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**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON TUESDAY, 7 JUNE, 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM.**

**119. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor (Presiding Member) declared the meeting open.

**119.1 Present**

Mayor A Ferris	Presiding Member
Cr C Collinson	
Cr B de Jong	
Cr S Martin	
Cr D Nardi	
Cr R Olson	
Cr M Rico	
Cr A Wilson	
Mr D Vaughan	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr J Roberts	Executive Manager Finance & Administration
Mr J Douglas	Manager Planning Services (To 7.15pm)
Ms S Cocks	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Mr K Dyer	Operations Manager
Ms J May	Minute Secretary

**120. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Presiding Member made the following acknowledgement:

*“On behalf of the Council I would like to acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is taking place.”*

Cr Wilson presented the Mayor with a message stick which she had received from Mr Len Collard representing the Nyoongar people last Thursday evening at the Heritage Awards.

**121. WELCOME TO GALLERY AND INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND STAFF**

There were two members of the public in the gallery at the commencement of the meeting.

The Mayor introduced elected members and staff.

**122. RECORD OF APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Lilleyman.

**123. RECORD OF APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**124. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

**125. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil.

**126. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**126.1 Cr Nardi**

Cr Nardi sought leave of absence for the Council Meetings scheduled for 5 and 19 July 2011.

Cr Rico – Cr Olson

That leave of absence be granted to Cr Nardi for the meetings scheduled for 5 and 19 July 2011. CARRIED

**127. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**127.1 Council Meeting – 17 May 2011**

Cr de Jong – Cr Collinson

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 May 2011 be confirmed. CARRIED

**128. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil.

**129. QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN WITHOUT DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Nil.

**130. MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**130.1 East Fremantle Oval Redevelopment Project**  
*By Mayor Alan Ferris, on 30 May 2011*

**BACKGROUND**

East Fremantle Oval is vested in the Council and the East Fremantle Football Club has a lease for the football and administration facilities. There is a significant maintenance backlog (over \$700,000) on the football and administration facilities and these existing facilities are in a generally poor condition.

The Town of East Fremantle, WA Football Commission and the Department of Sport and Recreation commenced a joint project to investigate the possibilities of redeveloping the whole parcel of land between Moss Street, Fletcher Street, Allen Street and Marmion Street.

In December 2006 the Council adopted the East Fremantle Oval Master Plan as a guide for future development. The EF Oval Master Plan was a high level document which analysed the possibilities of developing this land, including rebuilding the football club, some residential development, additional community facilities and landscaping of the precinct.

In May 2009 the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer reported to Council on the outcome of discussions with the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Football Commission about sources of funding to progress the Master Plan.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

Since this time and due to competing budget priorities, redevelopment of the Town's asset has not progressed.

Recent discussions have been held with East Fremantle Football Club, the Department of Sport and Recreation and WAFC on the furthering the redevelopment. Currently, there is significant interest in the redevelopment of WAFL grounds generally and East Fremantle Oval specifically, from Government Ministers and other stakeholders.

It is proposed that this project will benefit and advance from the Town leading and driving this project forward. This project already has a firm commitment by Council and development of a business case is the most appropriate demonstration of leadership on

behalf of the Council. The business case would include the needs for the site, options, costing and funding opportunities.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

In the 2010/2011 budget \$50,000 has been allocated to the EF Oval Master Plan project.

Discussions with the Department of Sport and Recreation have identified funding of \$25,000 which could be contributed to this project. The WAFC should also be asked to contribute \$25,000.

The development of business case for the redevelopment of the EF Oval site is the next logical step for this project.

#### **MOTION (MAYOR FERRIS)**

That:

1. the \$50,000 allocated in the 2010/11 budget as a part contribution to the development of a business case for the redevelopment of the EF Oval site be carried forward to the 2011/2012 budget.
2. the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission be formally requested to endorse the proposed study and contribute \$25,000 each to this project.
3. a Steering Committee be established with a membership including members from the Town of East Fremantle and up to 2 nominees from both the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission to deliver the business case.
4. the Mayor be appointed as a member of the Steering Committee and two other Councillors be appointed:
  - (i) Cr
  - (ii) Cr
5. the Chief Executive Officer draft Terms of Reference, based on the 2007 Master Plan, for consideration by Council prior to this inaugural Steering Committee meeting.

