

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Northern Areas Council held in the Council Chamber, 94 Ayr Street, Jamestown, on Tuesday 15 September 2009.

PRESENT:

Cr. A.G. Woolford (Chairman)
Cr. M.J. Catford (Deputy Chairman)
Cr. D.V. Clark
Cr. R.B. Lang
Cr. D.F. McPherson
Cr. M.J. Robinson
Cr. G.D. Scott
Cr. F.C. Sparks
Cr. D.T. Wheatley

Staff

Keith Hope (Chief Executive Officer)
Peter Broomhead (Manager of Engineering Services)
Gabby Swearse (Planning Officer)
Roger Crowley (Manager Corporate Governance)
Bernadette Semler (Executive Assistant)
David Rattley (Manager of Finance)
Alan Thomson (Manager of Environmental Services)
Rebecca Jeisman (Manager Community Development)
Paula Duncan-Tiver (Admin Officer, Engineering Services) [Entered the Council Chamber at 6:08 pm]

APOLOGIES: Nil

ABSENT: Nil

MEETING COMMENCED: 5:02 pm

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved Cr. Clark seconded Cr. Robinson that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 August 2009, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED 5966

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

3. REVIEW OF DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

Nil

4. ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF COUNCILS - REPORTS & FINDING

Nil

5. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

6. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

8. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. DEPUTATIONS/VISITORS

Nil

11. SPECIAL PROJECTS ADVISORY REPORT

Nil

12. PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved Cr. Sparks seconded Cr. Robinson that the Planning Officer's Report be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 5967

Moved Cr. Wheatley seconded Cr. Sparks that all Correspondence Reports be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 5968

12.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

12.1.1 REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND

Item: A Commercial in Confidence letter has been received to purchase a section of Council land.

Discussion:

Commercial in confidence letter is provided with the Agenda and confidential report was be tabled at the meeting.

(1) Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Clark:

(a) that under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public (with the exception of staff now present) be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider in confidence Agenda Item number 12.1.1;

(b) that the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to the extent that will enable the Council to receive and discuss the matter at the meeting on the following grounds:

commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and**
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;**

(c) that accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in

a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential (at 5:05 pm.).

CARRIED 5969

- (4) Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Lang that an order be made under the provisions of Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the undermentioned document including report, correspondence, discussion and resolutions of the subject matter, having been dealt with on a confidential basis under Section 90 of the Act, should be kept confidential on the grounds that it is:**

commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and**
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;**

for a period of 12 months at which point this order shall be reviewed or until reviewed by Council at an earlier Council meeting.

Document: - Planning Officer's Report, Agenda Item 12.1.1 - Request To Purchase Land.

CARRIED 5972

- (5) Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Scott that the Council meeting now resume in open session (at 5:15 pm).**

CARRIED 5973

12.1.2 HERITAGE DIRECTIONS FUNDING

Item: Grant from Heritage Directions Funding for Local Government.

Background:

(Refer May Agenda)

Preparation of a review of the Northern Areas Council section of the 2000 Upper North Heritage Survey has been approved for a Grant of \$5000 from the Heritage Directions Funding for Local Government. Council's contribution will be \$5000.

Budget/Risk Management Implications:

Council endorsed the contribution of \$5000 towards the funding for a review of the Northern Areas Council section of the 2000 Upper North Heritage Survey at May 2009 meeting.

Consultants will work with the local National Trust Organisations to review all existing buildings listed in the 2000 Heritage Survey with any additional buildings included if necessary.

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Clark that the Manager of Environmental Services be delegated authority to appoint a Heritage Consultant and negotiate and sign a consultancy

12.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.2.1 NATIONAL BUILDING –ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

Item: Amendments have been made to the Development Regulations 2008 made under the Development Act 1993, to ensure timely delivery of Nation Building-Economic Stimulus Plan projects.

Background:

The normal Development Approval process, previously requiring the input of several Government and or Local Government agencies, has been removed for projects funded by the Nation Building Plan and will be managed by the Office of the Coordinator-General.

Any building development specifically approved by South Australia's Coordinator-General, for the purposes of the Nation Building Fund will be exempt from the consultation and approval processes prescribed in the Development Act concerning requirements for planning rules consent.

State Heritage protections will remain in force and exemptions will not be available for any proposal that directly affect a State Heritage place. Requirements for building rules consent will remain in place for all projects. A separate checklist criteria has been developed for schools. Should the school meet all checklist requirements, no further assessment is necessary by the Office of Coordinator-General. If all checklist requirements are not met the application will require further assessment.

Discussion:

Council is not the deciding Authority with the National Building-Economic Stimulus Plan and have no legal or regulatory role with the siting, design, size, demolition etc of any of the school buildings.

12.2.2 HON PAUL HOLLOWAY MLC, MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Item: Staged release of the South Australian Residential Development Code.

Background:

(Refer June Agenda)

The Minister for Urban Development and Planning, Hon Paul Holloway MLC has invited Council to identify zones where we believe the Residential Code should apply in full (including new homes) and areas of special character where a modified Code should apply.

Discussion:

Council does not oppose the implementation of the code for Country Township and Residential Zones however we do have serious reservations for new dwellings being automatically allowed based on the new dwelling criteria set out in the Schedule, within the Country Living Zone or the Rural Living Zone.

Staff have written to the Minister to request a reconsideration of the zones where the full Residential Code will apply. The Country Township Zone and the Residential Zone are accepted. To include the Country Living Zone and the Rural Living Zone does not correspond to Council's intentions for these Zones and therefore should not form part of the gazettal identification for the Residential Code.

Comment:

The Minister has excluded the Country Living Zone and the Rural Living zones from the gazettal identification for the Residential Code as requested by Council.

12.2.3 DEPARTMENT PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Item: Updated Policy Modules for changes to Development Plans.

Background:

Version 4.1 of the Planning Policy Library has been released. Council policy planners and consultants will be required to adopt and use version 4.1 of the Planning Policy Library when undertaking changes to Development Plans from July 2009.

12.2.4 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT – JAMESTOWN INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL

Item: Jamestown Industrial / Commercial Development Plan Amendment.

Background:

(Refer February 2009 Report)

Discussion:

The Minister has approved the Development Plan Amendment and a notice has been published in the Government Gazette. Council has received the consolidation of the Plan and changes have been made to our current version of the Development Plan to incorporate the Amendment.

12.2.5 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

Item: Development Plan Amendment for Northern Areas Council.

Background:

(Refer June Report)

Council has appointed a consultancy firm, Nolan Rumsby Planners to undertake an analysis of the current Development Plan zoning, the future growth options for the urban areas, the adequacy of existing zoning and boundaries, land capability, opportunity for 'fringe' development surrounding the towns, and infrastructure capacity in order to determine a clear local strategic framework on which to base the DPA amendments.

Discussion:

Two community Open Days will be held in Jamestown, Gladstone and Laura (towns to be confirmed). Community will be able to freely discuss ideas with the consultant team, mark up maps and photos and be involved in 'kitchen table' discussions. Maps and photos will be placed around the room to generate ideas and talking points.

Refer to August Agenda for time table.

Council staff have commenced attending Community Development Organisation meetings and will provide feedback to Nolan Rumsby in

regard to issues raised. Briefing questions will be prepared by the Community Engagement consultant in consultation with Nolan Rumbsey.

12.2.6 ENERGY PACIFIC LTD, PROPOSED CARMODIES HILL WIND FARM

Item: Development assessment of a proposed Wind Farm by Energy Pacific at Carmodies Hill.

Background:

70 wind turbines and associated infrastructure are proposed to be erected on a ridgeline approximately 7 km east of Georgetown on the west of Campbell Range. The site runs approximately 18 km from the Bundaleer Forest in the north to Mt Misery in the south. (Refer March 2009 report)

Comment:

An amended lighting plan has been received after requests from QED to reduce the number of lights on the turbines. A risk assessment has also been undertaken by Energy Pacific. QED are still awaiting responses from several Government Agencies.

12.2.7 BETTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Item: The Better Development Plan is the first complete review of South Australian Development Plans since 1983.

Background:

The Better Development Plan will provide greater certainty, consistency and ease of use for the community and industry and provide substantial time and resource savings for Council.

Comment:

Staff met with Department of Local Government and Planning on Friday 5th June 2009 to finalise alterations to the Better Development Plan. The mapping for the Better Development Plan is still being finalised by the Department of Local Government and Planning.

Once the mapping and suggested changes are prepared a copy will be distributed to elected members for any further suggested changes and will go to a Council meeting for endorsement. Department of Local Government and Planning have advised that they expect to have a draft to Council within the next 6 weeks.

12.2.8 BLACK AND WHITE CAFÉ, JAMESTOWN

Item: Progress on the renovations for the Black and White Café in Jamestown.

Background:

(Refer June Agenda)

Comment:

The façade of the building has been renovated, improving the appearance of the building. The building owner is aware considerable repair/construction work at the rear of the building is required and has prepared concept drawings for discussion with staff. If the concept drawings comply with the Principles of the Town Centre zone then final drawings and specifications will be lodged for Development Approval.

