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134. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open.

134.1 Present

Mayor A Ferris	Presiding Member
Cr D Arnold	
Cr C Collinson	
Cr S Dobro	
Cr D Nardi	
Cr R Olson	
Cr M Rico	
Cr A Wilson	
Mr S Wearne	Chief Executive Officer
Ms J May	Executive Secretary

135. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Ferris 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."

136. WELCOME TO GALLERY AND INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND STAFF

There were no members of the public in the gallery.

137. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

138. RECORD OF APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr de Jong.

139. RECORD OF APOLOGIES

Nil.

140. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

141. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

141.1 Cr Wilson

Cr Wilson sought Leave of Absence for the Council Meeting on 15 July 2008.

Cr Dobro – Mayor Ferris

That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr Wilson for the Council Meeting on 15 July 2008. CARRIED

142. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

142.1 Council Meeting – 20 May 2008

Cr Nardi – Cr Arnold

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 May 2008 be confirmed.

CARRIED



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142.2 **Special Council Meeting – 27 May 2008**
Cr Collinson – Cr Arnold
That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 27 May 2008 be confirmed.
CARRIED

143. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

143.1 **Town of Kwinana Mayoral Dinner**
Mayor Ferris advised that he and the Chief Executive Officer had attended this Dinner on Friday, 23 May 2008.

143.2 **Fremantle/East Fremantle Heritage Awards**
Mayor Ferris advised that he had been unable to attend the Heritage Awards held on Thursday, 29 May due to his required attendance at a SMRC meeting that evening. He thanked Crs Arnold, Collinson & Dobro and the Chief Executive Officer for their attendance and particularly thanked Cr Dobro for her role in presenting Awards and the Chief Executive Officer for his speech on behalf of the Town.

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

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

146. **CORRESPONDENCE (LATE RELATING TO ITEM IN AGENDA)**
Nil.

147. **REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

147.1 **Meeting Schedule 2008/2009**
By Stuart Wearne, Chief Executive Officer, on 30 May 2008

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to facilitate a decision by Council on the meeting schedule to be employed in 2008/09.

Council is required, under Section 13 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, to advertise its meeting schedule at least once a year for the next twelve months. The meeting schedule for 2008/2009 will need to be resolved and advertised prior to July 1 2008.

BACKGROUND

At the Council Meeting of 15 May 2007, Council resolved as follows:

“That:

1. *a Council meeting be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month to consider mainly Health and Public Domain matters and any other items of an urgent nature including Town Planning.*
2. *a Council meeting being held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month to consider mainly Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain) and Finance matters and any other items of an urgent nature, including Health or Public Domain matters.*
3. *Special Meetings of Council be held on 19 July 2007 (2007/08 Budget Adoption) and 27 May 2008 (2008/2009 Draft Budget Consideration).*

4. a Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain) meeting be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
5. meetings of the Finance Committee to be held on the 17 October 2007, 19 March 2008 and 25 June 2008.
6. an informal Council Meeting, not open to the public, to be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month to allow discussion of issues of a more strategic or broad policy nature.
7. special meetings of any of the standing committees to be called if such meetings are required.
8. the above arrangements not to apply for January 2008.
9. the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to establish the actual dates for the above meetings and to carry out the required advertising."

REPORT

Council Meetings

It is considered the "two Council meetings per month" system is working well and provides an efficient means of having matters considered by Council expeditiously.

Where there have been no, or insufficient items for the "non planning" meeting, these meetings have been appropriately cancelled.

The only concern has been a slight but growing tendency to sometimes refer deferred planning issues to the first Tuesday meeting, ie the "non planning" Council meeting, which, whilst the reasons have been understandable on each occasion, has raised the resource issue of the Town Planner's attendance (with consequent cost implications) for what might be one item which could appropriately have been considered at the "planning" Council meeting. This needs to be monitored.

Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain)

The current system is working well and I am pleased with the operations, at both officer and elected member level, of this Committee.

Finance Committee

This Committee has also been working well.

At the Council Meeting on 18 December 2007 it was resolved to adopt the following financial timetable:

2007/08 Budget – Mid-Year Review

January 2008	Review the 2007/2008 financial position based on the 31 December 2007 year-to-date actuals.
12 March 2008	Mid-Year Review Report to Finance Committee.
18 March 2008	Mid-Year Review Report to Council for Adoption.
17 April 2008	Letter and copy of report to DLGRD.