*Mayor Ferris – Cr de Jong*

*That:*

1. *the \$50,000 allocated in the 2010/11 budget as a part contribution to the development of a business case for the redevelopment of the EF Oval site be carried forward to the 2011/2012 budget.*
2. *the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission be formally requested to endorse the proposed study and contribute \$25,000 each to this project.*
3. *a Steering Committee be established with a membership including members from the Town of East Fremantle and up to 2 nominees from both the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission to deliver the business case.*
4. *the Mayor be appointed as a member of the Steering Committee and two other Councillors be appointed:*
  - (i) Cr*
  - (ii) Cr*
5. *the Chief Executive Officer draft Terms of Reference, based on the 2007 Master Plan, for consideration by Council prior to this inaugural Steering Committee meeting.*

#### Amendment

**Cr Martin – Cr Rico**

**That Condition 5 be amended to read:**

***“the Chief Executive Officer draft Terms of Reference, using the 2007 Master Plan as a guide, for consideration by Council at its 16 August meeting, prior to this inaugural Steering Committee meeting.”***

CARRIED



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Amendment**Cr Nardi – Cr Martin****That condition 2 be amended to read:**

***“the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission be formally requested to endorse the proposed study and contribute a minimum of \$25,000 each to this project.”***

CARRIED

The Presiding Member sought nominations from elected members for the two positions on the Steering Committee.

At the close of nominations Crs Rico, Olson and de Jong had nominated for the two positions.

The Acting CEO conducted a secret ballot, assisted by the Executive Manager Finance & Administration, for the two positions, and following the counting of votes, the Presiding Member declared Crs Rico and de Jong as elected to the proposed East Fremantle Oval Redevelopment Steering Committee.

The substantive motion was then put.

**Mayor Ferris – Cr de Jong****That:**

1. the \$50,000 allocated in the 2010/11 budget as a part contribution to the development of a business case for the redevelopment of the EF Oval site be carried forward to the 2011/2012 budget.
2. the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission be formally requested to endorse the proposed study and contribute a minimum of \$25,000 each to this project.
3. a Steering Committee be established with a membership including members from the Town of East Fremantle and up to 2 nominees from both the Department of Sport and Recreation and the WA Football Commission to deliver the business case.
4. the Mayor and Crs de Jong and Rico be appointed as Council representatives of the Steering Committee
5. the Chief Executive Officer draft Terms of Reference, using the 2007 Master Plan as a guide, for consideration by Council at its 16 August meeting, prior to this inaugural Steering Committee meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**131. CORRESPONDENCE (LATE RELATING TO ITEM IN AGENDA)**

Nil.

**132. TOWN PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE DOMAIN)****132.1 Royal George Hotel – SAT Appeal***Jamie Douglas - Manager Planning Services on 2 June 2011***PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise Councillors of an amended proposal and subsequent offer by the National Trust to settle the matter by consent without the need to go to a final hearing.

**DISCUSSION**

On 18 May 2011 Michael Hardy, (the applicants' lawyer) wrote to the Town's legal representative – Craig Slarke seeking the Town's attitude to a suggested approach which incorporated – a revised development proposal, that the proposed hearing date be vacated and that a SAT mediation conference be arranged between the parties to discuss the revised proposal.

The revised proposal would delete the proposed 22 short stay units and substitute that component with 21 office tenancies and delete the courtyard alfresco dining area. The restaurant component would remain.

Council's legal representative was instructed to, respond to the developer's letter on 25 May 2011. This letter indicated the prerequisites for a reconsideration which included:

- submission of all necessary information by prescribed deadlines, to enable the matter to be considered in Council's June round of meetings.
- the payment of a new application fee and advertising costs.
- the revised proposal would be readvertised and subject to full public consultation before further consideration by full Council.

The developer's lawyers responded that the necessary information could not be submitted in time and they would provide a revised timetable for the provision of the requested information but would anticipate the matter could be considered by Council at its meeting on 20 July 2011.

Subsequent to this advice the applicant's lawyer advised on Tuesday 31 May that the Trust's position had changed from the above proposal and the development proposal now remained as determined by Council on 1 February 2011. However, the Trust was now prepared to settle the matter by consent without going to hearing based on the alternate conditions set out in the respondent's Statement of Issues Facts and Contentions (refer Attachment 1).