12.2.9 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION UPDATE

The following development applications have been received since last meeting. Total value of \$ 2,975,672.00

| Owners Name | Development Description | Town /Hundred |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| R Coles | Shed | SPALDING |
| J & D Burman | Producer's Licence | BUNDALEER |
| P Turner & S Ebert | Dwelling | GEORGETOWN |
| S Bosch | Enclosed Verandah | BOOYOOLIE |
| L & L Morgan | Shed | LAURA |
| M Bunfield | Dwelling | JAMESTOWN |
| Wind Prospect Pty Ltd | Distribution line for Bluff Windfarm | BELALIE/WHYTE |
| E Smith | Garage | GLADSTONE |
| I Wreidt-Nielsen | Dwelling | GEORGETOWN |
| P & M Mahoney | Verandah | JAMESTOWN |
| R Coles | Shed | SPALDING |
| T Mayne | Renovations | BELALIE |
| D Rattley | Pergola | JAMESTOWN |
| H Jacka | Verandah | MANNANARIE |
| A & T Dewell | Extensions | JAMESTOWN |

12.2.10 WIND PROSPECT NORTH BROWN HILL WINDFARM

Item: Road construction approval for Application 764//158/08 Wind Prospect North Brown Hill Windfarm.

Background:

Site preparation is continuing with the relocation of the site offices for the main site facility, engineer's facility and toilet block at the North Brown Hill Windfarm.

Earthworks have commenced for the construction of the North Brown Hill Substation.

12.2.11 SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Item: Shipping containers are subject to relevant planning and building requirements and need Council approval under the Development Act.

Background:

Staff have dealt with a number of enquiries regarding shipping containers. A survey of shipping containers without development approval has almost been completed. Land owners will be notified that a development application is required for the placing of shipping containers on land and also another item will be placed in the next Council newsletter to remind land owners of their obligation under the Development Act.

Discussion:

If approval is issued for the placement of a shipping container in residential zones then condition will apply to the appearance and placement of the container. Conditions will include set back for placement of the container and painting of the exterior.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

Moved Cr. Sparks seconded Cr. Scott that the Manager of Environmental Service's Report be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 5975

13.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

13.1.1 LAURA MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTRE

Item: Refurbishment of interior of Hall

Background:

The Laura Memorial Civic Centre Management Committee is requesting Council's financial assistance with refurbishment of the interior of the Civic Centre hall. They have set a program of improvement including new curtains and complete painting of the interior.

The interior of the hall has not been painted since it was built in the 1970's.

Discussion:

The cost of interior painting was not presented for budget consideration as the management committee had not submitted quotes for the work required.

The letter (Attachment to the Agenda) from the Laura Civic Centre Management Committee outlines their request and summarises their contribution to recent improvement to the Civic Centre.

There are areas of the Civic Centre that could justify immediate painting. The internal painting would almost complete all major upgrades and renovations to the Civic Centre and has merit in terms of improving a Council owned facility.

Budget, Risk Management / Policy Implications:

The cost of internal painting has been quoted at \$14,800 which was not included in the 09/10 budget.

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Lang that Council support the project to paint the Laura Civic Centre by allocating \$9,800 from the Hall Maintenance and the Community Fund budget lines, with the Laura Civic Centre Management Committee meeting the balance of the cost from their own funds.

CARRIED 5976

13.1.2 COUNCIL OWNED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

Item: Maintenance/Upgrade of Council owned public swimming pools

Discussion:

Letter received from the Jamestown Swimming Pool Management Committee requesting Council assistance for the replacement of all floodlighting at the Jamestown Swimming Pool has confirmed that they are prepared to allocate \$5000 towards the cost of the floodlighting replacement. (See attachment 2)

A quote for the cost of labour and materials to replace the existing lighting at Jamestown Swimming Pool is attached as a commercial-in-confidence item.

A quote for the cost of floodlighting was also prepared for Gladstone and Spalding Swimming Pools.

Jamestown Swimming Pool Management Committee advised that the floodlighting replacement is urgent and needs to be replaced immediately.

(1) Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Clark:

(a) that under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public (with the exception of staff now present) be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider in confidence Agenda Item number 13.1.2;

(b) that the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to the extent that will enable the Council to receive and discuss the matter at the meeting on the following grounds:

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- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and**
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;**

(ci) that accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential (at 5:35 pm.).

CARRIED 5977

(5) Moved Cr. Clark seconded Cr. Robinson that an order be made under the provisions of Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the undermentioned document including report, correspondence, discussion and resolutions of the subject matter, having been dealt with on a confidential basis under Section 90 of the Act, should be kept confidential on the grounds that it is:

commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and**
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;**

for a period of 3 months at which point this order shall be reviewed or until reviewed by Council at an earlier Council meeting.

**Document: - Manager of Environmental Service's
Report, Agenda Item 13.1.2 - Council Owned Public
Swimming Pools.**

CARRIED 5981

- (6) Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Robinson that the Council meeting now resume in open session (at 5:53 pm).**

CARRIED 5982

Gabby Swearse left the Council Chamber at 5:53 pm.

13.1.3 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CWMS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Item: Development and implementation of a CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant to service the Jamestown community.

Background

During 2007 the Local Government Association (LGA) obtained \$20m funding from the Federal National Water Commission to support a number of water reuse schemes across the State. Grants funding could also be used to upgrade existing Community Wastewater Management Schemes (CWMS) to incorporate the treatment and reuse of effluent wastewater. Councils were invited to participate in the program which would meet up to 25% of the cost of approved water reuse projects. The LGA's CWMS Project Coordinator invited tenders from a panel of consulting engineers with expertise in the types of design & construction works relating to water reuse. From that invitation, three (3) consultants were selected and it was recommended to Councils that they engage one of the three that they had satisfactory or an ongoing relationship with. It was LGA's recommendation that Northern Areas Council work with Wallbridge & Gilbert on this project.

At its 20 November 2007 Ordinary Meeting Council was advised that the Jamestown CWMS was near capacity and for the town to encourage further residential development either the existing evaporation ponds would need to be expanded or Council would need to invest in a water reuse scheme utilising a treatment station. In response to the report presented at that Meeting Council resolved to *"commit to water reuse schemes in Laura and Jamestown to be financed through LGFA debenture over 10 years"*.

Also at the 20 November 2007 Ordinary Meeting Council resolved that *"the CEO be authorised to sign the acceptance form allowing Northern Areas Council to continue as a participating Council in the State-wide Wastewater recycling Project"*.

In a further report on this project (June 17 2008) Council was advised that initial estimates for the Jamestown water reuse scheme were in the vicinity of \$1.33m of which \$331,200 (or 25%) would be paid out of the State-wide Water Reuse Fund secured by the LGA through the National Water Commission (leaving just under \$1m to be financed by Council).

Discussion

Wallbridge & Gilbert's (W&G) tender invitations attracted six (6) constructors interested in undertaking the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) works. Those responses had total works estimates ranging from \$678,000 to \$2.2m.

Wallbridge & Gilbert have evaluated the tenders on Council's behalf and have recommended that Council award the contract for the supply and installation of WWTP for Jamestown to Factor UTB for the sum of \$769,050. W&G further advise that through negotiations there may be a possibility of achieving some cost savings depending upon the type of tank to be used.

For information purposes the net cost to Council (depending upon final design) is shown in the following table:

| | Total cost | LGA subsidy | Net Council cost |
|-----|------------|-------------|------------------|
| (1) | \$678,500 | \$169,625 | \$508,875 |
| (2) | \$682,372 | \$170,593 | \$511,779 |
| (3) | \$769,012 | \$192,253 | \$576,759 |

This matter has been referred to Council's Executive Committee for consideration.

The reason for referring this matter to Council's Executive Committee was to expedite the project based on a need (as determined by the Federal Government) for the project to be completed by 30 June 2010. In this connection W&G has been advised that it has been appointed as Council's Consulting Engineering for implementation of the works/project.

A copy of the W&G assessment was provided to Executive Committee.

It is now incumbent on W&G to:

- Prepare a scope of works to instruct Factor UTB
- Ensure that Factor UTB undertake preliminary work including the preparation of engineering details for construction certification
- Assist Council in confirming the type of tank to be utilised
- Consult with Council on health commission requirements

Budget & Risk Management Issues:

Council has approved a budget of \$1m to fund the Jamestown WWTP project. The project to be financed by way of loan funding with repayments being drawn from CWMS (formerly STEDS) income generated from Jamestown ratepayers. The lower net cost resulting from the tender process (\$576,800) will work in Council's favour and allow earlier repayment of the loan.

Superintendency of all construction works will be undertaken by Wallbridge & Gilbert and that company will provide certification of practical completion which will "trigger" final payment to Factor UTB.

In order to expedite this project Council's Executive Committee held a meeting on 31 August 2009 and passed the following resolution:

- That Council retrospectively endorse the LGA recommendation to engage Wallbridge & Gilbert as consulting engineers to advise on the development and implementation of a CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant to service the townships of Jamestown and Laura.
- That Council (retrospectively) accept Wallbridge & Gilbert's estimate of \$8,070 to undertake an initial feasibility study investigating the potential to reuse wastewater and stormwater for the township of Jamestown.

- That Council (retrospectively) accept Wallbridge & Gilbert's estimate of \$56,500 to undertake the design and supervision of a wastewater reuse scheme for the township of Jamestown.
- That Council accept the Wallbridge & Gilbert recommendation to engage Factor UTB to construct the Jamestown CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant for a cost of up to \$769,050.
- That Council authorise Wallbridge & Gilbert (W&G) to prepare the contract documentation between Council and Factor UTB for construction of a CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant to service the township of Jamestown.
- That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a works contract with Factor UTB to construct the Jamestown CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant for a cost of up to \$769,050.