Plan for the Future (Strategic Financial Plan)

February 2008	Preparation of the Plan for the Future of the District using the 2007/2008 Mid-Year review as the baseline.
12 March 2008	Draft Plan for the Future to Finance Committee.
18 March 2008	Draft Plan for the Future Report to Council for Adoption.
April 2008	Local Public Notice of the Plan to be given.

2008/2009 Budget

12 March 2008	Finance Committee to discuss broad parameters for the budget. eg Rates, CPI, Fees & Charges.
31 March 2008	Budget submissions to be received from community and staff by Executive Manager Finance and Administration.
27 May 2008	Finance Committee to receive Draft Budget for review.

25 June 2008 *Draft 2008/2009 Budget to Special Council Meeting (Pre-Budget Forum) for final review.*
9 July 2008 *Special Council Meeting to Adopt 2008/2009 Budget.*

2007/2008 Financial Statements

31 August 2008 *Completion of 2007/2008 Financial Statements including Pensioner Rebate, ESL, HACC and Roads to Recovery returns.*
Early Sept 2008 *Annual Audit of 2007/2008 Financial Statements by council auditor.*
30 Sept 2008 *Audit sign-off of 2007/2008 Financial Statements by council auditor.*
15 Oct 2008 *Annual Financial Statements Report to Audit Committee. Representation by External Auditor.*
21 Oct 2008 *Annual Financial Statements Report to Council for Adoption.*

In the 2007/2008 meeting schedule, Council proposed three Finance Committee meetings (although an additional budget meeting for 27 May 2008 was adopted in the above resolution), the last of which is scheduled to be held on 25 June 2008.

If elected members are reasonably happy with this arrangement, it is proposed to hold the following ordinary Finance Committee Meetings during the 2008/09 year:

- 15 October 2008
- 18 March 2009
- 24 June 2009

I also advise I have discussed with John Roberts a perceived need for at least one extra budget meeting, to better allow elected member discussion at the draft budget stage. Arising from that discussion it has been decided to not designate additional/special Committee or Council Meetings, but rather to hold “workshops” open to all elected members (ie not just Finance Committee). If this approach is endorsed, a “Budget Timetable”, incorporating the workshop(s) will be produced for elected member consideration in due course.

Combined Town Planning/Public Domain, Works & Reserves Committee/Health & General Purpose Committee

The previous decision was to call these meetings if required.

It has not been necessary to call any special meetings of these combined committees.

This situation arises mainly because the monthly “non town planning” Council meetings often involve “works” and health & general purpose related issues, whereas under the “old” one Council meeting per month system, such items would have generally been referred to the relevant committee.

The holding of the 4th Tuesday Informal Briefings has also been a factor in obviating the need for these meetings.

The situation may change in the current year as new initiatives are considered.

4th Tuesday Informal Briefings

It is considered that the 4th Tuesday informal briefings which commenced in July 2004 have provided elected members with a useful forum for discussing issues such as broad policy issues, strategic planning matters and specific projects. The attendance at these meetings has been good.

December Meetings

Given the difficulty of completing correspondence from the December "planning" Council meeting, processing licences and finalising other tasks associated with this time of the year prior to the normal Christmas closure, it is proposed that Council forgo the 1st Council Meeting in December (which would normally be held on 2 December) and bring forward the Town Planning & Building (Private Domain) and 2nd Council Meeting by one week to 2 December and 9 December 2008 respectively. This means there will be an extra week between this December Council meeting and the first meeting of the new year on the first Tuesday of February 2009, bearing in mind the January recess. As has been the case in the past, should any urgent business arise which needs to be considered before this date, a special Council meeting can be convened.

CONCLUSION

In consideration of the overall circumstances the following arrangements are recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

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3. a Special meeting of Council be held on 9 July 2008 for the purpose of adopting the 2008/09 Budget.
4. a Town Planning & Building Committee (Private Domain) meeting be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month except during the month of December when the meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month.
5. meetings of the Finance Committee to be held on the 15 October 2008, 18 March 2009 and 24 June 2009.
6. the Chief Executive Officer produce a 2009/2010 Budget Timetable.
7. an informal Council Meeting, not open to the public, to be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month to allow discussion of issues of a more strategic or broad policy nature.
8. special meetings of any of the standing committees to be called if such meetings are required.
9. the above arrangements not to apply for January 2009 and the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to deal with any items of an urgent nature which cannot be held over to the round of meetings in February 2009.
10. the Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to establish the actual dates for the above meetings and to carry out the required advertising.

