Council purchases a John Deere L100 manual drive ride-on lawnmower for \$2863 plus GST, the funds having been allocated in the draft budget for 05 / 06, before the budget has been adopted, to accommodate the identified need at the Boddington Caravan Park.

Seconded

Cr Hoek

Amendment to Motion

Moved Cr Carrotts

That Council purchases a John Deere L110 hydrostatic gearbox ride-on lawnmower for \$3627 plus GST, the funds having been allocated in the draft budget for 05/06, before the budget has been adopted, to accommodate the identified need at the Boddington Caravan Park.

Seconded

Cr Veitch

Carried 6/1

The Amendment became the Substantive Motion.

Resolution No.

113/05

Moved Cr Kelsall

That Council purchases a John Deere L110 hydrostatic gearbox ride-on lawnmower for \$3627 plus GST, the funds having been allocated in the draft budget for 05/06, before the budget has been adopted, to accommodate the identified need at the Boddington Caravan Park.

Seconded

Cr Carrotts

Carried 7/0

Reason for Difference between Recommendation & Resolution: Council decided to purchase the ride-on-mower with the hydrostatic gear box with pedal reverse, as it would be more appropriate for the mowing of the Caravan Park lawns than the manual 5 speed gear box.

8.5 Chief Executive Officer's Report

8.5.1 Main Roads WA – ACROD Parking Bay

Location: Outside of Medical Centre – Bannister Road
Applicant: Home & Community Care
File Ref. No:
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date: 7 July 2005
Author: Peter Bradbrook

Summary

On 17 May 2005 Council resolved to request Main Roads WA to install an ACROD parking bay in front of the Medical Centre. Main Roads has replied suggesting a marked bus bay would be more appropriate.

Background

The reason for suggesting an ACROD parking bay be provided was to cater for the Home & Community Care bus that transports elderly persons to the Medical Centre for treatment. The drivers find the revised parking arrangements at the Medical Centre difficult to negotiate, as they can't turn around. Reversing onto Bannister Road creates a potential traffic hazard.

Main Roads WA advises that the road environment outside the medical centre is not considered to be suitable for the establishment of an ACROD parking bay. The width of the existing parking "lane" is such that there would not be enough space to enable disabled drivers or passengers to get in and out of their vehicles safely. Also, there is currently no pedestrian ramp close to the proposed location of the ACROD bay.

The alternative, as discussed by Main Roads with the Chief Executive Officer, is to install a marked bus bay to resolve the current issue. This bus bay would then be available almost 100% of the time for the HACC bus, which can be entered and exited from the rear and does not have the safety problem that other vehicles with the ACROD sticker would have.

Comment

The alternative of installing a bus bay would appear satisfactory. It will cater for the HACC bus, the coordinator of which has been the applicant for improved parking. Council will be responsible for all costs for signage and pavement marking associated with the establishment and maintenance of the bus bay.

Consultation – Bruce Walker from Main Roads WA Bunbury

Options

Not proceed with the installation of the bus bay or proceed with the bus bay installation.

Statutory Environment

Although Bannister Road is a Main Roads WA responsibility they have provided Council with the authority to install a bus bay. Local Government Act 1995 – Schedule 9.1.

Policy Implications - Nil

Financial Implications

There will be a cost associated with purchasing appropriate 'Bus Bay' signs prohibiting parking in the bay by other than buses between 9am and 4pm Monday Friday (as per Res. No. 88/05 of 17 May 2005) plus the cost of painting the lines blue and the labour involved. An estimate of the cost would be between \$300 and \$400.

Comment

If Council would like to name the laneway then Peppercorn Lane seems an appropriate name, although a drive down the lane revealed only one Peppercorn Tree actually growing and spreading over the laneway. There is another large Peppercorn on private property adjacent to the laneway and, of course, the Peppercorn in front of the hotel.

Council's relieving PEHO/BS is attending to drainage problems that appear to be emanating from property owned by the hotel proprietors i.e. the hotel/motel and adjacent vacant lot. The rainwater from these lots appear to be causing some problems for the residential properties behind.

The laneway has been graded and potholes filled in as requested by Council. However, the potholes will soon reappear and the laneway always looks untidy, not helped by the broken fences along the thoroughfare.

If it were feasible I would like to see the laneway sealed in due course, with appropriate traffic humps to deter speeding. (Speed humps similar to those in front of the Resource Centre would be ideal). However, before doing so it would be advisable to contact the water authority to ascertain if there would be substantial problems in doing so as I understand the sewage system is located in the laneway.

If Council agrees it would be my intention to contact the Water Authority to obtain this information and if feasible to seal the laneway to do a section each year commencing in the 2006/2007 financial year.