Moved Cr. Clark seconded Cr. Scott that Council ratifies the decision of the Executive Management Committee to approve the following recommendations:

- **That Council retrospectively endorse the LGA recommendation to engage Wallbridge & Gilbert as consulting engineers to advise on the development and implementation of a CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant to service the townships of Jamestown and Laura.**
- **That Council (retrospectively) accept Wallbridge & Gilbert's estimate of \$8,070 to undertake an initial feasibility study investigating the potential to reuse wastewater and stormwater for the township of Jamestown.**
- **That Council (retrospectively) accept Wallbridge & Gilbert's estimate of \$56,500 to undertake the design and supervision of a wastewater reuse scheme for the township of Jamestown.**
- **That Council accept the Wallbridge & Gilbert recommendation to engage Factor UTB to construct the Jamestown CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant for a cost of up to \$769,050.**
- **That Council authorise Wallbridge & Gilbert (W&G) to prepare the contract documentation between Council and Factor UTB for construction of a CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant to service the township of Jamestown.**
- **That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a works contract with Factor UTB to construct the Jamestown CWMS Waste Water Treatment Plant for a cost of up to \$769,050.**

CARRIED 5983

13.1.4 GLADSTONE OFFICE

Item: Workplace security for staff

Background

Staff, working at the Gladstone office, have been exposed to two potentially threatening situations within the last 12 months and the current design of the office does not allow for staff to escape a threatening situation.

Discussion:

Construction of an emergency exit from the existing office to allow staff to escape from a potentially threatening situation.

Budget & Risk management:

There will be a cost to Council to develop/construct an option to provide an escape route from the office. This needs to be undertaken in consultation with the Gladstone Hall Committee.

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Lang that Council authorises the Manager of Environmental Services to explore options to provide an exit (only) from the Gladstone Council office to allow staff to leave the office quickly and safely in case of an emergency or threatening situation.

CARRIED 5984

13.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13.2.1 POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – WASHINGTON, WEST, CENTRE AND NORTH STREETS GLADSTONE

Item: Update Potential Residential Development - Washington, West, Centre and North Streets, Gladstone.

Background:

The background to this issue was set out in detail in the June 2009 Agenda and resolution at the August 2009 Agenda Report.

Comment:

All landowners within the area have been contacted and a site meeting will be arranged between Council staff and property owners. Subject to landowners being available a meeting will be held during September. Following this meeting Staff will have a clearer picture of the immediate and long term requirement to develop roads and drainage systems within this area and consider any budget implications.

13.2.2 GLADSTONE WATER REUSE ENHANCEMENT

Item: To enhance water reuse for Gladstone.

Background:

The existing Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) is not generating the quantity of waste water that was anticipated when the scheme was designed with the result being that pre-treated waste water available for reuse is not sufficient to irrigate the Gladstone Oval.

Whilst not all properties have been connected in Gladstone, the state-wide water restrictions have had a definite effect on the amount of water that residential properties use and although the inclusion of stormwater into the CWMS was not part of the original design it can be done with the approval of all relevant agencies. (Refer June agenda item 13.1.2).

Budget, Risk Management/Policy Implications:

A net amount of \$150,000 has been budgeted for stormwater projects in Gladstone.

Comment:

A meeting with the supervising engineer from Wallbridge & Gilbert and representatives from the NRM has been arranged. This meeting is necessary to clarify any issues regarding drawing water or diverting stormwater from a prescribed watercourse.

Following this meeting, if necessary, an application will be submitted to the NRM to allow a small catchment dam to be constructed in the creek and approval issued to transfer water from this small dam to the Council owned effluent ponds.

13.2.3 SOUTHERN FLINDERS REGIONAL STADIUM COMMITTEE

Item: Demolition and removal of existing buildings at Ewart Oval Gladstone.

Background:

The Southern Flinders Regional Stadium Committee has submitted a Development Application for the demolition and removal of the existing buildings at Ewart Oval.

All buildings will have asbestos material removed by qualified contractors and all services disconnected prior to demolition or salvage. The Committee propose to salvage as much of the material within the buildings as possible.

The Committee has written asking for Council approval to sell any of the salvaged materials as a fundraiser for the new Stadium project.

Budget, Risk Management and/ Policy Implications:

There are no budget implications for Council with the issuing of approval to the Southern Flinders Regional Stadium Committee to sell or salvage materials from the existing buildings.

Risk management issues associated with allowing community members to enter the buildings and remove the materials will be addressed with a scope of works clearly defining the location and materials permitted to be removed and a signed agreement from community members given permission to salvage materials prior to demolition.

This signed agreement also will address Occupational Health and Safety requirements.

Comment:

All buildings have been demolished and removed. Council's preparation of the sub base will commence shortly.
See also report from Manager of Community Development re joint use agreement.

13.2.4 COUNCIL RESIDENCE

Item: Building of residence for Senior Council staff

Background:

Consideration has been given to constructing a residence in Jamestown to be made available to assist in recruiting a future Chief Executive Officer.

Council notes that a number of remote local government bodies offer this incentive as part of a package to secure quality staff.

Lot 6 at the Wicks Estate is available to Council to proceed with a new dwelling for Senior Council staff use.

Comment:

Staff will discuss a basic concept plan for the residence with the building designer on his next visit to the Jamestown office.

13.2.5 STAFF SAFETY

Item: Staff Safety.

The Manager of Environmental Services wishes to advise elected members of a further incident in which a staff member has been intimidated by one of our ratepayers. This ratepayer has intimidated three staff on separate occasions. These incidents have all been reported to the local police.

13.2.6 SUMMARY OF STATUS OF COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Permanent Dry Zone Jamestown Skate Park:
Council staff and NAC YAC members are finalising the dry zone application. (Refer June agenda item 13.1.5)
- Laura Sporting Reserve:
Project has been completed.
Official opening of the Clubrooms by Geoff Brock Member for Frome held on 13th September 2009. (Refer November 2008 agenda)
- Gladstone CWMS pumping systems:
Staff is still waiting for responses from property owners involved. (Refer November 2008 agenda).
- Gladstone Town Hall:
All work completed. The area between the Bowling Club and Town Hall requires a reseal.
- Laura Aged Cottages:
Work has commenced. (Refer November 2008 agenda)
- Stone Hut Public Toilets:
Work has commenced. (Refer November 2008 agenda)
- Irvine Street & Supermarket Toilets:
During the construction of the Jamestown Foodland Supermarket discussions were held with the owner regarding assistance with the construction of public toilet facilities within the area adjacent to the supermarket and the Council office.
Staff have had several discussions with the building owner and a letter has been written to the owner to ascertain the level of interest and commitment to the construction of public toilets. It is anticipated that additional information will be available at the October Council meeting. (Refer November 2008 agenda)
- Tarcowie Parkland toilets:
Septic tank and soakage trench still to be installed. No additional information available. (Refer November 2008 agenda)
- Yacka Caravan Park ablution block:
Project completed.
- Jamestown Cemetery Information Board project:

Quotes for the supply of materials have not yet been received.
(Refer October 2008 agenda).

- Jamestown Council Office:
A sidelight glass panel at the entrance to the Council Chambers was recently broken. The existing glass pattern could not be matched and a decision was taken to replace all glass panels with laminated glass complying with AS1288.
- Jamestown History Centre:
Application has been made to SA Water for new water meter at the Jamestown History Centre which will service all sanitary fixtures in the building with mains water.

14. MANAGER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Moved Cr. Wheatley seconded Cr. Robinson that the Manager of Community Development's Report be taken as read and noted.
CARRIED 5985

14.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

14.1.1 AGL HALLETT WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND, ASSESSMENT PANEL REPRESENTATIVE

Item: The 2009 AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund is being administered by Northern Areas Council; a councillor is required to be selected to represent Council on the grant assessment panel.

Background:

Council has assisted AGL to administer the AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund since 2007.

A panel of three members reviewed the 2007 and 2008 applications, this included Council's Manager of Community Development, Councillor Roger Lang and a representative from AGL.

Discussion:

The 2009 AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund opens on the 14th September. \$21,300 is available for community groups throughout Northern Areas Council (priority is given to communities affected by the wind farm), the current round closes on 9th October and successful applicants will be advised by 6th November 2009.

AGL has indicated that the same or a similar assessment panel (as 2007 and 2008) be chosen to review the 2009 applications, which would include a representative from AGL, Council's Manager of Community Development and a Councillor.

Moved Cr. Clark seconded Cr. Robinson that Council nominates Cr. Lang as its representative on the AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund Assessment Panel to review the 2009 applications.

CARRIED 5986

14.1.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER CAMPAIGN

Item: Council endorsement required for Milestone 2 of ICLEI Water Campaign.

Background:

The Water Campaign™ is an international freshwater management program which aims to build the capacity of local government to reduce water consumption and improve local water quality.

The Water Campaign™ is delivered by ICLEI Oceania in collaboration with local and state governments, water authorities and the Australian Government. In South Australia the program is delivered with the support of the Northern and Yorke NRM Board in conjunction with the Central Local Government Region and the South Australian Murray - Darling Basin NRM Board.

Water Campaign™ Milestone Framework

The Water Campaign™ provides councils with a tested program model, covering a broad spectrum of water management issues. The program involves progressing through five milestones, that guide participating councils through a process of local research, policy making, action planning, implementation and evaluation.

Milestone 1: Undertake a water consumption inventory and water quality checklist

Milestone 2: Establish a water consumption reduction goal and water quality improvement goal

Milestone 3: Develop and adopt a local action plan

Milestone 4: Implement policies and actions to work towards integrated freshwater resource management and quantify the benefits

Milestone 5: Monitor and report on water consumption reductions, water quality improvements and water management initiatives.