Absolute Majority Resolution Required

Cr Dobro – Cr Olson

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CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Cr Collinson declared a proximity interest in the following item as the subject property abuts the accessway to his property and left the meeting at 6.50pm.

147.2 **128/128A George Street** **P/GEO128**
By Stuart Wearne, Chief Executive Officer, on 30 May 2008

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to facilitate discussion on the future use or disposition of 128/128A George Street following the forthcoming cessation of the current tenancy.

BACKGROUND

Following are the minutes of the outcome of the discussion which followed consideration of a brief report on this item by the Chief Executive Officer, which occurred at the 20 May 2008 meeting.

Elected members advised that they did not wish to meet with any prospective tenants for this property until they had considered all possible options open to Council regarding the property.

Further to that meeting the Chief Executive Officer requested the wine bar proponent to place further preparation of his submission on hold. Similar advice has been given to the two applicants who have expressed an interest in the building in terms of a "men's and ladies' fashion" outlet (see attached).

ATTACHMENT

REPORT

Beesons Upholstery, whose lease has expired, have indicated they intend to leave by the end of June.

This means the building will be vacant and a decision needs to be made regarding any future occupancy.

The broad options open to Council at this stage are:

- (i) sell the entire property
- (ii) sell part of the property eg retaining the buildings however sell all or part of car park
- (iii) retain property and re-let.

Regarding option (i) this is clearly a decision for elected members which the Chief Executive Officer would in the first instance like to see discussed at the meeting. Issues include whether this is a good time to sell, from a market point of view, and what the proceeds would or might be used for. If Council was to sell, it may also wish to consider conditioning the sale eg making the sale subject to a caveat preventing demolition of existing buildings (noting such a condition could greatly affect sale price).

Regarding option (ii) this is self explanatory however pros and cons should be discussed.

Regarding option (iii) key issues to consider are length of lease and whether a particular use of the building is preferred. Obviously the longer the lease, the more restricted Council's future options are during the lease period. On the other hand the longer the lease, the greater the potential investment in the property and potential return to Council.

If the decision of Council is a further tenancy at this stage, this should only occur via an Expression of Interest process, perhaps with the exception of a short term/casual tenancy.

RECOMMENDATION

The report be received and general discussion take place with the objective of providing direction to Council officers on the matter.

Cr Dobro – Cr Olson

The report be received and general discussion take place with the objective of providing direction to Council officers on the matter. CARRIED

Considerable discussion ensued.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would arrange a site inspection for elected members to view the property and prepare a draft advertisement inviting expressions of interest for its use.

Cr Collinson returned to the meeting at 7.05pm and it was noted he did not speak or vote on the previous motion.

Cr Dobro made the following impartiality declaration in the matter of the relocation of the Fremantle Soccer Club to Wauhop Park: "As a consequence of both my daughters playing in East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club teams and me being the manager of one of these teams, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits in terms of the benefit to the Town and vote accordingly."

Cr Wilson made the following impartiality declaration in the matter of the relocation of the Fremantle Soccer Club to Wauhop Park: "As a consequence of my daughter playing for East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits in terms of the benefit to the Town and vote accordingly."

Cr Nardi made the following impartiality declaration in the matter of the relocation of the Fremantle Soccer Club to Wauhop Park: "As a consequence of my son playing for East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits in terms of the benefit to the Town and vote accordingly."

Mayor Ferris made the following impartiality declaration in the matter of the relocation of the Fremantle Soccer Club to Wauhop Park: "As a consequence of there being some history between the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club and Fremantle Beneficia, for whom he played a number of years ago, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits in terms of the benefit to the Town and vote accordingly."

147.3 *Fremantle Soccer Club Inc – Proposed Relocation to Wauhop Park*
By Stuart Wearne, Chief Executive Officer, on 29 May 2008

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to facilitate consideration of a request by the Fremantle Soccer Club Inc to enter into an agreement with the Town of East Fremantle involving the use of lower Wauhop Park for their team ("Fremantle Spirit")'s Saturday home games and the use of some facilities at the East Fremantle Tricolore Respite Centre.

BACKGROUND

Council was recently approached by the Club with regard to the above via an "Expression of Interest", a copy of which is attached.

ATTACHMENT

The level of the game involved is to WA State League level, being the highest State level (the equivalent of the WAFL for Australian Rules).

Without going into the history (because it is not particularly relevant) the Club has been unfortunate for some time in its endeavours to find a reasonably permanent home ground and currently use a number of reserves (some effectively sub lease arrangements from other Clubs) involving, in their view, less than satisfactory arrangements.

