

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2005

1. COMMENCEMENT

The President declared the meeting open at 11.05am.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Attendance

Cr J.M. Schilling	President	West Ward
Cr N.J. McLean	Deputy President	South Ward
Cr M.R. Alexander		North Ward
Cr V.A. Szczecinski		North Ward
Cr S Leonhardt		North Ward
Cr B.M. Foster		West Ward
Cr A.D. Bailey		West Ward
Cr M.G. Roberts		South Ward
Mr K.L. Byers	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr S.P. Gollan	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
Miss C. Emanuel	Secretary	

Apologies

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 FIREBREAKS ALONG RAILWAY LINE

Mr Walter MacMillan addressed Council with concerns about firebreaks along the railway line in Beverley, requesting details in relation the firebreaks and an inspection to be carried out by the Shire.

4. CONDOLENCES

SING	Mr Ron	14 March 2005
McLEAN	Mr Frederick	26 March 2005
CARR	Mr Reg	3 April 2005
RALSTON	Mr Robert Raymond	11 April 2005
BAILEY	Mrs Norma Beth	12 April 2005

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2005

**M1/0405 Moved Cr Roberts Seconded Cr Szczecinski
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15
March 2005, be confirmed.**

CARRIED 8-0

**6.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FIRE
CONTROL ISSUES HELD ON 12 APRIL 2005**

Appendix 1

**M2/0405 Moved Cr Foster Seconded Cr Leonhardt
That the Minutes of the Special Public Meeting to discuss fire
control issues held on 12 April 2005, be received.**

CARRIED 8-0

**6.3 MINUTES OF MEETING REGARDING RECREATION FACILITIES IN
BEVERLEY HELD ON 7 MARCH 2005**

Appendix 2

**M3/0405 Moved Cr Foster Seconded Cr Bailey
That the Minutes of Meeting regarding Recreation Facilities in
Beverley, held on 7 March 2005, be received.**

CARRIED 8-0

6.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Appendix 3

**M4/0405 Moved Cr Szczecinski Seconded Cr McLean
That the President's Report be received.**

CARRIED 8-0

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

7.1 FINANCE

7.1.1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

Appendix 4

M5/0405 Moved Cr Foster Seconded Cr Roberts
That the Schedule of Accounts for the month of March 2005 be received.

Voucher No's	Amount
Municipal Fund	
020305.1 – 020305.1	335.50
22646 – 22651	5,483.73
030305.1 – 030305.1	21.05
040305.1 – 040305.10	13,642.14
170305.1 – 170305.10	21,043.94
300305.1 – 300305.17	25,111.11
300305A.1 – 300305A.1	<u>495.00</u>
TOTAL	66,132.47

Direct Debits Transport Licensing 50,712.80

TOTAL 116,845.27

CARRIED 8-0

7.1.2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2005.

COMMENT

That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2005 is under separate cover.

M6/0405 Moved Cr Alexander Seconded Cr Bailey
That the Financial Report for the month ending 31 March 2005, as presented, be received.

CARRIED 8-0

7.1.3 INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS

BACKGROUND

Council has at present surplus funds that have been invested in line with Council's policy.

COMMENT

Listed below are surplus funds that have been invested during the month of March with Esanda Investments.

▪ Municipal Account	\$ 700,000.00
▪ Office Equipment Reserve	\$ 16,971.00
▪ Annual Leave Reserve	\$ 85,558.00
▪ Building Reserve	\$ 325,960.00
▪ Leave and Gratuity Reserve	\$ 16,481.00
▪ Plant Reserve	\$ 464,268.00
▪ Recreation Ground Reserve	\$ 200,862.00
▪ Bush Fire Fighters Reserve	\$ 54,055.00
▪ Avon River Development Reserve	\$ 22,688.00
▪ Community Bus Reserve	\$ 16,285.00
▪ Cropping Committee Reserve	\$ 61,175.00

The Investment terms are as follows

Investment#	Term	Interest Rate	Amount	Expires
1708604009	1 Month	5.50%	\$1,264,303.00	22/04/05
1708605009	1 Month	5.50%	\$ 700,000.00	22/04/05

M7/0405 Moved Cr Leonhardt Seconded Cr Alexander
That Council receive the investments for the month of March 2005.
CARRIED 8-0

Mr David Lodwick, Town Planner, entered Council Chambers at 11.35pm.

