



**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
ON TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 6. 43PM.**

244. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor (Presiding Member) declared the meeting open.

244.1 Present

Mayor A Ferris	Presiding Member
Cr S Dobro	Deputy Mayor
Cr C Collinson	
Cr B de Jong	
Cr D Nardi	
Cr R Olson	
Cr A Wilson	From 7.28pm
Mr S Wearne	Chief Executive Officer
Mr C Warrener	Town Planner (to 7.50pm)
Mrs S Cocks	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Mrs P Cooper	Minute Secretary

245. 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.”

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

The Mayor welcomed two members of the public in the gallery and introduced Council members and staff.

247. RECORD OF APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

248. RECORD OF APOLOGIES

Cr Maria Rico
Cr Alex Wilson advised she would arriving late for the meeting.

249. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

250. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

251. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

252. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

252.1 Council Meeting – 18 August 2009

Cr Collinson – Cr Wilson

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 August 2009 be confirmed subject to Cr Rico’s declaration of financial interest being amended to read as follows:

Cr Rico having declared a financial interest in the following item as her property abuts the rear eastern boundary of the subject property left the meeting at 6.55pm. CARRIED



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253. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR WITHOUT DISCUSSION**253.1 Message of Condolence**

Mayor Ferris reported on the passing of Janine May's sister, Peta Paton, on Sunday 23 August following a long illness. Peta Cooper, the CEO and Terry Paparone attended Peta's funeral.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor expressed Council's condolences to Peta Paton's family and Janine May's family.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

256. CORRESPONDENCE (LATE RELATING TO ITEM IN AGENDA)

Nil.

257. TOWN PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE DOMAIN)

Cr Dobro made the following impartiality declaration in the matter of 98 King Street: "As a consequence of my friendship with the author of an email who is also the owner of 96 King Street and the author of a further email who happens to be my partner, 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".

**257.1 King Street No. 98 (Lot 348)
Applicant: Residential Attitudes
Owner: Michael & Megan Keep
Application No. P68/2009**

Mr David Hotchwald-Jones (General Manager – Residential Attitudes), Mr Adam Miller (Designer – Residential Attitudes) and Mrs Megan Keep (owner) addressed the meeting in support of the proposed development application.

A computer generated image of an alternative design was circulated to elected members for discussion purposes which the applicants stated represented a softening of the original design, by the lowering of the roof pitch to the front. **ATTACHMENT**

Mrs Megan Keep stated that when they bought the property they were told the existing house had no heritage value. Mrs Keep also stated that they would love to live in the area and be part of the neighbourhood but wanted a house that met their needs.

Cr Dobro asked if consideration had been given to a single or tandem garage to which the owner responded by saying that neither a single nor tandem garage met their needs.

Cr Nardi asked if there was any chance that consideration be given to making changes to the external appearance of the residence to one that fits with the general nature of the area and would still meet the needs of the applicants.

T258. ADJOURNMENT

**Cr Nardi – Cr Dobro
That the meeting be adjourned at 7.15pm.**

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T259. RESUMPTION**Cr de Jong – Cr Dobro****That the meeting be resumed at 7.25pm with all those present at the adjournment in attendance.****CARRIED****260. TOWN PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE (PRIVATE DOMAIN)
(Cont)****260.1 King Street No. 98 (Lot 348) (Cont)**

Cr Collinson expressed a concern that the appearance of the proposed development would be out of keeping with the general character of houses in the street if built as planned and asked whether the applicants would consider a timber look to the upper level.

Adam Miller responded by saying that the use of timber would add considerably to the cost and that it had not been a consideration during discussion with the owners.

Cr Alex Wilson entered the meeting at 7.28pm.

Discussion ensued with various statements by various elected members to the effect that the proposal was not sympathetic to the neighbourhood, did not reflect development in that locality, did not preserve the amenity of area and did not add positively to the existing nature of development in that area.

Cr Wilson expressed the view that the proposed development did not contribute to the streetscape and stated she would have preferred a more sensitive design, that also reduced bulk and scale at the front of the proposed residence.

Further discussion ensued with councillors particularly speaking against the double storey element and the double car garage and expressing a view that when you buy into a neighbourhood which has a recognisable desirable character, there is an expectation that compromises be made when a proposal will have an adverse effect on that character.

Cr Collinson – Cr Nardi**That Council refuses to grant planning approval for the construction of a 2-storey house at No. 98 (Lot 348) King Street, East Fremantle comprising:****Ground Floor: double garage & store, study, porch, entry, free form living, kitchen, laundry, powder room, home theatre, store in stairwell, and alfresco;****Upper Floor: 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms;****in accordance with the amended plans date stamp received on 23 July 2009 for the following reasons:**

- 1. the application proposes development that is not small scale or sympathetic to the character (form, mass and materials) of existing development in conflict with the Local Planning Strategy for the design of development in the Plympton precinct. Clause 10.2 (b) of TPS No. 3 refers.**
- 2. non compliance with Local Planning Policy 066 with respect to roof pitch. (Clause 10.2(g) refers)**
- 3. the application is for a 2-storey house the design of which is not compatible with its setting in conflict with Town Planning Scheme No 3 sub-clause 10.2 (j).**
- 4. the application proposes development that will not preserve the amenity of the locality in conflict with Town Planning Scheme No 3 sub-clause 10.2 (o).**
- 5. the proposed development poorly relates to development on adjoining land and on other land in the locality including but not limited to, the likely effect**

of the height, bulk, scale, orientation and appearance of the proposal in
conflict with Town Planning Scheme No 3 sub-clause 10.2 (p). CARRIED

Mr Chris Warrener, Town Planner, left the meeting at 7.50pm.