In regard to not having a "home" the Club itself refers to themselves as "league gypsies".

PREVIOUS HISTORY

Whilst also not particularly relevant to Council consideration of this issue, the Chief Executive Officer would have liked to have included a comprehensive history of the use of Wauhop Park by the various soccer clubs involved since its construction, however at the time of this report insufficient records or information has been obtained and nor has there been enough time available in any event.

It is known that Wauhop Park was constructed in the 1950's, following which the Council entered into an agreement with the then WA Soccer Association for the playing of "A" Grade Soccer on Wauhop Park.

It is noted that the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club letterhead indicates the Club was founded in 1953 and incorporated in 1964.

In early 1960 there was a break away from the WA Soccer Association and the newly created WA Soccer Federation was formed, which comprised the major league clubs.

Council found itself in the position at that time where it only had second division matches played on Wauhop Park and it wasn't until the WA Soccer Association was disbanded that Council was able to enter into an arrangement with the WA Soccer Federation.

However due to the uncertainty of soccer administration, Council did not enter into a long term lease with the WA Soccer Federation but agreed to the ground being made available on a seasonal basis at that time.

East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club was the home team at Wauhop Park in the Soccer Federation and Council had a written agreement that the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club would play its home matches at Wauhop Park.

In 1975 the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club decided to build its own premises and approached the East Fremantle Council whereby a lease was drawn up, leasing that area where their clubrooms were situated, to the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club for a period covering the repayment of the loan. The agreement also allows the playing of home matches of the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club at Wauhop Park Soccer



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Ground. That situation appears to continue until 1989 when the Club decided to vacate Wauhop Park.

The background to that move was understood to be a decision to amalgamate with Azzurri Soccer Club to form Perth Italia Soccer Club which I believe was based in Vincent.

Despite this, the name Tricolore continued at Wauhop Park, through the juniors, although it is unclear whether there is any connection with the "old" club and also noted that at times in correspondence, "Tricolore" is dropped from the letterhead.

Postscript

Late today I did receive some additional information, from Marin Vlasich, which is attached.

ATTACHMENT

REPORT
Issues

Ground Usage

The Club wishes to play every Saturday fortnight, for the season which generally runs from April to mid September. There are thus about 12 home games involved in a "full" year.

In this case they hope to play their first game on 28 June 2008 (the suggested start dates of 10 May (note the proposal was received on 5 May) or 24 May were never realistic) which, although "tight", is what is being recommended in this report.

The current sole users of the ground, East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club, play on Sundays therefore there are no match conflict issues (which is not to say overuse of the turf is not an issue).

Three teams would be involved on match days:

- (i) Under 18's, commencing at 11am
- (ii) Under 23's, commencing at 1pm
- (iii) Seniors, commencing at 3pm.

Overuse of Ground

This could particularly be a problem around the goal squares. The Club has offered to restore the ground at the end of each season, using a "turf sponsor". This is a very welcome offer although the details would need to be further discussed.

Fencing

Due to Football West regulations, fencing around the ground would need to be installed. This involves a 1.2m on handrail fence with mesh. This is essentially permanent fencing however if a sleeve arrangement is used could be made more easily removable. The Chief Executive Officer can further explain the location of the fencing at the meeting. There are issues with the fencing and existing reticulation which will need to be further examined.

Mowing

Such fencing as referred to above will adversely affect current mowing arrangements. The Club has offered to "compensate" Council for the increased man hours involved, although these are yet to be estimated.

Reticulation

This could also be slightly affected and will need to be reviewed



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Signs

The Club has been told that any advertising signs would probably need to be temporary however may well still require Swan River Trust approval.

Seating

At this point the Club could manage with no seating or may wish to install some portable seating. By 2012 they would be obliged, under Football West Regulations (which the Club has offered to provide to Council however is yet to be received) to install permanent seating for ?150-?200 spectators.

Bar

The Club wishes to operate a bar in the Respite Centre – probably up until about 7pm. There are some issues with this, which can be discussed further at the meeting.

Cleaning

The Club has offered to clean the area of the Respite Centre which they use, after each game.

Parking

This is probably not an issue at present however could become so due to:

- (i) Football West regulations
- (ii) attendance figures.

Lighting

This is not an issue because night games or training are not involved.