In essence this means that the alternate proposals put forward by the Town to the SAT in the case that it determined to uphold the appeal against the requirement for deck parking would now be accepted by the Trust. The Trust also now accepts the proposed reworded conditions 5 and 8. The proposed changes to Council's determination of 1 February 2011 are detailed as follows:

**Replace Condition B1**

- B1 The submission of amended plans incorporating sufficient on-site car parking such that the shortfall of on-site car bays as, concluded in the report by Donald Veal Consultants P/L, December 2010 does not exceed nine (9) spaces. The design of the proposed car parking and access areas shall conform with relevant Australian Standards and traffic engineering guidelines and shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Chief Executive Officer prior to the issue of a Building Licence.

**With the Following Conditions A1 & A3**

- A1 The maximum capacity of all restaurant areas not associated with dining for guests utilising the accommodation units is not to exceed sixty-five (65) persons.
- A3 Prior to the grant of a building licence the owner of the land shall pay to the Town of East Fremantle (**Town**) \$100,000 representing the owner's contribution (**Contribution**) to a future George Street Precinct Access and Parking study (**the Study**). No use of the subject of this approval may be commenced prior to the receipt of the Contribution by the Town.

The Contribution is to be held in trust by the Town, and may be used for the purposes of funding in whole or in part the Study and carrying out works consequent on the Study.

In the event that the Council of the Town does not resolve to commence the Study within 2 years following the date of this approval, the Town shall refund the Contribution to the owner.

**Amend Condition B5**

Existing

- B5 The proponents shall undertake a review of the 'Conservation Plan', Hocking Planning & Architecture (Revised 2007) and the 'Scope of Conservation Works To Be Undertaken', Dryka & Partners Architects 1 September 2010 by an independent

specialist consultant. The consultant shall prepare a report in respect to the appropriateness of the proposed splitting of the upstairs rooms and failing to replace French doors onto the first floor verandahs. The report shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer and submitted prior to the lodgement of plans for a Building Licence. Decisions by the Chief Executive Officer with respect to recommendations from the report shall be incorporated in plans lodged for a Building Licence, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer and implemented to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

Proposed

- D Prior to the lodgement of an application for a building licence, an independent heritage architect is to prepare a report with respect to the appropriateness of the proposals to:

- (a) *split the upstairs rooms; and*
- (b) *not replace the French doors onto the first floor verandah.*

The report is to recommend whether, having regard to those two items, any changes to the development should be made, and shall be lodged with the Town of East Fremantle.

Any recommendations made in the report shall be incorporated into the plans lodged with the application for a building licence.

- E Subject to any changes required as a consequence of the preceding condition, all works are to be undertaken under the supervision of an architect acceptable to the Executive Director of the Office of Heritage and are to be in accordance with the "Conservation Plan", Hocking Planning and Architecture (Revised 2007) and the "Scope of conservation works to be undertaken", Dryka and Partners Architects 1 September 2010.

**Amend Condition B8**

Existing

8. The use and management of the building shall accord with the undertaking by The National Trust, in its letter to The Town of East Fremantle dated 11 January 2011 Ref:2381:SM:20110111. Prior to the issue of a Building Licence, The National Trust shall submit to Council a copy of the Lease Agreement between the developers and the National Trust which reflects the formal undertaking made in its letter of 11 January 2011.

Proposed

- F Prior to the commencement of the development, an Interpretation Plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Town for approval. The Interpretation Plan shall investigate opportunities for community focused artistic use and interpretive use of the Royal George Hotel and in particular shall:

- (a) *be to the satisfaction of the Executive Director of the Office of Heritage;*
- (b) *consider opportunities for the exhibition and sale of art by local artists;*
- (c) *consider opportunities to use the courtyard as an exhibition space for sculptures and other art works designed to withstand external display;*
- (d) *consider opportunities to use the cupola as a space used to interpret the history of the Royal George Hotel, or as a space for an artist in residence; and*
- (e) *propose a means by which any identified opportunities may be put into practice.*

Except to the extent of any inconsistency with any other condition of this approval, the use of the Royal George Hotel is to comply in all respects and at all times with the approved Interpretation Plan, and with any subsequent amendments agreed between the owner and the Town of East Fremantle.

**LEGAL ADVICE**

Council has been briefed on the legal advice received on this matter.