7.2 TOWN PLANNING

7.2.1 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF BEVERLEY LOTS 422-424 HOPE STREET

Appendix 5

BACKGROUND

Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure which states as follows

“Land Asset Management Services (LAMS) is considering a request to purchase Lot 424 for amalgamation into lot 20. LAMS is also considering disposing of Lots 422 and 423 as stand alone lots.

In an endeavour to assess this request could you please advise if you have any comment or objections to the above proposal.”

Refer locality plan attached.

COMMENT

The subject land is zoned Residential 10 under the Shire of Beverley's Town Planning Scheme and is therefore ultimately able to be developed for residential land use.

Council should note that Clause 4.4 of Town Planning Scheme No.2 provides

4.4 DEVELOPMENT OF LOTS ABUTTING UNCONSTRUCTED ROADS

Notwithstanding anything elsewhere appearing in the Scheme where an application for planning consent is made in respect of land abutting an unconstructed road or a lot which does not have frontage to a constructed road the Council shall either

- a) refuse the application until the road has been constructed or access by means of a constructed road is provided as the case may be;*
- b) grant the application subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay a sum of money in or toward payment of the cost or estimated cost of construction of the road or part thereof and any other conditions it thinks fit to impose; or*
- c) require such other arrangements are made for permanent access as shall be to the satisfaction of the Council.”*

Currently, portion of Hope Street fronting Lots 422-424 is not constructed. There is also no immediate power or water supply to service these lots. Clause 4.4 of the Scheme would need to be addressed by purchasers at such time the lots are developed in the future.

M8/0405

Moved Cr Foster

Seconded Cr Roberts

That Council advise LAMS that it has no objection to the proposal, but notes that currently the portion of Hope Street fronting Lots 422-424 is not constructed and that there is no immediate power or water supply service to the said lots.

CARRIED 8-0

7.2.2 PROPOSED TWO GROUPED DWELLINGS, LOT 293 DAWSON STREET, BEVERLEY

Appendix 6

BACKGROUND

Council is in receipt of a planning application for two three bedroom dwellings on the subject vacant land. The land is owned by the Department of Housing and Works.

Refer copy of plans attached.

Under the Shire of Beverley Town Planning Scheme No.2, "Grouped Dwellings" in the Residential zone is an 'AA' use, which means that the Council may, at its discretion, permit the use.

COMMENT

The subject land is 1017m² in area with a 26.96m lot frontage and 37.72m depth.

The subject land is zoned Residential 10 under the Shire of Beverley Town Planning Scheme No.2. However, Clause 4.12 of the Scheme provides

4.12 SPECIAL APPLICATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL PLANNING CODES

4.12.1 Within the 'Residential' zone, which has a Residential Planning Code density of R10, where Council gives its consideration to residential development of a Grouped Dwelling nature, the R25 Code will apply if a sewerage service is available to the project site concerned. In cases where no sewerage service is available the R10 Code will apply to any Grouped Dwelling project."

As sewer is available to the site there is sufficient land area to allow for two dwelling units. Under the R25 Code, the minimum area per dwelling must be 320m² with average not less than 350m². The application complies with this requirement.

The submitted plans show colorbond custom orb roof with hardiflex wall lining and hardies primeline weatherboard cladding and front ballustrading. A verge tree will need to be removed to allow for driveway access to service Unit 1.

Building setbacks are satisfactory, including minimum 6m front setback.

Minimum 50 percent open space required is achieved by the proposal. Each unit also complies with the minimum 30m² courtyard area specified under the Design Codes.

Private store areas attached to garages meet the minimum 4m² dimension requirements. A carport is provided for each dwelling as appropriate. Driveway(s) minimum width of 3m is identified on the application plan to service the units.

It is recommended that driveways be brick paved. Detailed drainage management plans will need to be submitted prior to issue of a building licence.