Northern Areas Council resolved to join the Water Campaign™ at the Ordinary Meeting on 19th February 2008 and in doing so committed to working through the requirements of the program. Milestone 1 was successfully completed on 5th June 2009.

Discussion:

The raw data compiled through Milestone 1 has been reviewed by the Water Campaign™ with results and information made available to Northern Areas Council. Milestone 2 goals are developed for key priority areas identified using the findings from Milestone 1 water consumption inventories and water quality checklists.

For further detail please refer to the document accompanying the Agenda: Water Campaign Supplementary Information.

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Wheatley that Council supports Milestone 2 of ICLEI Water Campaign as follows:

- (1) **endorses the following water consumption goals;**
 - a. **To reduce corporate water consumption by 20% based on 2004/2005 levels by 2020;**
 - b. **To reduce community water consumption by 10% based on 2004/2005 levels by 2020.**

- (2) **endorses the following water quality improvement goals;**
 - a. **To implement 50 points worth of corporate actions from the Water Campaign™ action cards by 2020;**

- b. To implement 50 points worth of community actions from the Water Campaign™ action cards by 2020.

(3) endorses the preparation of a local action plan to meet the Milestone 3 requirements of the Water Campaign

CARRIED 5987

14.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

14.2.1 FUNDING SUBMISSIONS

- Community Benefit SA: \$5,610, Laura Preschool Governing Council, shade structure, submitted;
- Community Benefit SA: \$14,580, Laura Community Development & Tourism Association, Laura Skate Park, submitted;
- Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran and Community Grant: \$10,000, Laura RSL, kitchen upgrade, submitted;
- Arts SA, Facilities and Equipment Grant: \$6,817, Spalding Community Management Committee, Data Projector and Player, submitted;
- Office for Recreation and Sport, Active Club Program: \$20,000, Jamestown Amateur Swimming Club, upgrades to Jamestown Swimming Pool (heater, gutter and lights), not approved;
- Department of Trade and Economic Development, Rural Town Development Fund: \$500,000, Southern Flinders Panorama and Discovery Centre, not approved.

14.2.2 GEORGETOWN URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

Item: Update on the progress of the Georgetown Urban Design Framework.

Background:

Wax Design has undertaken extensive community consultation in order to develop the final draft of the Georgetown Urban Design Framework.

The Georgetown Urban Design Framework will collate a number of ideas (from Council, community members and the consultant) into recommendations for future improvements to Georgetown.

Discussion:

Council was recently provided with the latest and final draft of the Georgetown Urban Design Framework. Opportunity for Council and the community to comment on the final draft will be in the form of two round table discussion sessions, hosted by Warwick Keats (from Wax Design) in Georgetown on Wednesday 16th September, between 5-7pm.

The round table discussions are designed for Council and the community to comment on the draft and discuss any issues, the session will also provide Warwick with an opportunity to answer questions.

If any amendments to the draft are required they will be made after the round table discussion sessions, once the document is finalised it will be forwarded to Council for endorsement.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications:

Council has specified within the consultant brief that \$30,000 (+ GST) is available to undertake the Georgetown Urban Design Framework.

The \$30,000 allocated for this project is grant funding that was received by Council through the Places for People program.

14.2.3 JAMESTOWN CHILDCARE UPDATE

Item: To develop a viable child care service in Jamestown to meet the needs of the growing community.

Background:

Two options for a larger Preschool/Child Care Centre to be established in Jamestown are still being pursued, which would offer more places of child care than the interim Rural Integrated Service operating at the current Jamestown Preschool.

Option A is the Education Works proposal through DECS which may see a purpose built Preschool/Child Care Centre constructed at the Jamestown Community School.

Option B is to extend the current preschool as per Council's plan. This option will be considered if the Education Works proposal is not approved by DECS or if the Education Works proposal does not sufficiently meet the needs of the community.

The next step of the Education Works process is for the Department to prepare a Facilities Brief. The Facilities Brief will outline the size and scope of the Preschool/Child care building, and the proposed site. The Facilities Brief will be put out for community consultation, where feedback on the Brief will be sought. Council will be involved in assisting DECS to organise the community consultation.

Discussion:

At a meeting in Jamestown on Thursday 27th August, the Education Works Team presented the Facilities Brief to local stakeholders.

Council is pleased that the Facilities Brief for the proposed Centre includes 30 places of long day care and 30 preschool places. After the meeting local stakeholders reviewed the site proposals (set forth by the Education Works Team) and considered parking and access points to the proposed site.

The community consultation phase of the Education Works process will commence with a presentation from the Education Works Team on Wednesday 16th September, 7:30 pm at the Sir Hubert Wilkins building.

Budget and Risk Management Implications:

Council has received a \$140,000 grant from the Federal Government towards the cost of extending the current Preschool. At the time it was understood that these funds would be offered on a 1:1 basis with Council matching the Federal funding.

14.2.4 REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Item: Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program update.

Background:

Council has 10 projects (throughout the council area) currently being implemented with \$100,000 funding allocated to Council through the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

Discussion:

Council is maintaining clear lines of communication with each community group managing a RLCIP project, Council is confident that each of the projects will be completed by the 30th September deadline.

The following is an update regarding the status of each project:

Caltowie Playground: Council to remove old equipment. Play equipment will be installed by supplier with help from Council staff. Shelter will be erected by Caltowie Shed Constructions. On track for completion

Spalding Disabled Ramp: Construction underway, to be completed prior 30th September.

Jamestown Memorial Hall: Awaiting plumbing and electrical work to install both dishwashers. On track for completion.

Georgetown Community Park Shade Structure: Completed and all paid for.

Gladstone Playground: Council awaiting the site to dry out in order to finish preparing the site for the play equipment to be installed. All play equipment has been ordered (by Council) from Kompan. On track for completion

Gulnare Sports Buildings Electrical Upgrade: Project is 90% complete. Electrician to complete works on sports buildings. To be completed prior 30th September

Stone Hut Memorial Hall precinct: Tennis shelter almost complete. Council to prepare site for Community to install remaining on stone retaining wall. Remainder of materials to be ordered. Will be completed close to 30th Sept.

Yacka Plaza Upgrade - Materials received for installation of paving and retaining wall by Council. Items to be included in cost of grant are pavers, retaining wall blocks, Council plant and labour. Yacka also have a DVA grant that will pay for the new flag pole, memorial plaques and any excess cost associated with the pavers/retaining wall blocks.

Tarcowie Tanks: Materials ordered and paid for, however remainder of funds still need to be allocated. Electrician is booked to connect the pump to the hall & install outside power points. On track for completion.

Laura Project: All materials arrived for upgrade between Courthouse and Masonic Lodge. On track for completion.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications

Council gave each community the opportunity to submit a project of up to \$12,000. \$8,738 towards RLCIP will be provided from Council's community projects budget.

14.2.5 COMMUNITY PROJECTS BUDGET UPDATE

Item: Update for Councillors on funding allocated out of the 2008/09 Community Projects Budget.

Background:

Council assigned \$100,000 to a budget line in the 2008/09 Budget, specifically for community projects within Northern Areas Council.

Discussion:

Council allocated the following funding from the Community Projects Budget for 2008/09.

| | | |
|----------|---|----------|
| \$2,370 | Spalding Playground | ordered |
| \$4,000 | Bar upgrade at Spalding Town Hall | complete |
| \$3,000 | Spalding pool cleaner | complete |
| \$4,000 | Caltowie parklands fencing | paid |
| \$20,000 | Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism Authority, implementation of the cycle tourism master plan | paid |
| \$800 | Georgetown Community Picnic | complete |
| \$2,250 | Southern Flinders Discovery Centre pest control | complete |
| \$7,500 | Jamestown pool cleaner | complete |
| \$8,738 | Earmarked for projects that Council proposed to the Federal Government Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP). Council's proposed spending on these projects exceeds the \$100,000 allocated to Council by the Federal Government. | |
| \$2,085 | Gulnare Memorial Institute: storage cupboard, industrial vacuum cleaner, blinds. | complete |

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications:

Council allocated \$54,628 from the Community Projects Budget, towards projects throughout the Council area.

\$45,372 has been carried forward in the Community Projects Budget line for the 2009/10 financial year.

14.2.6 LAURA METAL ART ZOO WORKSHOP

Item: The development of a metal-art animal zoo at Laura

Background:

Through two workshops provided by artist Craig Ellis (funded by an Arts SA grant) 12 metal art animals have been created for display in the Laura Zoo.

The intent is to develop a loop trail through the reserve at the eastern end of the Laura Sporting Reserve to display the metal art animals amongst vegetation, visible from the trail.

Discussion:

To add to the 12 metal art animals that have already been created, the LCDTA is investigating hosting further workshops for interested community members to continue working on and creating metal art animals. Confirmation of workshops is subject to insurance coverage.

The Gladstone High School has been approached for school students to be involved in constructing metal animals as part of Art/Technical Studies in Semester One 2010.

A display of the 12 metal animals that have been completed (through the artist workshops) will be compiled in the main street of Laura in an

attempt to promote the metal-art animal zoo and gain increased community support for the project.

Council is awaiting formal feedback from the 2009/10 State Bicycle Fund and State Black Spot Cycling Project regarding the grant application that was submitted in December 2008.

14.2.7 SOUTHERN FLINDERS REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX

Item: Southern Flinders Regional Sports Complex project update.