Consultation – with Council's relief PEHO/BS

Options

1. Reject the name Peppercorn Lane and either select another name or leave the laneway unnamed.
2. Decide that the laneway should not be considered for sealing and take no further action or pursue the feasibility of sealing the laneway, thus allowing appropriate drainage to be installed when doing so.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.

Policy Implications - Nil

Financial Implications

The sealing of the laneway would need to be budgeted each year until completed. The cost of naming the laneway would require several signs/posts/brackets to be purchased. However, actually signposting the laneway could be deferred until it was sealed if approval was forthcoming.

Economic Implications – Nil

Social Implications – Nil

Environmental Considerations – Nil

Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements – simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5.2

Moved Cr Hoek

That Council agrees in principle that the laneway between Wuraming Avenue and Farmers Reserve should be sealed, with sufficient traffic humps installed to reduce speeding and appropriate drainage provided, if investigations reveal it to be feasible. Should sealing be feasible costings be determined for consideration when preparing the 2006/2007 and future budgets.

LAPSED for want of a seconder.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5.2

Resolution No.

115/05

Moved Cr Kelsall

That Council accepts that the laneway between Wuraming Avenue and Farmers Reserve be named Peppercorn Lane and, if and when sealing of the laneway proceeds, appropriate signage is erected.

Seconded

Cr Hoek

Carried 4/3

8.5.3 WA Local Government Association – Agenda for AGM 7 August 2005

Location: Statewide
Applicant: WA Local Government Association
File Ref. No:
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date: 14 July 2004
Author: Peter Bradbrook

Summary

The Annual General Meeting of the WA Local Government Association is scheduled for Sunday 7 August 2005 commencing at 12.50pm at the Burswood Resort Convention Centre Theatre. There are fifteen items for discussion (including one late item) on the agenda and these are herewith distributed as an attachment to allow Council to direct its delegates on how to vote. Crs Flaherty and Carrotts are the nominated delegates for the AGM and have received an original of the agenda.

Background

Each year local authorities are requested to submit broad ranging motions for debate and resolution at the Annual General Meeting. I have in the past printed each motion in the Council Agenda but, on this occasion, there are more motions than usual and some comprise an entire A4 page.

Comment

Rather than print each motion in the agenda it is recommended that Council consider those motions relevant to this local authority that they may disagree with. In some instances a motion such as 1.2 – Attraction and Retention of Rural GPs may receive wide support but may not be particularly practical.

For instance, finding an additional \$24,500 per annum for a minimum of four years as a Bonded Medical Scholarship will not 'guarantee' the placement of a locally (WA) trained GP. I know of an instance where a Medical Student was killed in his final year of practice. What would happen in that case? Could Council insure against it happening? As mentioned in the item, the bonded doctor may not be acceptable within the community. It is possible that the student may not complete the course, or may fail the course. There are too many doubts associated with the proposal to be assured that a doctor will be 'guaranteed'.

Councillors may wish to discuss this motion and other motions prior to directing the nominated delegates. Alternatively, Council may resolve to allow the delegates the discretion to vote after listening to the debate on each item.

Consultation - Nil

Options

Council can consider each of the 15 motions individually and instruct the delegates how to vote, select only those motions particularly relevant to the Shire of Boddington and instruct the delegates how to vote, or allow the delegates a discretionary vote.

Statutory Environment – Not Applicable

Policy Implications – Nil

Financial Implications – Nil

Economic Implications – Nil

Social Implications – Nil

Environmental Considerations – Nil

Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements – simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5.3

Resolution No.	116/05	Moved Cr Kelsall
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That Councillors

- i) raise any issue contained in the Executive and Member Motions for the 2005 WA Local Government Association AGM scheduled for August 7th 2005 that they consider require discussion by Council, if any, prior to Council's delegates voting at the AGM,
- ii) discuss those items raised, if any, and provide direction to the delegates, and
- iii) allow Crs Flaherty and Carrots to vote on the remaining items after listening to the debate on each item at the AGM of the Association.

Seconded	Cr Veitch	Carried 7/0
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8.5.4 Rural Towns Program – Consideration of Recommendations

Location: Boddington Townsite
Applicant: Rural Towns Program
File Ref. No:
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date: 8 July 2005
Author: Peter Bradbrook

Summary

Council received a grant of \$7,830 from the Rural Towns Program to have a Salinity Management Strategy prepared for the Boddington Townsite. The firm engaged, *Waterdirect* Ltd, failed to complete the strategy and the Agriculture Department, which manages the Program, has advised that the funds can be transferred towards implementing a recommendation from the Groundwater Study of the Boddington Townsite prepared by G.P. Raper (hydrologist) in March of this year.