261. HEALTH & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

261.1 *Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan* *By Shelley Cocks, Principal Environmental Health Officer*

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2010-2013 to Council for endorsement following completion of the plan by consultant Dr Melissa Stoneham.

BACKGROUND

On May 19 2009 Council noted the Business and Community Crime Prevention and Community Safety Surveys. Data collected during the planning and consultation phase was then collated into a draft plan which was circulated through the Neighbourhood Watch Committee and selected Council staff. A copy has also been sent to the Office of Crime Prevention for their endorsement which has been verbally forthcoming pending elaboration on proposed projects for future funding and endorsement by Council.

DISCUSSION

The following priority areas were identified and a number of strategies to achieve these outcomes are listed within the Plan. Many of the strategies are to be incorporated into Council's existing decision making processes and utilising the existing resource base of the Council.

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- Priority Area One:** Develop a strong and connected community, where people know their neighbours and feel safe and supported.
- Priority Area Two:** Reduce crime related activity in the hotspots of the George Street Precinct and the East Fremantle Shopping Centre.
- Priority Area Three:** Reduce graffiti and vandalism within East Fremantle.
- Priority Area Four:** Reduce antisocial behaviour in the Town.
- Priority Area Five:** Engage with young people in the town to ensure they feel part of the community.
- Priority Area Six:** Plan for environments that prevent or minimise crime.

For example, Priority Area One would draw on Council continuing its East Fremantle Festival and proposed community activities. An analysis of Priority Area Two strategies indicates that this is the area which would require external funding to achieve those aims. Priority Areas Three, Four and Five would be implemented using existing relationships with Neighbourhood Watch, Police Department and the establishment of a Junior Neighbourhood Watch in conjunction with local schools. Graffiti Hot Spot funding will assist in achieving some strategies in relation to connecting with young people through the Urban Art Project.

The Office of Crime Prevention has indicated that Council is now eligible for a further grant of \$20,000 to implement some strategies in the Plan, and it was felt that concentrating on Priority Area 2 would give a highly visible sign to the community, both residential and business that Council is committed to making East Fremantle a safe place to live and work. It may also have a positive effect on crime statistics as the Silas Street Shopping Centre and George Street precinct are known crime hot spots.

Discussions with our community engagement officer and plan consultant have narrowed down possible actions to the following three options:



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1. One hard wired CCTV Camera in Silas Street or George Street
2. Increased lighting in Silas Street and George Street
3. Part time crime prevention officer be employed by the Council

CCTV is not recommended in this instance as staffing levels are insufficient to support sustained surveillance, and there would only be funding for one camera, which would only have a marginal, localised effect on crime, if any.

Increased lighting in public areas was highlighted by business owners and residents as being desirable to improve safety and would be an achievable strategy within the budget provided.

A part time crime prevention officer would be ideal to assist in achieving all our strategies in the Plan, however the funds provided by Office of Crime Prevention probably would only cover one recommendation, so this position would probably remain unfilled at the present time.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council endorse the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2010-2013
2. That Council endorse grant funding of \$20,000 be sought for improved lighting to be installed in the crime hot spots of George Street and Silas Street.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer addressed the meeting on matters pertaining to the report.

Mayor Ferris – Cr Nardi**That:**

1. Council endorse the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2010-2013.
2. Council endorse grant funding of \$20,000 be sought for improved lighting to be installed in the crime hot spots of George Street and Silas Street.
3. Council consider possible actions under 1-6 and forward any comments to the Principal Environmental Health Officer before the end of September 2009.
4. the Principal Environmental Health Officer review actions and provide a report to Council which includes possible costs of such action. CARRIED

262. REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**262.1 Gazebo Replacement – J Dolan Reserve**

The following memo from the Chief Executive Officer was tabled.

It is planned to replace the existing, somewhat rustic, shelters in J Dolan Reserve (see large photo in 'A').

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Pat Garrity is recommending 2 options:

- i) a simple open roofed structure, identical to what was built in John Tonkin Park four years ago (see 'B') (also shown as small photo in 'A').
- ii) a gazebo design (see small photo in 'C', roof details in 'D' – pool not included).

Elected members are asked to indicate a preference or suggest an alternative option. It is not expected this will require a formal vote (it should also be noted it is in some respects an operational issue) – rather it is hoped there will be a consensus view expressed.

Following discussion the consensus was that view 'A' was the preferred option.

Mrs Shelly Cocks & Mrs Peta Cooper left the meeting at 8.25pm.

262.2 Local Government Reform

The CEO addressed elected members with respect to the most recent developments, and in particular:

- (i) The results of a random telephone survey of a large sample of East Fremantle adult residents, which indicated:
 - very large community opposition to the amalgamation of East Fremantle with either Fremantle or Melville or combination with more than one other local government.
 - huge opposition to any government forced amalgamation.
 - a massive preference for resource sharing measures rather than amalgamation.
- (ii) The content of a proposed letter and survey to be sent to residents and ratepayers by the Mayor and councillors.

263. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR WITHOUT DISCUSSION (Cont)

263.1 Town Centre

The Mayor reported on recent discussions which he had organised and participated in, with respect to the future redevelopment of the Town Centre.

264. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

267. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

*I hereby certify that the Minutes of the meeting of the **Council** of the Town of East Fremantle, held on **1 September 2009**, Minute Book reference **244.** to **267.** were confirmed at the meeting of the Council on*

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Presiding Member