Background:

In February 2009 Council was advised that \$2,134,377 (+ GST) in grant funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) had been approved for the Southern Flinders Regional Sports Complex.

Discussion:

Council has signed the Joint Use Agreement, the Agreement is now in the hands of Catholic Education to sign, and will then be given to the Gladstone High School to pass through the Department of Education and Children's Services to the Minister for signing.

When each of the stakeholders has signed the Joint Use Agreement, Council will proceed with signing the funding agreement with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

14.2.8 VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRE AT LAURA INFORMATION CENTRE

Item: Establishment of a Volunteer Resource Centre within the Laura Information Centre.

Background:

\$15,000 funding from the Office for Volunteers has been granted to Northern Areas Council to establish a Volunteer Resource Centre at the Laura Information Centre.

14.2.9 JAMESTOWN HERITAGE MURALS

Item: Maintenance and repainting of existing murals.

Background:

In March 1994, Council developed the Jamestown Heritage Murals Program commissioning artist John Whitney to design and paint murals around Jamestown.

Discussion:

A number of murals have been identified in need of re-painting due to flaking or fading paint or due to cracks appearing in walls. The artist has been contacted and has registered his interest to conduct the necessary work to restore the existing murals.

John Whitney has forwarded an estimate quote, based on an inspection last year, to re-paint or touch up the murals as well as additional works Council may need to address before he arrives.

At this stage, John has tentatively set aside time in October to conduct the work; confirmation of dates will depend on the weather and will be determined closer to October.

14.2.10 LAURA – STONE HUT RAIL CORRIDOR TRAIL

Item: Development of a cycle/walking trail on the unused rail corridor between Laura and Stone Hut.

Background:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Northern Areas Council on 18th August 2009, Council resolved to utilise the second allocation of \$30,000 from the Federal Government's additional Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) to develop of a cycle/walking trail on the unused rail corridor between Laura and Stone Hut.

At the August Council meeting, Council also resolved to contribute up to \$30,000 in-kind works towards the development of the rail corridor.

Discussion:

In order to commence work developing the cycle/walking trail on the unused rail corridor Council is awaiting feedback from the Cycle Trail Development Program, and also awaiting Council's allocation of \$30,000 from the second round of the Federal Government's additional Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program.

15. MANAGER OF ENGINEERING SERVICE'S REPORT

Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Wheatley that the Manager of Engineering Service's Report be received.

CARRIED 5988

Rebecca Jeisman left the Council Chamber at 6:04 pm

15.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

15.1.1 PLANT/EQUIPMENT BUDGET

Item: Purchase of new or replacement plant.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications:

Items have been included in plant replacement budget for 2009/2010.

A report detailing commercial in confidence quotations was tabled at the Council meeting.

Paula Duncan-Tiver entered the Council Chamber at 6:08 pm

Moved Cr. Wheatley seconded Cr. Robinson that a decision on purchasing a tractor be delayed until further quotation/s are obtained and that if deemed urgent by the Manager of Engineering Services, that Executive Management Committee be delegated authority to meet and decide on the purchase of the tractor.

CARRIED 5989

Moved Cr. Sparks seconded Cr. Robinson that Council purchase a Fuso Fighter 7xlwb, light tipping truck from CMV Truck Sales (as per the quotation provided).

CARRIED 5990

15.1.2 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT, ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE (DTEI) REQUEST TO REMOVE ALEPPO PINES AT WASHPOOL RUBBLE PIT

Item: Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) request to remove Aleppo Pines and rehabilitate Washpool Rubble Pit.

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Clark that the Northern Areas Council approves the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) request to remove the Aleppo Pines and rehabilitation of the Washpool rubble pit located just south of Washpool on the western side of the road.

CARRIED 5991

15.1.3 REQUEST FROM AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS TO SEAL LAURA CIVIC CENTRE CAR PARK

Item: Letter received from Australian Red Cross regarding the car park at the Laura Civic Centre.

Discussion:

Australian Red Cross has written regarding their mobile blood service vehicle and the use of the Laura Civic Centre Car park for this service. When they visited Laura on Monday July 27th they found much of the car park covered with water. Once the vehicle is parked a front awning is extended from the vehicle and the ground underneath this is used as the reception area where the public sit and wait before entering the blood donation vehicle.

The Australian Red Cross request that the Council consider sealing the car park of the Laura Civic Centre which would allow the blood donation vehicle to attend Laura at anytime during the year.

Moved Cr. Clark seconded Cr. Scott that Council recommends to the Australian Red Cross that it consider using Hughes St, Laura to park their Blood Collection Vehicle (or other suitable locations in Laura), as there is sufficient room for their vehicle at this location and an area can be zoned off for the safety of public and staff. That the Red Cross be advised that a permit application will need to be completed and submitted to Council Staff for approval if their vehicle is to be parked on Council land or a road reserve.

CARRIED 5992

15.1.4 CLYDE STREET UPGRADE TO HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS

Item: Upgrade of Clyde Street, Jamestown to heavy vehicle bypass.

Background:

At the meeting with Council staff and Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) in April 2008, the suggestion to convert Clyde Street, Jamestown to the heavy vehicle route instead of Bute Street was raised. Whilst this would require major upgrade and construction of a new culvert/bridge over Belalie Creek, it would permit straight through access from Jamestown-Spalding Road to Appila Road without any turns as Clyde Street lines up directly across Ayr Street with Appila Road.

This was again raised at the annual DTEI/Council Meeting on 28 May 2009, and following a positive response from DTEI Representatives, Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 16th June 2009 moved to support the

proposal to investigate Clyde Street as the heavy vehicle bypass, a letter was sent to DTEI to confirm this.

Discussion:

In a move to progress this proposal, DTEI contacted Council on 7th September 2009 to advise that a detailed investigation to assess pavements, culvert requirements, lighting etc would cost approximately \$90,000 – such a detailed investigation with associated implementation costs would be required to fund and carry out the project. However, it was suggested that Council would need to contribute 1/3 of this cost (i.e. \$30,000).

Moved Cr. Clark seconded Cr. Robinson that at this stage, Council does not support making a contributing \$30,000 towards the cost of the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure’s proposal for the investigation/costing to upgrade Clyde Street, Jamestown to a heavy vehicle bypass route.

CARRIED 5993

15.1.5 REQUEST FROM TARCOWIE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MOWER PURCHASE.

Item: Tarcowie Progress Association request for funding for purchase of mower.

Background:

Tarcowie Progress Association and Tarcowie Golf Club purchased a second hand ride on mower in 1994 for a total cost of \$8000 of which Council contributed \$5000. The mower has been used to mow the town precincts, cemetery parking area and the golf course. Tarcowie Progress Association approached Council to contribute towards the cost of a second-hand mower in April 2009. Council offered the Association a choice of 2 Toro mowers that were being replaced as part of Council’s plant replacement program.

Discussion

Tarcowie Progress Association and Tarcowie Golf Club declined the offer of a Toro Mower from Council and purchased a second hand John Deere mower for a total of \$11,500. Tarcowie Progress Association request that Council consider making a contribution towards the cost of the new mower. As part of the consideration they request Council be aware Council has not had to mow any part of the Tarcowie Township in the last 15 years.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications

The Progress Association and the Golf Club did not apply for funding from any other source. The money has not been budgeted in the Engineering Budget for this year. Council could contribute the required funds from the Community Project Fund to assist with purchase. In consultation with the Manager of Community Development, the Progress Association could apply for funding from the FRRR grant scheme, however this funding could take 6 – 12 months until an outcome is known and the application would have a minimal chance of being successful.

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Robinson that Tarcowie Progress Association be offered \$4,000 as a Council contribution towards the cost of purchasing a ride-on mower.

CARRIED 5994

15.1.6 NORTHERN WASTE MANAGEMENT

Item: Status of Members of Northern Waste Management Group

Background:

The Northern Waste Management (NWM) group is comprised of the Regional Council of Goyder, The District Council of Peterborough, The District Council of Orroroo-Carieton and Northern Areas Council and was formed under a Terms of Reference agreement in September 2002.

It was formed to jointly purchase a Compactor Truck to service the kerbside wheelie bin collection needs of the four member councils.

Future direction of the group may be influenced by changing needs in regard to collection services i.e. possible introduction of kerbside recycling, changing requirements for landfill sites by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and individual Council policies.

Discussion:

At the meeting of the Northern Waste Management at Burra on Monday 7th September, a number of issues were discussed (refer to report in the Agenda)

STATUS: Central Local Government Region (CLGR) consultant Trevor Hockley has been asked to prepare a model for the 4 NWM Councils to purchase a second compactor truck. That model should be available for the next NWM Meeting scheduled for 12th October at Burra.

In the interim Council may wish to instruct staff to prepare reports/data on any aspect of waste management with a view to making a future decision with respect to waste management. As a matter of course, staff will again confer with EPA with a view to ensuring some future stability for Council's waste disposal.

15.1.7 LETTER FROM L.H. PERRY & SONS PTY LTD

Cr. Sparks informed the meeting that he has been advised that a letter from L.H. Perry & Sons has been sent to Council regarding shared use of a water meter owned by Perry & Sons.

Moved Cr. Sparks seconded Cr. Clark that Council staff respond to a letter from L.H. Perry & Sons regarding shared use of a water meter as a matter of urgency.

CARRIED 5995

The CEO informed the Council meeting that Council Staff have received a letter from L.H. Perry & Sons and the issue raised is currently being investigated.

15.1.8 CONDITION OF JAMESTOWN TO MANNANARIE ROAD

Cr. Robinson brought to the attention of Council, the poor state of the Jamestown to Mannanarie Road.

Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Clark that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, bringing to their attention the poor state of the Jamestown to Mannanarie Road.

CARRIED 5996

15.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

15.2.1 FORWARD ROAD RESHEETING PROGRAM

Item: To prepare a five (5) year road re-sheeting program.

Background:

Data has been gathered by Council staff over a period of three weeks. Council has expressed in the past that it wishes to continue to budget for the re-sheeting of 80km of road in the Council area. Priorities must be given to those roads of Category 1 and 2 and roads that are used as school bus routes as they can change on a demands basis. Staff continues to work on the five year re-sheeting plan.

Discussion:

The Manager Engineering Services and Manager Technical Services have produced a five year road resheeting program, with the aim to better plan asset maintenance regime and maximise maintenance dollars.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications:

Re-sheeted roads to be included in the 2009/10 budget were presented to Council at the April 21st 2009 meeting. Costings for the 5 year plan are still to be calculated and the roads finalized. There are no risk management or policy implications.

Council has commenced implementation of this program - see item 15.2.4.

15.2.2 GLADSTONE-HUDDLESTON ROAD

Item: Update on progress of Gladstone – Huddleston Rd sealing under SLR funding.

Background:

A total of 10.3km of road will be sealed under this project. The first 2.5km section of the Gladstone – Huddleston Road to be constructed and sealed was completed in January 2008 and stage 2 of this three year project, is currently in progress. This second 4 km section consists of approximately 2 km continuing from last year's easterly section and approximately 2 km at the western end to connect with Pirie Regional Council's section.

The final middle section will be constructed and sealed in this financial year subject to funding. This project has been funded by grants under the Special Local Roads Scheme and contributions from Council.

15.2.3 GLADSTONE MAIN STREET PROJECT

Item: Update on Gladstone Main Street Project

Background:

The Gladstone Main Street project involves a revamp of the Main Street of Gladstone and surrounds. This has been made available by receiving grant funding from Regional Partnerships, Places for People, Dept of Trade & Economic Development, and in kind funding from Council, these total approximately \$550,000.

Discussion:

The Gladstone Main street car park area is being constructed and formed up. Tree root barriers have been placed in the medium strip to prevent subsequent root damage to the roads and pavement. The paving and installation of bollards is now complete. The trees in the middle of the main street have been planted. Rubble is to be spread in the new car parking area over the next few weeks. Clay has now been spread in the carpark area. Awaiting drier weather before scalps are laid in this area. The community have constructed a stone wall along the edge of the area and parallel to the street parking on Gladstone Street.

Budget:

Table below shows expenditure to August 31st 2009

| | Places for People | Regional Partnerships | Council Funding | Total Funding | Expenditure |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2007/08 | \$180,000 | \$263,000 | \$90,000 | \$533,000 | \$5621 |
| 2008/09 | | | | | \$115,540 |
| 2009/10 | | | | | \$32,447 |
| TOTAL | \$180,000 | \$263,000 | \$90,000 | \$533,000 | \$153,608 |

15.2.4 RESHEETING OF UNSEALED ROADS

Item: Update since the August 2009 Council Meeting.

Background:

Council has an extensive unsealed road system throughout the Council area. The roads are based on a hierarchy system and rated 1 – 5. One being the most highly used. Category 3 roads are considered to be access to residential properties only for domestic vehicles. Roads are inspected each year prior to setting the budget to determine re-sheeting priorities. Please see the attached table and map, **Attachment 2 and 3.**

Discussion:

NEINDORF ROAD (HD YANGYA) 3.75KM

(Scheduled) [Category 2]

774m³ of rubble carted from Kitschke’s Pit. The finer weather has allowed this resheeting project to begin.

APPILA – GLADSTONE ROAD (HD HOWE & BOOYOLIE) 7KM

(Scheduled) [Category 1]

5150m³ has been carted from Higgins pit. Resheeting is continuing on this road.

COLEMAN ROAD (HD WHYTE) 5.2KM

(Scheduled) [Category 2]

2736m³ of rubble carted from Higgin’s Pit to resheet this road.

HILLAM ROAD (HD YANGYA) 2.5KM

(Scheduled) [Category 3]

1368m³ of rubble carted from Kitschke’s Pit to begin the resheet of this road.

15.2.5 PATROL GRADING

Item: Update since the August 2009 Council Meeting.

Background:

Patrol grading is carried out across the Council area to maintain surface standards and programming is determined by suitable weather conditions (adequate moisture). The schedule for patrol grading is determined by a number of factors including the category of the road (Category 1 is a priority) followed by the next categories in order. Complaints and information from public and staff are also taken into consideration once the category 1 roads are completed. See map - attachment 3 to the Agenda.

| Road Name | Hundred | km | Road Name | Hundred | km |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----|----------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Georgetown-Narridy Rd | Narridy | 13 | Woolfords Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 1.1 |
| Narridy-Redhill Rd | Narridy | 4 | Bondowie Rd | Yangya | 8 |
| Lehmans Rd | Bundaleer | 8 | Langs Rd | | 2 |
| Patersons Rd | Bundaleer | 3 | Govt Rd (Caltowie Nth Extension) | Caltowie | 2 |
| CloverHill-Abbeville Rd | Bundaleer | 5 | Tarcowie-Boooleroo Rd | Tarcowie | 2 |
| Pipeline Rd | Bundaleer | 1 | Harvie Rd | Tarcowie | 4.5 |
| Lyons Rd | Bundaleer | 1 | Gumvale Rd | Tarcowie | 4.5 |
| B Crawfords Rd | | 1 | Burns Rd | Tarcowie | 1.5 |
| Bullings Crossing Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 1 | Wilsdonville Rd | Tarcowie | 3 |
| Gladstone-Appila Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 6.5 | Yarrowie Rd | Caltowie | 10.5 |
| Booyoolie Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 2 | Conara Rd | Caltowie | 4.5 |
| Boundary Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 1.1 | Hartwig Rd | Caltowie | 1.2 |
| Cleggets Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 1 | Trigg Hill Rd | Caltowie | 5 |
| Yangya Rd | Yangya | 2 | Govt Rd | Caltowie | 3 |
| Zankers Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 4 | Caltowie Tarcowie Rd | Caltowie | 3 |
| McKenzie Rd | Howe & Booyoolie | 1 | Rifle Range Rd | Caltowie | 3 |
| Georgetown-Caltowie Rd | Bundaleer & Caltowie | 15 | Adams Rd | Yangya | 4 |
| Hollywood Dr | Yangya | 2 | Clover Hill Rd | | 2.5 |
| Kittos Rd | Yangya | 3 | Springbank Rd | Caltowie | 4 |
| Powerline Rd | Yangya | 2 | Caltowie Hornsdale Rd | Caltowie | 2.5 |
| Mt Lock Rd | Caltowie | 6 | Mt Lock Dr | Caltowie | 6.5 |
| Govt Rd | Belalie Whyte | 4 | Springs/Govt Rd | Bundaleer | 5 |
| Wehrmann Rd | Bundaleer | 1 | Kerin Rd | Bundaleer | 1 |
| Belalie Nth Rd | Belalie Whyte | 3 | Browns Hill Rd | Belalie Whyte | 7.5 |
| Brogan Rd | Belalie Whyte | 4 | Williams Rd | Belalie Whyte | 3.5 |
| Coleman Rd | Belalie Whyte | 3 | Quarry Rd | Belalie Whyte | 3 |
| Kelly Rd | Belalie Whyte | 5 | Blesings Rd | Yangya | 3 |

Total Patrol Grading is 203.9 km

15.2.6 FORWARD WORK PLAN

- o Gladstone Main St Project
- o Tarcowie toilets - trenching and installation.
- o Paving of the Yacka Town Hall Area
- o Event Preparation
- o Rural Road Naming
- o Install Pipes & Culverts various locations
- o Resheet Program
- o Patrol Grading
- o Mowing and general maintenance all towns.

15.2.7 JAMESTOWN INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION SEALING

Item: To provide an all weather, heavy duty surface to the Jamestown Industrial Subdivision.

Background:

Following the development of the Jamestown Industrial Subdivision, Council approved the asphalt sealing and concrete kerbing of McLeod Drive and Wenham Road at its ordinary meeting on July 15th 2008.

Associated with plans to upgrade the Industrial Subdivision Suzlon Energy will upgrade the power amperage to the entire subdivision

Discussion:

Trenching and installation of conduits has been completed and work on the base for concrete kerbing has now been complete and the kerbing is also completed. Cutting, trimming and compaction of the base to accept 50mm of asphalt has now been completed.

Asphalting was carried out on September 7th and 8th to complete the road surfacing. Shoulders on the property side of the spoon drains have been prepared and will be spray sealed.

15.2.8 PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE (Belalie Creek, Jamestown)

Item: Plan for removal of existing pedestrian footbridge across Belalie Creek, Jamestown.

Background:

At Council's Meeting on June 16th 2009 Council directed that the offer from ASCO Fabrication Pty Ltd to construct a new pedestrian footbridge across Belalie Creek be accepted.

Discussion:

Staff have had the existing bridge inspected by Trevor Mace to advise if the bridge can be salvaged for use elsewhere in the Council district. A report from Trevor will advise that the ends are badly rusted and unusable, especially given that a minimum length of 30 metres would be required to span Pissant Creek, at Port Street, Gladstone. Furthermore, the width of 900mm is not compliant with current standards. As the existing bridge is designed for support at 8.0metre centres, it would also require additional support in the form of 600mm minimum "I" beams to span Pissant Creek without bending.