M9/0405 Moved Cr Leonhardt Seconded Cr Roberts
That Council grant approval to Colin Cockram Architect for proposed two grouped dwellings at Lot 293 Dawson Street Beverley in accordance with application dated 10 March 2005 and accompanying plans and subject to the following conditions

- 1. If the development, the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years from the date of approval, the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect. Where an approval has lapsed, no development shall be carried out without the further approval of the responsible authority having first been sought and obtained;**
- 2. Nothing in the approval or these conditions shall excuse compliance with all relevant written laws in the commencement and carrying out of the development;**
- 3. A building licence being obtained prior to commencement of any building works;**
- 4. On completion of construction, all excess articles, equipment, rubbish and materials being removed from the site and the site left in an orderly and tidy condition;**
- 5. This approval does not authorise any interference with dividing fences;**
- 6. The noise generated by construction or operational activities is not to exceed the levels prescribed under the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997;**
- 7. The applicant is to make arrangements to the satisfaction of the Water Corporation for the provision of reticulated sewerage to all units within the development;**
- 8. All stormwater and drainage runoff produced on the site is to be suitably retained on site to the satisfaction of Council's Shire Planner and Works Supervisor;**
- 9. All vehicle crossings being designed and constructed to the satisfaction of Council's Works Supervisor;**
- 10. Vehicle parking, manoeuvring and circulation areas to be constructed to the satisfaction of Council's Works Supervisor. Detailed engineering plans identifying pavement details (existing, finished levels and pavement**

type) and drainage details (invert, cover levels and pipe size) to be submitted and approved prior to issue of a Building Licence;

- 11. All driveways being constructed with brick paving to the satisfaction of Council's Shire Planner;**
- 12. Any retaining walls on lot boundaries exceeding 600mm in height (above natural ground level) are to be designed by a certified Engineer to the satisfaction of Council's Principal Building Surveyor.**
- 13. Any retaining walls to comply with Element 6 – Site Works as set out in the Residential Design Codes of Western Australia.**
- 14. Homeswest to maintain common area to satisfaction of Council at all times.**

CARRIED 8-0

Mr Frank Buise, Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor, entered Council Chambers at 11.55am.

7.3 HEALTH AND BUILDING

7.3.1 DILAPIDATED OUTBUILDING – LOT 29 SEABROOK STREET

BACKGROUND

An inspection of the property on 27 August 2004 revealed an outbuilding (WC) located at the southern side of the property to be in a dilapidated state due to lack of maintenance. A further inspection on 31 March 2005 revealed further deterioration of the structure.

The owner was asked what was to be done with the structure, her reply was that it was to be demolished.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 definition of neglected building is (section 407);

“neglected building” means a building which is ruinous, or so dilapidated as to be unfit for use or occupation, or which is from neglect or otherwise in a structural condition prejudicial to property in, or to inhabitants of, the neighbourhood in which it is situated.

Section 409 gives a further definition within the section;

- (1) Where the local government is of the opinion that a building in its district is so dilapidated in appearance as to be out of conformity with the general standard of appearance of the other buildings in the district or in the locality in which it is situated, it may cause written notice to be served on the owner or occupier

of the building requiring him to immediately to cause the appearance of the building to be brought into conformity with the general standard of appearance of the buildings either in the district or that locality.

COMMENT

The outbuilding is dilapidated, and in danger of collapsing. No repairs have been carried out since my inspection on 27 August 2004.

It would therefore be prudent for Council to order the demolition of the structure.

The owner has a right of appeal.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960

M10/0405 Moved Cr Leonhardt Seconded Cr Roberts
That Council resolve to declare the outbuilding (WC) on Lot 29 Seabrook Street to be a Neglected Building, pursuant to Section 407 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960, and further order the owner to demolish and remove the structure pursuant to Section 408 (1) (c) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960.

CARRIED 8-0

7.3.2 DILAPIDATED OUTBUILDING – LOT 28 SEABROOK STREET

BACKGROUND

An inspection of the property on 27 August 2004 revealed an outbuilding (Shed) located at the northern side of the property to be in a dilapidated state due to lack of maintenance. A further inspection on 31 March 2005 revealed further deterioration of the structure, as well as part of the roof cladding having been removed.

The owner was asked if she had done any repairs to the structure, her reply was that it was to be demolished.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 definition of neglected building is (section 407);

“neglected building” means a building which is ruinous, or so dilapidated as to be unfit for use or occupation, or which is from neglect or otherwise in a structural condition prejudicial to property in, or to inhabitants of, the neighbourhood in which it is situated.