Background

I have extracted the Summary and Recommendations from Mr Raper's Groundwater Study and a copy of these accompany the agenda. There are five recommendations in all, with two of those referring to the new Boddington School site. If a copy for the Groundwater Study was forwarded to the Department of Education with the recommendation that they implement the recommendations relevant to the school, Council will have three to select from – if it wishes to proceed, bearing in mind that the \$7,830 has to be matched. (It has been included in the budget). If Council decides to withdraw from the Rural Towns Program the \$7,830 plus GST will need to be returned.

Comment

Council is invited to nominate the recommendation it believes to warrant priority. However, I suggest we approach the Hotham Landcare Officer for advice as to which recommendation is the more important and how to proceed with the chosen recommendation.

Consultation

I have contacted Darralyn Ebsary and she is prepared to study the recommendations, undertake some research and attend the Council Briefing Session on Tuesday 16th August (at 2.00pm) to inform Council on the best way to proceed, in her opinion.

Options

To adopt a recommendation from the Groundwater Study for implementation this financial year or to return the grant funds.

Statutory Environment – Nil
Policy Implications - Nil

Financial Implications

Council will need to contribute a minimum of \$7,830 from its own funds towards implementing the strategy chosen.

Background

The Policy in question reads: "That an appropriate gift costing up to \$250 may be purchased for retiring or defeated Councillors who have completed a four year term or up to \$500 if they have completed two or more four year terms on Council".

An exemption was sought to allow Councillors to vote on adopting the policy, however I have been contacted to ascertain if all Councillors declared a financial interest in the policy. As Cr Carrotts wasn't on Council at the time the policy was presented, April 2005, this couldn't be confirmed.

Comment

All that appears to be required is that all seven Councillors declare a Financial Interest in the proposed policy.

Consultation – with representatives from the Department of Local Government & Regional Development.

Options

Council can decide not to proceed with the policy. This would result in the need to seek exemption each time a Councillor retired or was defeated.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 & Financial Interest Regulations

Policy Implications

If the policy is unaccepted it will be deleted from the Policy Manual.

Financial Implications

None, until Councillors retire or are defeated.

Economic Implications – Nil

Social Implications - Nil

Environmental Considerations - Nil

Strategic Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements – simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5.5

"That an appropriate gift costing up to \$250 may be purchased for retiring or defeated Councillors who have completed a four year term or up to \$500 if they have completed two or more four year terms on Council".

This item lapsed for want of both a mover and seconder.

Resolution No. 118/05 Moved Cr Veitch

That Council proceeds behind Closed Doors.

Seconded Cr Carrotts Carried 7/0

Resolution No. 119/05 Moved Cr Veitch

That Standing Orders be suspended.

Seconded Cr Hoek Carried 7/0

8.5.6 Boddington Bushfire Brigade – Proposal to Form a New Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

Location: Boddington Bushfire Brigade District
Applicant: Rural Members of Brigade
File Ref. No:
Disclosure of interest: Nil
Date: 12 July 2005
Author: Peter Bradbrook

Summary

Council has received several approaches to form a rural brigade for the existing rural area of the Boddington Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. With the anticipated increase in residential development in the townsites because of the proposed Gold Mine Expansion, together with the ever increasing number of 'hobby' farms in the district, rural members of the Brigade believe a new Brigade is warranted. The recommendation is to agree to the request.

Resolution No. 120/05 Moved Cr Carrotts

That Council resumes Standing Orders.

Seconded Cr Patten Carried 7/0

Resolution No. 121/05 Moved Cr Carrotts

That Council comes from behind Closed Doors.

Seconded Cr Patten Carried 7/0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5.6

Resolution No. 122/05 Moved Cr Carrotts

That Council:

- i) **agrees to the formation of a Crossman Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, to be responsible for the existing rural area of the Boddington Volunteer Bushfire Brigade i.e. to exclude the townsites of Boddington and Ranford and the properties in between the two townsites,**
- ii) **endorses the adoption of a Constitution for each of the four Fire Brigades, with the objective of providing standard rules to be observed in relation to the election of committee members and the conduct of the Brigades,**
- iii) **ascertains from FESA if there is a Code of Conduct for Volunteer Bushfire Brigades to observe,**
- iv) **requires the Shire President, Cr Flaherty, to attend the next Boddington Volunteer Bushfire Brigade as Council representative, and**
- v) **nominates the Director of Finance, Mr Aaron Cook, to be a Council delegate at future meetings of the four Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, because of his involvement in handling the finances of the Brigades.**

Seconded Cr Patten Carried 7/0

9. **ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN** - Nil
10. **URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT)** - Nil
11. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.42pm.