Spectator Fencing

The Club wishes to install a fence near the old turnstiles to help reduce the chances of spectators avoiding paying admission fees. The Chief Executive Officer has suggested a preference for temporary fencing at this time. This can be further discussed at the meeting.

Two dug outs

More information required.

Player Race

More information required.

Outdoor Kitchen Proposal

Can be discussed at meeting however considered too premature at this stage.

Scoreboard

This doesn't seem to be an issue.

Relationship with and position of East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club

To be discussed further at meeting.

Fees/Bond

To be discussed further at meeting.

DISCUSSION

It is regretted that time available has not allowed a more detailed report or resolution of all outstanding issues: if it had not been for the proposed 28 June deadline this could have occurred.

Part of the delay (noting nevertheless that the proposal was only received this month) has been the need to wait for the existing sole user (East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer

Club) to formulate and express a formal view on the matter. This occurred relatively recently.

At this point the Chief Executive Officer believes that, subject to resolution of the outstanding practical and financial issues referred to in this report, a 28 June start date is achievable.

The Chief Executive Officer supports the proposal in principle because:

- (i) of a view that community facilities should be utilised as much as possible.
- (ii) the proposal is "good" for the Fremantle Soccer Club, "good" for the East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club and "good" for the sport generally.
- (iii) anything which promotes healthy physical activity is positive.

The Chief Executive Officer strongly believes however that Council's commitment should not extend beyond this year in order to allow a proper and orderly review of the outcomes – in that sense, if agreed to by elected members, Fremantle Spirit (*which of course would be expected to become "East Fremantle Spirit"*)'s tenure should be regarded as, and limited to, a trial until the end of the year.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council agree in principle to the proposal from the Fremantle Soccer Club to use Wauhop Park for the balance of 2008, commencing on 28 June 2008, with the implementation of the proposal to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and to be to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer
2. if agreement between the Club and the Chief Executive Officer cannot be reached by 28 June 2008, the matter be referred back to Council.

Absolute Majority Resolution Required

Cr Olson – Cr Dobro

That:

1. **Council agree in principle to the proposal from the Fremantle Soccer Club to use Wauhop Park for the balance of 2008, commencing on 28 June 2008, with the implementation of the proposal to be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and to be to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer**
2. **if agreement between the Club and the Chief Executive Officer cannot be reached by 28 June 2008, the matter be referred back to Council.** CARRIED

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

147.4

Strategic Plan

The following memo from the Chief Executive Officer had been circulated to elected members.

On 4 April 2008 elected members received the most recent draft of the Strategic Plan and the Chief Executive Officer asked for any comments which were requested, at that time, in the following two weeks.

This action had been preceded by a meeting with the Mayor, Cr Arnold and Cr Nardi at which those elected members (all other elected members were apologies) submitted their comments in the then draft, and which were then considered with respect to the revised draft which was subsequently sent to all elected members.

Since that mail out, only one elected member (Cr Rico) submitted further comments. It seems reasonable to assume the remaining elected members were happy with the draft. It was noted Cr Rico's comments largely involved matters of a minor nature ie there was essential approval of the draft.

As mentioned in discussion on the Budget, the Mayor would like to see the Plan discussed and hopefully adopted at the next Council Meeting.

All elected members have the most recent draft, which at this point has not been changed. I do not propose to send that out again, firstly to save paper and secondly because I wished one last review, including a review of Cr Rico's comments.

A reviewed document will be tabled at the Council Meeting. I will draw any proposed changes from the document elected members have already received, to the attention of elected members.

The Chief Executive Officer distributed a final draft of the Strategic Plan and highlighted changes from the 4 April 2008 version. **ATTACHMENT**

Cr Dobro suggested that the Strategic Plan be dated "2008 – 2012" rather than "2008/09-2012/13" as is currently shown. It was agreed this change should be made.

Mayor Ferris – Cr Dobro

That the Strategic Plan for 2008/2012, as tabled and attached to these minutes, be adopted and the Chief Executive Officer be thanked for producing the document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

147.5 East Fremantle Oval Precinct Masterplan

The Chief Executive Officer circulated copies of the Draft Report of the Master Plan East Fremantle Oval Precinct which had only been received this late afternoon. Elected members were requested to peruse the document and provide feedback to the Chief Executive Officer.

147.6 Staffing

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council's Executive Manager Finance & Administration was currently away overseas on three weeks leave.

The Chief Executive Officer advised of the current situation in relation to planning staff and the outcome of recent recruitment efforts.