Status:

The dismantle plan for the bridge has been completed. Part of the plan will be to call for Tenders for the dismantling and removal of the existing bridge.

Construction is expected to take approximately six months.

All necessary documentation has been finalized and returned. ASCO is currently preparing jigs for construction of the first bridge module and has sent out some base sections to a specialist engineering firm with a large scale milling machine to router the long sections. They are still awaiting supply of major aluminium sections from supplier, Capral.

15.2.9 SPECIAL LOCAL ROADS APPLICATIONS

Item: Special Local Roads Applications.

Background:

Council recommended 4 roads to be presented to the Central Local Government Region for consideration for Special Local Roads Funding. In the past Council has been successful in receiving funding for key roads. This year Council submitted Andrews Rd, Hill River Rd, Booleroo – Peterborough Rd and Gladstone - Huddleston Rd (ongoing funding). The applications were due in January 2009. These were submitted and a presentation was made to the committee that assess these roads.

Comment:

Staff have been in contact with the CEO of the Central Local Government Region regarding the allocation of funding from the SLR funding round. Once the recommendations have been passed on to the next committee no further information is available until the minister announces his decision later in the year.

Status:

Council has received notification that it will receive funding of \$726,000 towards the Gladstone-Huddleston road sealing project. This will be matched by Council's contribution of \$363,000. Details of this funding are presented in the Manager of Finance report.

15.2.10 GLADSTONE GIVEWAY SIGNS

Item: Installation of Give Way signs on Gladstone town cross streets.

Background:

The cross streets in the township of Gladstone have been identified as requiring the installation of "Give Way" signs to avoid confusion as to which motorist should have right of way.

Discussion:

Once the required materials arrived and were assembled and the technical information was obtained this project was completed within the required time frame.

15.2.11 RURAL PROPERTY ADDRESSING

Item: Presentation to staff for implementation of Rural Property addressing in Northern Areas Council.

Discussion:

On Wednesday 22nd July 2009 Ron Hope and Jeff Laubsch from Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) presented staff with information regarding the new Rural Property Addressing that is being implemented in South Australia and Nation Wide. This new address will be used to identify every occupied rural property. It will also remove the use of RSD and RMB and lot number addressing. This will be replaced by an Official Number, road name, locality or suburb and post

code. PO Boxes and Private Mail Bags will be retained. The address is worked out using the following information: the number is the start distance in metres from the start of the road to your entrance, divided by 10. From the start of the road, odd numbers are always on the left and even numbers on the right. This numbering is being implemented nationally with Victoria and NSW already using it.

The new address will not only be important if emergency services are required at the property, it will also be helpful for tradespeople, delivery services, utility services and visitors.

Staff are currently working with DTEI to implement a working plan to determine the time plan for this roll out. The expected finish date is June 2010. This time frame will be extended due to the budget implications that were passed at the July 2009 Council meeting.

Council has a number of roads that will require naming during this process and these will be presented to Council in due course. Staff have begun preliminary work on this project.

15.2.12 NRM WEEDSPRAY UNIT, CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE

Item: Opportunity to purchase the weedspray unit from Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board (NRM).

Background:

The NRM Board have in the past provided a number of weed spray units mounted on four wheel drive utilities. One such unit has been based at Northern Areas Council and operated for NRM as required by Council's Certified Pest Control Officer, Mr Brian Ackland. It is also available for Council use on a hire basis at a rate of \$50.00 per day.

There is a concern that when the unit is replaced, the new vehicle may not be based in the region (or at least within Northern Areas Council) and hence will not be available for Council use.

The existing unit is fully equipped for all weed spray applications, is mounted on a 2004(1/10/04) Toyota Landcruiser utility which has travelled 57,000 kilometres from new and is in generally very good condition.

Discussion:

Since Council needs to have ongoing use of a weed control vehicle for its own use, and a new unit equipped to the standard of this one would be very expensive (approx \$70,000), it is proposed that Council attempt to purchase this unit from NRM.

The Manager of Engineering Services has had discussions regarding Council's interest in this equipment with Ms Lyn Waldon, CEO of NYNRM Board who has indicated that they would be happy for Council to purchase the unit, subject to a satisfactory purchase offer. She also indicated that the NRM Board is now having to utilize State Supply for vehicle supplies and this may be the last one available for direct private purchase, without having to bid at Government Auction.

Status:

A letter of offer has been sent to the NRM and staff are awaiting a reply from the NRM Board.

15.2.13 WENHAMS ROAD CREST REDUCTION

Item: A request was received to investigate the lowering of the crest to the west of Wenham's driveway on Wenham's Road, Jamestown.

Background:

Lack of sight distance over the crest on Wenham's Road was considered to be dangerous, especially for vehicles entering or leaving Wenham's property.

Discussion:

Mace Engineering Services were consulted to establish the best course of action to alleviate this problem, whilst keeping in mind potential future uses of the road as an access to the Industrial Subdivision and possibly as a future Heavy Vehicle Bypass around Jamestown.

A report was produced and survey carried out, followed by an application for service location data.

At Mace Engineering's suggestion, Council will now carry out exploratory excavation to determine the feasibility of removing the rocky crest. If this appears viable and the rock is not too hard to excavate, Mace Engineering will produce the design drawings and level plots to enable work to commence. Should the rock prove too hard to remove by excavation Council staff will take advice regarding the feasibility of blasting, or alternately a different profile will have to be considered.

Council staff will float the excavator over to Wenham Road prior to the end of September to carry out the exploratory excavation.

15.2.14 PISSANT CREEK CLEAN-UP

Item: Removal of pest plants from Pissant Creek, Gladstone

Background:

Funding was received by Council from Stormwater Management Authority for removal of pest plants along the course and banks of Pissant Creek, Gladstone, between Port Street bridge and Main North Road.

Work permitted under this funding included spraying of weeds and cutting/physical removal of woody weeds such as palms, olives, peppercorns and boxthorns.

Discussion:

In general, removal of any native species such as Broughton Willow which suckers to produce impenetrable screens was not permitted, as instructed by a representative of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board (NRM).

Extensive work was carried out over two years ago but funding still exists and some pest plants have again proliferated, necessitating further work. Removal of debris, and pest plants by spraying, cut and swab and physical removal will be commenced during August. This work will continue and any regrowth of pest plants will be removed.

A work program has been prepared to complete the cleanup of this area and it is anticipated that clean up works will commence during September and be completed prior to the end of October before drying of the vegetation is complete.

15.2.15 CONVERSION OF PLANT 116

Item: Conversion of Plant 116, International 3600 Truck, from a rigid truck to Prime Mover with turntable.

Status:

The truck is nearing completion and the tipper body repairs are complete. It is expected the truck will be ready for collection the week ending 11th Sept 2009.

15.2.16 JAMESTOWN SKATE PARK

Item: Building of a Skate Park in Jamestown.

Background:

A number of years ago concerned members of the community suggested a Skate Park be built for the youths in the Jamestown area where they could safely ride their bicycles, skateboards etc. This project was instigated by Northern Areas Council Youth Advisory Council with the support of Council. It has now become a full Council project with money allocated in the budget to complete this long term project.

Discussion:

The Skate Park has been placed in the parklands area near both of the Jamestown Schools. The earthworks have begun with the shaping of mounds and some pipe work has been installed. The wet weather in the last few months has delayed the cementing of this area. Wet weather has continued to keep this project behind schedule. Unfortunately due to the work involved waiting for finer weather is the only option.

15.2.17 ASSESSMENT OF COUNCIL OWNED BRIDGES

Item: Engineering assessment to be carried out on Council owned bridges.

Discussion:

At Council's request and as part of Council's Asset Management Plan each of Council's owned bridges needs to be assessed by an engineer to determine any weakness that may be present and hence carry out any maintenance that is required.

The Manager of Engineering Services contacted Tony Nobbs of DTEI Bridges Section. Tony has advised that he will request that when the DTEI bridge assessment team carry out the inspections of the DTEI owned bridges in the area they will also carry out the inspections of the bridges owned by Northern Areas Council.

15.2.18 TRAFFIC DATA AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR RAIL LEVEL CROSSINGS.

Item: Request from DTEI Level Crossing Unit for traffic data at Railway Crossings on roads owned by Northern Areas Council.

Discussion:

Staff have set up a plan to collect traffic data using the metro count units at each railway crossing (as supplied by DTEI). This plan is expected to take three to four months. This data will then be supplied to DTEI for its database.

15.2.19 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Item: Waste Management and recycling in the Northern Areas Council.

Background:

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) issued a guideline document entitled "Environmental Management of Landfill Facilities" in January 2007, which in essence sought to support the Zero Waste SA program of waste avoidance and minimization rather than landfill disposal, and minimize the risk of adverse impacts on the water and air environments. Further background was provided in the Agenda item 15.2.8 in the March 17th 2009 Agenda.

Discussion:

Council has set a target to close and or develop the existing landfill sites into transfer stations by July 2010 the time line set by the EPA. The full discussion to this item can be found in the agenda for the Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009.

It is envisaged that given current landfill rates and the closure of landfill sites at Georgetown and Laura, the pit at Gladstone would remain viable until 2012, at which time it would require closure also. These changes will require a revision to Council's landfill closure plan and re-submission to EPA for approval – this process has been commenced but is awaiting a written report from the inspections from the EPA.

Status:

The Manager of Engineering Services will contact the EPA to ascertain the requirements to be met in order to lodge a Development Application to establish a new landfill site.