Section 409 gives a further definition within the section;

13 (1) A builder shall not commence to construct, alter, add to or underpin any building and shall not commence any earthworks, necessary for, or incidental to, that construction, alteration, addition or underpinning until-

- (a) the plans, drawings and specifications have been approved;
- (b) the building surveyor has stamped the plans, drawings and specifications with the official stamp showing the number of the approval and the date of approval;
- (c) the builder has paid the appropriate fee prescribed in the Table to regulation 24; and
- (d) a license has been issued in the form of Form 4 or 5.

The penalty for the offence is a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

COMMENT

The owner of the property constructed a carport using second-hand materials in order to protect her new car from the elements. The use of second-hand material is contrary to Council policy as well as the fact that the structure was erected without approval.

It would therefore be prudent for Council to prosecute the owner for failing to obtain a building licence.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Building Regulations 1989. Section 13

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to prosecute the owners of Lot 28 Seabrook Street for illegal building works under Section 13 of the Building Regulation 1989, and further, Council authorise the Principal Environmental Officer / Building Surveyor to instigate legal action.

M12/0405

Moved Cr Alexander

Seconded Cr Foster

That Council order the demolition of the illegal carport at Lot 28 Seabrook Street under Section 401 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960.

CARRIED 8-0

7.3.4 PROPOSED PROSECUTION – LOT 5 MAITLAND ROAD

BACKGROUND

The owners of the property obtained a building licence (No 39 01/ 02) on 10 June 2002 to erect a steel framed shed on the property. The shed was inspected on 16 January 2003 and found to have been converted into a dwelling with a septic tank system, for which there were no approvals. Because of the statute of limitations on the health Act, no prosecution is possible.

As part of the Approval to Commence Development issued on 24 May 2002 the following conditions were imposed;

- a) The shed not being used as a habitable dwelling;
- b) A Building Licence being sought and issued prior to construction; and
- c) The development taking place in accordance with the approved plans.

The owners have since constructed a larger shed on the property without obtaining the necessary approvals.

Section 10AB of the Town Planning and Development Act 1928 states;

- (1) A person who contravenes-
 - (a) a town planning scheme; or
 - (b) any condition imposed with respect to a development by a responsible authority pursuant to its powers under a town planning scheme,

commits an offence.

Penalty; \$50,000 and a daily penalty of \$5,000.

Section 13 of the Building Regulations 1989 states;

13 (1) A builder shall not commence to construct, alter, add to or underpin any building and shall not commence any earthworks, necessary for, or incidental to, that construction, alteration, addition or underpinning until-

- (a) the plans, drawings and specifications have been approved;
- (b) the building surveyor has stamped the plans, drawings and specifications with the official stamp showing the number of the approval and the date of approval;

- (c) the builder has paid the appropriate fee prescribed in the Table to regulation 24; and
- (d) a license has been issued in the form of Form 4 or 5.

Section 17 states;

- 17. No variation from or alteration of approved plans, drawings and specifications shall be made by any builder without the consent of the building surveyor in writing having been first obtained, and any alteration or departure from the approved plans, drawings and specifications shall, on the consent of the building surveyor therefore being notified, be drawn, described, and endorsed on and in the plans, drawings and specifications.

COMMENT

Firstly, the owners had obtained the necessary approval to construct the first shed, so they were aware of Council's building requirements.

The approval to commence development states that it cannot be used for habitable purposes. Yet they proceeded to convert the interior of the shed as a dwelling with all the sanitary fixtures as required of a dwelling.

Secondly, the owners proceeded to construct a new, larger shed on the same property.

The following breaches of various legislation has taken place

- 1. Regulation 13- Building the second shed without a building licence
- 2. Regulation 17 – The first shed has not been constructed in accordance with the approved plans
- 3. Contravention of condition Number 1, in the Approval to Commence Development by Delegated Authority letter dated 24 May 2002.
- 4. proceeding to build the second shed without planning approval.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
Building Regulations 1989 Section 13, and 17
Town Planning and Development Act 1928 Section 10 A B

M13/0405 Moved Cr Foster Seconded Cr Leonhardt
That Council resolve to prosecute the owners of Lot 5 Maitland Road for illegal building works under Section 13, and 17 of the Building Regulation 1989, and under Section 10 A B of the Town Planning and development Act 1928 for non-compliance of conditions of planning approval and undertaking development without approval, and further, Council authorise the Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor to instigate legal action.