The alternative proposal contained in the Town's Statement of Facts, Issues and Contentions was proposed as a 'fall back position' in the event that the SAT determined not to support the Council's preferred condition of approval for on-site Deck Parking. Accordingly, Council may conclude it is preferable to let the appeal process run.

There are however risks inherent in letting the matter be determined by the SAT:

- It may be determined that no conditions of approval in respect to parking should be applied.
- The determination will establish a precedent for any future alternate development proposals on this site and more generally within the precinct.
- Council's determinations in respect to the Wine Bar and Lauder & Howard sites will influence outcomes in respect to the Royal George.

It is apparent that there are two courses of action open to Council at this time.

1. That Council resolve not to review its determination of 1 February 2011 to conditionally approve the proposal for the redevelopment of the Royal George Hotel.

OR

2. That Council resolves to accept the proposal by The National Trust to settle the matter by consent and not to proceed to a hearing, by adopting the following amended conditions of approval:

**2.1 Replace Condition B1**

B1 The submission of amended plans incorporating sufficient on-site car parking such that the shortfall of on-site car bays as, concluded in the report by Donald Veal Consultants P/L, December 2010 does not exceed nine (9) spaces. The design of the proposed car parking and access areas shall conform with relevant Australian Standards and traffic engineering guidelines and shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Chief Executive Officer prior to the issue of a Building Licence.

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In the event that the Council of the Town does not resolve to commence the Study within 2 years following the date of this approval, the Town shall refund the Contribution to the owner.

**2.2 Amend Condition B5****Existing**

B5 The proponents shall undertake a review of the 'Conservation Plan', Hocking Planning & Architecture (Revised 2007) and the 'Scope of Conservation Works To Be Undertaken', Dryka & Partners Architects 1



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**2.3 Amend Condition B8**Existing

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- (e) *propose a means by which any identified opportunities may be put into practice.*

Except to the extent of any inconsistency with any other condition of this approval, the use of the Royal George Hotel is to comply in all respects and at all times with the approved Interpretation Plan, and with any subsequent amendments agreed between the owner and the Town of East Fremantle.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the matter be deferred to allow for a briefing session with the Council's solicitors.

General discussion took place on a suitable time when all elected members could be in attendance.

**Mayor Ferris – Cr de Jong**

**That the matter be deferred to allow for a briefing session with the Council's solicitors on Thursday, 9 June at 5pm.** CARRIED

**132.2      *Development Assessment Panels (DAPS) – Member Training Session***  
*Jamie Douglas, Manager - Planning Services on 2 June 2011*

Correspondence from the Department of Planning provides information on training sessions for DAP Members. The training session for the South West Joint DAP is 27 June between 4- 9 pm at the City of Cockburn.

Council's delegates to the DAP are requested to RSVP to Ms Brenda Colvin, Project Officer: [Brenda.Colvin@planning.wa.gov.au](mailto:Brenda.Colvin@planning.wa.gov.au)

**RECOMMENDATION**

For the information of elected members.

**Mayor Ferris – Cr Wilson**

**That the information be received.** CARRIED

*Manager Planning Services left the meeting at 7.15pm.*

**133.      FINANCE**

**133.1      *2011/2012 Budget – Differential Rates***  
*By John Roberts, Executive Manager Finance and Administration 30 May 2011*

**PURPOSE**

To present a draft report endorsing a differential rate for commercial and residential properties for necessary advertising purposes.

**BACKGROUND**

Work is underway to produce a final draft of the 2011/2012 Budget for the consideration of the Council.

**REPORT**

**Differential Rates**

Council currently levies differential rates for its residential and commercial properties. The purpose of imposing a differential rate is to obtain a fair rate distribution and reduce the burden on residential areas by moving a minor percentage of the rates from the residential sector to the commercial sector. It is considered this differential should be maintained.

Council levied the following rates in 2010/2011:

	<b>Rate in Dollar</b>	<b>Minimum Rate</b>
• Residential	8.3459	\$716.00
• Commercial	11.5695	\$882.00

**Revaluation**

In 2011 a revaluation of properties has occurred. This revaluation is undertaken by the Valuer General’s Office (VGO) office every three years. As a consequence of increased property values since 2008 GRV’s have been increased for the 2011/2012 financial year and subsequent years. The GRV reflects a notional rental valuation of a property.

This review will be effective 1 July 2011. The cost of this revaluation is estimated to be \$32,000.