148. TOWN PLANNING/PUBLIC DOMAIN, WORKS & RESERVES ITEM

148.1 Operations Report – May 2008

By Pat Garrity, Operations Manager

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES - GARDENS

All parks & reserves around the Town are being mowed & maintained to schedule. The implementation of a set schedule for the pruning of street & verge trees & vegetation is proving effective as requests by the residents to have these works done have become less frequent.

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES - WORKS

The maintenance crew have been addressing the ongoing issue of footpath hazards around Town, predominantly the asphalt paths that have tree roots pushing through but also the paving slab paths. The footpaths in Plympton Ward have received the majority of asphalt works currently being undertaken, averaging one to two tonne of asphalt per week.

STREET SIGNAGE/ PARKING

The street sign name plates and the regulatory parking signs throughout the Town are currently undergoing a replacement program that, in some cases, includes the instalment

of new poles. At present there have been some 50 odd signs replaced but a hold up from the manufacturer has temporarily slowed progress.

GEORGE STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The marking of the holding lines in George Street at the intersections of Glyde, Hubble, Sewell and King Streets have been completed by MRWA and now allows for the road traffic counters to be set out along the length of George Street to enable a precise indication of the speed and number of vehicles using this road to be recorded.

DRAINAGE/COUNCIL MAIN DRAIN

With the upgrade work to the main Council drain under Stirling Bridge now complete, MRWA have engaged the services of contractors to lay new turf over the work area and plant 2 agonis Flexuosa, bringing the works to a conclusion.

MARMION STREET/MOSS STREET TURN POCKET

The turning lane from Marmion Street into Moss Street heading west has been eventually undertaken by Council staff as the present rates for such construction work are extremely over inflated. The Operations Coordinator spent all of his time training the outside staff onsite during this process as overall civil works experience of the present maintenance personnel is limited. Dave Hatcher and his team should be commended. The markings of the lane will be undertaken by MRWA and this is anticipated to be done within the next six weeks.

JOHN TONKIN SHADE SAILS

The shade sails covering the play equipment have been erected by Westcoast Shade Sails offering relief for children and parents using these facilities, as well as adding aesthetic appeal to the park.

EAST FREMANTLE FOOTBALL CLUB RETICULATION

The new vert drains have been installed into the main line that feeds the East Fremantle Football Club. This system will allow the oval to be fertilised via the gel tablets inside the tubes which can be manually opened when the irrigation is operating. This is a first for the Town and will be monitored to evaluate the difference between fertilising with dry pellets as in previous years.

JERRAT DRIVE DRAINAGE

The upgrade of the drainage pits from the grate system to the side entry drain has now been completed and will eliminate the previous problem of water overflowing the bank, washing soil and mud down the slope into the East Fremantle Yacht Club car park and river.

DRAINAGE SURVEY

Legge Civil is currently preparing a comprehensive report of our drainage system in the Kaleeya & Woodside/Braemar Wards that lead into the Stratford Street sump. The main issue being the flooding occurring at Windsor Road. Len Legge has indicated that he will have a proposal within the next two weeks.

The Town's drainage system records are somewhat inaccurate in relation to their location so Mr Legge has had to correlate existing information with onsite inspections. This has taken extra time of course but will give us a correct drainage plan of the area. At this stage it appears that the Stratford sump is extremely undersized for the catchment area which may be a factor as to why the stormwater is meandering to the sump as opposed to a faster time frame for reaching the sump which would not be able to deal with the volume of water.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Operations Report for May 2008 be received.

Cr Rico – Cr Wilson
That the Operations Report for May 2008 be received. CARRIED

149. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

149.1 Town Centre
Cr Olson – Cr Rico
That this matter be dealt with on a confidential basis, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(e). CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer updated elected members regarding issues related to the development of the Town Centre. It was agreed that a requested presentation from the proponents take place.

149.2 Royal George
Cr Olson – Cr Rico
That this matter be dealt with on a confidential basis, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(e). CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer updated elected members regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Royal George.

149.3 Left Bank, 15 Riverside Road
Cr Olson – Cr Rico
That this matter be dealt with on a confidential basis, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(d). CARRIED

The Chief Executive Officer updated elected members on the current situation with regard to this legal matter.

150. OPENING OF MEETING TO PUBLIC

Cr Rico – Cr Wilson
That the meeting be reopened to members of the public. CARRIED

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

153. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Town of East Fremantle, held on 3 June 2008, Minute Book reference 134. to 153. were confirmed at the meeting of the Council on

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Presiding Member