CARRIED 6-2

7.3.5 USE OF CARAVAN

BACKGROUND

The owner of this property has made application to the Council for permission to use his caravan on his property whilst his new dwelling is being completed.

The building licence was issued on 21 February 2005 for a 48 square metre steel framed dwelling (Cavalier structure). Building Licence No. 47 04/ 05.

The Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1999, Section 11 (2) (a) states

- (a) by the local government of the district where the land is situated, if such approval will not result in the land being camped on for longer than 3 months in any 12 month;
- (b) by the Minister, if such approval will result in the land being camped on for longer than 3 months in any period of 12 months or
- (c) despite paragraph (b), by the local government of the district where the land is situated –
 - (1) if such approval will not result in the land being camped on for longer than 12 consecutive months; and
 - (2) if any person owns or has a legal right to occupy the land and is to camp in the caravan on the land while a building licence issued to that person in respect of the land is in force.

COMMENT

The Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1999, gives a person the right to camp on his land whilst he has obtained a building licence, subject to that person applying in writing to the Council. The applicant has written seeking approval from the Council.

Council has approved similar requests in the past.

It would therefore be prudent for Council to approve the application.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds regulations 1997. Section 11.

M14/0405 Moved Cr Foster Seconded Cr Alexander
That Council resolve to grant approval for the owners of Lot 228
Harper Street, Beverley, to camp on their property for a period of
twelve months, whilst the building licence No. 47 04/ 05 is in force.
CARRIED 8-0

7.3.6 CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION

BACKGROUND

An application has been received by the owners of this property (the old church) to use it as a dwelling. The owners will need to obtain a building licence for the conversion of the interior to a habitable standard. As part of the Building Licence a structural report will be required. The exterior will not be altered.

The old church is currently zoned “Commercial” under the Shire of Beverley Town Planning Scheme.

Section 144 of the Health Act requires Council to approve the conversion of the old church into a dwelling. Section 144 of the Health Act 1911 states;

No person shall convert into or adapt or use as a dwelling any building not originally constructed or erected as a dwelling-house, and no person shall let, or lease, or sublet, or sublease, or otherwise permit, whether for any consideration or gratuitously, the use of, the building as a dwelling, without having first obtained the consent of the local government of the district in which the building is situated, and complied (in the case conditional consent is given) with such conditions as the local government has seen fit to impose.

COMMENT

Section 144 requires Council to approve the conversion of the old church to a dwelling. Council has previously approved similar applications. The proposal will be certified by a Structural Engineer to ensure the integrity of the external walls is strengthened, as over the years several cracks have appeared.

It would therefore be prudent for Council to approve the application.

Mr David Lodwick, Town Planner, left Council Chambers at 12.25pm.

Mr Frank Buise, Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor, left Council Chambers at 12.25pm.

Council adjourned for Lunch at 12.25pm.

Council reconvened from Lunch at 2.15pm.

7.4 ADMINISTRATION

7.4.1 BUILDING INCENTIVE SCHEME

BACKGROUND

At Council's December 2004 meeting, an application for a \$500.00 grant under the Building Incentive Scheme submitted by Mr Rodney Smith for the painting of the Beverley Hotel, was declined.

The reason for Council's decision was that Shire records indicated that the transfer date of the ownership of the Hotel was on 6 October 2004, yet the painting was not carried out until the 13 October 2004 (date of contractors account).

COMMENT

Mr Smith has requested Council reconsider the decision and has furnished a letter from the settlement agent indicating that the settlement date was not until the 25 October 2004.

**M17/0405 Moved Cr Szczecinski Seconded Cr Alexander
That Council grant Mr Smith's application for \$500.00 under the
Building Incentive Scheme in relation to work done on the Hotel
Beverley.**

CARRIED 6-2

7.4.2 BEVERLEY NATURALIST CLUB

BACKGROUND

The Beverley Naturalist Club has advised they wish to upgrade their premises and are interested in acquiring the Infant Health Centre. The activities of the Club have extended to projects including Greencorp (daily management), cat sterilisation, flora and fauna surveys, reserve management plans, regional asset lists, river recovery plans, seed collection and storage.