**Vacant land**

In the case of vacant land difficulties arise as there is generally no market for the rental of vacant land. To overcome this the VGO calculates the GRV on a percentage of market value. This has historically been set at 5%. The VGO office have acknowledged that 5% of market value was too high and have reduced this to 3% effective 1 July 2011.

Following historic practice the Town of East Fremantle only has 2 different categories of rates – Residential (which includes vacant land) and Commercial.

**Conclusion**

At the first budget forum held 13 April 2011, consideration was given to levels of rate increases required to maintain current levels of service delivery to the community. In respect to the rate increases for 2011/2012, it is proposed that there will be a rate increase to keep up with cost increases. As a consequence of these deliberations Council staff are preparing the 2011/2012 budget with a 5.0% rate increase.

The differential rates proposed for 2011/2012 are as follows:

	<b>Rate in Dollar</b>	<b>Minimum Rate</b>
• Residential	6.43440	\$759.00
• Commercial	9.30960	\$935.00

In order that a differential rate be applied, it is a requirement under Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 to advertise the rate for 21 days. It is also necessary to explain the objects and reasons for levying a differential rate. This advertising should take place as soon as possible in order to not impede the budget process. Council is not bound to adopt the advertised rate; in fact the intent is to adopt a rate only after any submissions received are considered.

Even if the advertised rate is not adopted, and a different rate (or even no rate) adopted, no further advertising is required.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. differential rates be imposed for commercial and residential properties for the 2011/2012 financial year for the Town of East Fremantle and be adopted for advertising purposes as follows :

	<b>Rate in Dollar</b>	<b>Minimum Rate</b>
• Residential	6.43440	\$759.00
• Commercial	9.30960	\$935.00

2. local public notice of intention to levy the above differential rates be advertised for a minimum of 21 days.

**Cr Rico – Cr Nardi**

**That:**

1. differential rates be imposed for commercial and residential properties for the 2011/2012 financial year for the Town of East Fremantle and be adopted for advertising purposes as follows :

	Rate in Dollar	Minimum Rate
• Residential	6.43440	\$759.00
• Commercial	9.30960	\$935.00

2. local public notice of intention to levy the above differential rates be advertised for a minimum of 21 days. CARRIED

**133.2**

**Accounts for Payment – May 2011**

*By John Roberts, Executive Manager Finance & Admin on 2 June 2011*

**PURPOSE**

To endorse the list of payments for the period 1 May to 31 May 2011.

**BACKGROUND**

It is a requirement of the Financial Management Regulations that the monthly Accounts for Payment are endorsed by the Council. The List of Accounts is attached.

**ATTACHMENT**

**REPORT**

**Comments/Discussion**

The List of Accounts for the period beginning 1 May and ending 31 May 2011 require endorsement by the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

That the List of Accounts for the period beginning 1 May and ending 31 May 2011 be received, as per the following table:

<i>May 2011</i>		
Voucher Nos	Account	Amount
4122 - 4136	Municipal (Cheques)	\$9,612.59
EFT 13847 – EFT 13971	Electronic Transfer Funds	\$636,131.16
Payroll	Electronic Transfer Funds	\$187,533.64
Loans	Direct Debits	
	<b>Municipal Total Payments</b>	<b>\$833,277.39</b>

**Cr Olson – Cr Collinson**

**That the List of Accounts for the period beginning 1 May and ending 31 May 2011 be received.** CARRIED

**134. HEALTH & GENERAL PURPOSES****134.1 *Graffiti Reporting Project funded by the Office of Crime Prevention***  
*By Shelley Cocks Principal Environmental Health Officer on 1 June 2011.***PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Report is to inform Council of a recent successful grant application to the Office of Crime Prevention for Graffiti Recording and Reporting Software. The State Graffiti Fund grant awarded to the Town is for \$18,000.

**BACKGROUND**

The Graffiti Reporting Project will assist the Town in gaining the necessary technology in order to be able to streamline our reporting and recording systems, and to easily share this information with stakeholders such as the Goodbye Graffiti Website and the Police Department.

A condition of funding is that the Town of East Fremantle must input the data from the Graffiti Recording and Reporting Software into the Goodbye Graffiti Database for reporting and intelligence purposes.

This information will be used by the Office of Crime Prevention to establish 'best practice' models that aim to identify evidence-based strategies to maximise the investment of crime prevention funds.