To include the herbarium, Natural Resource Management library, and conduct meetings, the existing building is insufficient.

COMMENT

At this stage the Infant Health Centre is utilised one day per week by Greg Rusha from the Wheatbelt Support Services for the purpose of Counselling and personal support.

I am also aware that the Telecentre is interested in the building and Bronwen English would like to conduct development programs in the two rear rooms of the flat.

**M18/0405 Moved Cr Alexander Seconded Cr Leonhardt
That the Development Committee examine possible future usage
of various public buildings, including the Infant Health Centre,
prior to giving consent to the Naturalist Club.**

CARRIED 8-0

Council agreed that Bronwen English be advised to investigate the use of the M.O.A.S.H. building as a more suitable alternative to meet her needs.

7.4.3 FIREBREAKS

BACKGROUND

Westnet Rail is seeking Council's support to trial the installation of common sprayed firebreaks along the rail reserve so that the cleared area can be utilised as an access road. The intention is to spray an area 5 metres either side of the rail tracks and should there be an adjoining parallel road to the reserve 3 metres on that side. Should Council agree, the break would only need grading approximately every five years, thus reducing the effect of erosion.

COMMENT

The old type firebreak was originally placed to capture sparks from the steam locomotives and thus placed near the boundary fence.

Should Council require additional information, Westnet Rail could arrange a site visit.

**M19/0405 Moved Cr Roberts Seconded Cr Alexander
That Council agree to the Westnet Rail proposal to trial the
sprayed common firebreak/rail access within the Shire of
Beverley.**

CARRIED 8-0

7.4.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

BACKGROUND

Mrs Bronwen English wrote to Council requesting consideration for the need for Beverley to have a Community Development Initiative and Facilitator/s.

**M20/0405 Moved Cr Alexander Seconded Cr Leonhardt
That Bronwen English be advised that Council do not have a
position or funds available to support a Facilitator, but
acknowledge her community spirit and efforts.**

CARRIED 8-0

8 INFORMATION BULLETIN

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1.1 RETIREMENT VILLAGE

BACKGROUND

An inspection of the Retirement Village was undertaken by Councillors; McLean, Bailey and Foster on the 23 March 2005.

Apart from some minor maintenance work which is being undertaken by Wayne Ashworth and Steve Vincent, the following more substantial requests were made

Unit 1 – Install fan in bedroom.

Unit 6 – Outback pergola or shade cloth.

Unit 8 – Reposition toilet pedestal.

Unit 9 – Reposition toilet pedestal.

Unit 7 – Cracks in wall

General – Construct pergola as utility room for residents to meet.

– Install traffic calming device to northern end of carport.

8.1.4 PASTORALISTS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION (PGA) – CALM BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION STRATEGY

BACKGROUND

PGA has written to Council with concerns surrounding the discussion paper released by the Department for Conservation and Land Management regarding a strategy for the Conservation of Biodiversity of WA.

The strategy will require a significant amount of funding as well as the development of local biodiversity conservation plans. The PGA is concerned that there is a possibility that the funding will be concentrated on the metropolitan areas and that landholders will be forced to contribute money and time.

The PGA believes that WALGA has welcomed the potential for councils to have greater control through planning controls. The PGA is concerned about the effect the strategy could have on country shires.

**M22/0405 Moved Cr Szczecinski Seconded Cr Leonhardt
That Council agree to support PGA in its concerns about the
CALM Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.**

CARRIED 7-1

Mr Steve Vincent, Works Supervisor, entered Council Chambers at 3.50pm

8.2 WORKS SUPERVISOR

8.2.1 PURCHASE OF RECYCLED PLASTIC CHAIRS

BACKGROUND

Quotes have been obtained to replace two of the seats in the main street. Recycled plastic \$ 490, timber \$ 608, and aluminum \$ 1,036.

**M23/0405 Moved Cr Foster Seconded Cr Alexander
That Council authorise the Works Supervisor to purchase two
recycled plastic chairs in heritage green for the front of the
Easiway Supermarket and Town Hall.**

CARRIED 8-0

Mr Steve Vincent, Works Supervisor, left Council Chambers at 4.30pm.

9. TABLED CORRESPONDENCE

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

I hereby certify these Minutes as being confirmed in accordance with Section 5.22 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Presiding Member

Date