**DISCUSSION**

The Office of Crime Prevention has actively encouraged metropolitan local government authorities to apply for this funding so that a greater number of councils have the ability to simply input graffiti data into the Goodbye Graffiti Database. This Database has been in existence for a number of years but has not had a good uptake of users, due to the time involved in reporting every instance of graffiti. When a Council is dealing with large numbers of graffiti, it becomes an onerous task to report each instance to, for example, contractors for removal purposes, Western Power, Main Roads, Department of Water and then to report them on the Goodbye Graffiti database, especially if this reporting is undertaken by volunteers.

The use of purpose made software and with data input achieved by the use of a Personal Digital Assistant will enable the uploading of data into various systems. Provision of the equipment will also include training of staff and volunteers in using this technology and therefore increase the knowledge base of the Town's employees.

The Town of East Fremantle has been the successful recipients of two graffiti based projects in 2009 and 2010. On the first occasion the funding was used to instigate a rapid graffiti removal project, which resulted in a large reduction in the number of graffiti incidents. Funding was also used to create the urban art mural in Glasson Park along with students and local artists. Experience has now proven that the application of urban art to community settings results in a graffiti free surface, and this is evidenced by the basket ball wall in Glasson Park which has now been untouched by vandals for over 12 months.

Grant funding obtained in 2010 was used to create an even larger urban art project in the George Street tunnel. This project was completed just before the Easter school holidays and has remained graffiti free since completion. There has been a great deal of kudos generated by this project for the Town of East Fremantle from the community, East Fremantle Primary School and John Curtin College of the Arts.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The costs of graffiti removal over the last 3 financial years as shown in the following table indicate that the abovementioned graffiti projects have had a positive financial effect on the Town's graffiti removal budget



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July 2008	\$ 632.62
August 2008	2,482.66
September 2008	5,068.61
October 2008	4,589.95
November 2008	1,290.54
December 2008	1,869.11
January 2009	2,543.78
February 2009	2,485.36
March 2009	2,861.69
April 2009	1,576.85
May 2009	720.21
June 2009	1,387.99
<b>TOTAL 08/09</b>	<b>\$27,509.37</b>

July/August 2009	\$ 0.00 (contractor unavailable)
September 2009	756.80
October 2009	1,907.57
November 2009	948.84
December 2009	345.27
January 2010	542.19
February 2010	828.63
March 2010	1,196.91
April 2010	1,905.18
May 2010	109.98
June 2010	1571.36
<b>TOTAL 09/10</b>	<b>\$10,112.73</b>



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July 2010	\$ 1,162.50
August 2010	1,364.78
September 2010	434.78
October 2010	539.40
November 2010	525.45
December 2010	420.83
January 2011	516.15
February 2011	1,185.28
March 2011	271.10
April 2011	None removed
May 2011	
June 2011	Not available yet
<b>INTERIM TOTAL 10/11</b>	<b>\$ 6,420.27</b>

The projects undertaken in East Fremantle with previous grant funding and the accompanying decreased costs of graffiti removal are an example of the benefits of information sharing through the Office of Crime Prevention.

Other councils may be successful in the future for grant funding for similar projects, thanks to information provided by the Town of East Fremantle.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note this successful grant application for graffiti recording and reporting software.

**Cr Collinson – Cr Rico**

That Council:

1. note this successful grant application for graffiti recording and reporting software
2. thank Shelley Cocks for obtaining funding for this project and her work in the underpass mural project. CARRIED

**135. ELECTED MEMBER DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Nil.

**136. REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil.

**137. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**138. NOTICES OF MOTION BY ELECTED MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING**

Nil.



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**139. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**

**139.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mayor Ferris – Cr de Jong**

**That David Vaughan be thanked for his excellent work as Acting CEO over the past six weeks and the assistance and advice he has provided to elected members during his stay with Council. CARRIED**

Mr Vaughan replied that he had enjoyed his time with Council, thanking the staff for their assistance and cooperation and advising that he had great respect for the work of the elected members. He would remember his time at East Fremantle with fondness.

**140. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

*I hereby certify that the Minutes of the meeting of the **Council** of the Town of East Fremantle, held on **7 June 2011**, Minute Book reference **119. to 140.** were confirmed at the meeting of the Council on*

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**Presiding Member**