15.2.20 OPERATIONAL REPORTS - MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES, DAVID COWIN**15.2.20.1 Gladstone Flood Drain**

This project has been mooted for over 10 years. Photos were taken of north Gladstone (just off Bondowie Street) after the flood in early 2000 showing the extent of flooding. Some time later a concept design was completed, funding obtained and engineering works commissioned. It is a credit to the staff and members that finally in 2009 this project was completed. The new flood diversion drain constructed over private land will be a great asset to the people living in Washington, West & Centre Streets and will allow development in the area which again will be improved when Washington & Centre St are kerbed and sealed to control local water flows. The new drain will help stop the regular flooding in James & Port Streets and the local emergency services having to sand bag the local hot spots anytime day or night.

15.2.20.2 Gladstone St Development

The Committee for improving Gladstone St needs to be congratulated for having the drive and initiative that enabled changes to be made to give Gladstone Street a total uplift.

The new look Gladstone Street is very original and innovative, although this has resulted in a minority of locals voicing their concerns. Making changes that affect peoples' driving & parking habits and not having total member support has made for interesting and difficult times for contractors, council staff and the Development Committee. The design includes flush paving along the centre of the street, trees, wooden bollards and the inclusion of protuberance at each intersection which has

had a great effect on traffic calming (design meets Australian Standards). The now slower speed of traffic has been the result of the perception of the carriage way being narrow, when in reality we have approx 4.5 metres between each protuberance and the flush paving. (This now has become a lot safer for the elderly and the young to cross this street). White lining of the entire main street, highlighting the centre paving, street parking and protuberances will make for safer driving both day and night. (Weather permitting this will be completed next week). When the project is completed with the new off street parking, lawned areas, gardens, shelter sheds, playground and perhaps the new Panorama, this area will be the envy of a lot of neighbouring towns.

15.2.21 MANAGER OF OPERATIONS, ANTHONY KENNING

Item: Update on works to be completed.

Routine mowing and slashing in all townships and general maintenance, (along with getting grounds ready for Footy Finals etc), has continued, but some other jobs/projects are taking more time to attend to, than would normally be the case.

The Yacka paving project is just one example where 3 staff members were scheduled to work on the project, however 2 were away sick for several days, forcing a delay in the completion of the project.

Meeting Adjourned

7 pm

Moved Cr. McPherson seconded Cr. Clark that the meeting adjourn until 8 pm for the evening meal.

CARRIED 5997

Meeting Resumed

8:08 pm

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Robinson that the meeting now resume.

CARRIED 5998

Present: Cr. AG Woolford (Chairman), Cr. M.J. Catford (Deputy Chairman), Cr. D.V. Clark, Cr. R.B. Lang, Cr. D.F. McPherson, Cr. M.J. Robinson, Cr. G.D. Scott, Cr. F.C. Sparks, Cr. D.T. Wheatley. Staff Keith Hope (Chief Executive Officer), David Rattley (Manager of Finance), Roger Crowley, (Manager Corporate Governance), Bernadette Semler (Executive Assistant).

16. RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved Cr. Sparks seconded Cr. Clark that the Risk Management Officer's Report be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 5999

16.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

Nil

16.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

16.2.1 OHS&W – SECURITY AT GLADSTONE OFFICE

Item: Report on security for staff at the Gladstone office.

Background:

Over the last 5 years 3 incidents have occurred at the Gladstone office, where council staff have been threatened by a member of the public. In all incidents only one Council staff was in the office at the time.

In all incidents, it has been identified through the risk assessment process, that council staff members have no path of emergency escape while they are working in this office under the current arrangement, where the only exit door is shared by the public and staff.

Discussion:

A report outlining numerous options to address this issue will be presented to the September OHS&W Meeting for discussion and possible resolution.

16.2.2 STAFF TRAINING

Item: Training provided;

Discussion:

Managing Liquor Licensing Applications; Attended by K Hope, G Swearse, R Crowley A Thomson. Training provided by Walkmans' Lawyers on the 3rd of September 2009 at LGA House, Hutt Street Adelaide.

Fire Prevention Officers Seminar; Attended by M Lambert. Training provided by the Country Fire Service on the 20th and 21st August 2009 at the CFS Training Facility at Brukunga via Nairne SA.

Caterpillar M series Grader Operator Training; Attended by; A Kenning, D Hillam, D Klingner, J Penn, R Lock, G Miles, B Hagger Training provided by Cavpower Adelaide; on the 1st of September 2009 at the Jamestown Works Depot and Eldena Road.

Unsealed Road Workshop; Attended by P Broomhead, A Kenning, Provided By; ARRB Group on the 3rd and 4th of Sept 2009 at the Standpipe Hotel Motel Pt Augusta.

16.2.3 DISTRICT WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM

Item: Council weed spraying program.

Discussion:

Council staff continue the winter/spring spraying program for weed control of streets ovals, reserves, depots, ect, throughout the district as weather permits.

16.2.4 FIRE PREVENTION

Item: Fire prevention publicity

Discussion:

Fire Prevention message has been compiled for the upcoming council newsletter.

17. MANAGER OF FINANCE'S REPORT

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Clark that the Manager of Finance Report be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 6000

17.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

17.1.1 NAB ASSET FINANCE FACILITY

Item: NAB Asset Finance Facility

Background:

Council has previously held such a facility with the NAB for many years. As a matter of process the \$1,000,000 facility is now due for renewal.

Discussion:

Such a facility incurs no cost to Council while it is not being used, similar to an overdraft facility. Keeping such a facility in place will provide flexibility for financing purchases if required in the future.

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Robinson that the NAB Asset Finance Facility be renewed and that Council's Common Seal be affixed to the documentation.

CARRIED 6001

17.1.2 LGFA Loan approval

Item: LGFA Loan approval.

Background:

Councils 2009/10 Budget includes Loan Borrowings of \$3,641,000 for the following projects.

- Jamestown Water Re-use scheme \$1,000,000
- Laura Water Re-use Scheme \$600,000
- Plant & Equipment Purchases \$1,191,000
- Industrial Park Sealing & Extension \$600,000
- Council Residence \$250,000

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Clark that Council approves loan borrowings of \$3,391,000 as detailed in the adopted 2009/10 budget and that Council's Common Seal be affixed to all relevant loan documentation from the Local Government Finance Authority.

CARRIED 6002

17.1.3 Victoria Park Trust Request for Financial Assistance

Item: Victoria Park Trust Request for Financial Assistance.

Background:

A letter and supporting information is attached from Vic Park Trust. In summary the trust employed the services of a local electrical company to undertake electrical upgrades at Victoria Park. No consultation was undertaken with Council staff before commencement of the work. The trust are now seeking a Council contribution towards the expenditure.

Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Clark that Council shall contribute 1/3 of the expenditure as requested for the electrical upgrades at Victoria Park and that a letter be sent to Victoria Park Trust reminding them of their responsibility to consult with Council staff in regard to works undertaken on Council Assets.

CARRIED 6003

Keith hope declared an interest in Item 17.1.4 and left the Council Chamber [Reason provided: Vehicle provided by Council as part of the CEO's employment package]

17.1.4 VEHICLE CHANGEOVER

Item: That Council choose a quote for vehicle changeover.

Background:

The CEO's vehicle is due for changeover and as such was included in the 2009/10 budget.

Discussion:

The minimum 2 quotes have been received per Council policy and were tabled at the meeting).

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Scott that Council purchase a Toyota Aurion Sportivo SX6, trading in the existing Toyota Aurion, Registration XMC542, from Kelly Toyota (as per the quotation received).

CARRIED 6004

17.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

17.2.1 BANK RECONCILIATION & LGFA INVESTMENTS/DEBENTURES

The bank reconciliation, LGFA Investments and Debenture Schedules as at 31 August 2009 is attached to the Agenda Report.

17.2.2 PAYMENT LISTING

The invoices paid during August 2009 is attached to the Agenda Report.

17.2.3 YEAR TO DATE BUDGET COMPARISON

Attached to the Agenda Report for information is the August 2009 monthly comparison of actual expenditure against budget.

17.2.4 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT POLICY

After adoption of the policy at the March meeting we have been looking into areas of savings that may occur, At this stage 8 savings initiatives have been added to the register.

17.2.5 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Majority of asset valuation data has now been loaded on Council's Synergy Soft Assets System as part of the process of producing the 2008/09 Financial Statements.

17.2.6 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS ALLOCATION ILT3323

Attached to the Agenda is a copy of the letter from Hon Gail Gago MLC explaining Council's 2009/10 Grants commission allocation. The general allocation is some \$30,000 higher than anticipated in the budget. An amount of \$133,000 has also been received for the Laura to Orroroo Road and \$726,000 for the Gladstone to Huddleston Road (\$202,000 higher than the conservative budget figure) Adjustments required will form part of the 30 September budget review.

17.2.7 ADVANCE PAYMENT JUNE 2009 OF COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Document attached from both the LGA and Dean Newbery & Partners (Council's Auditors) in relation to preferred accounting treatment of the above.

18. GOVERNANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Clark that the Governance & Risk Management Report be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 6005

18.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

18.1.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil

18.1.2 SECTION 41 COMMITTEES - JAMESTOWN SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – ELECTION

Item: Ratification of election of 5 Members to the Committee

Moved Cr. Scott seconded Cr. Catford that Council ratifies the appointment of the following people as members of the Jamestown Swimming Pool Management Committee for a two year term:

- **Peter (Rick) Kelly**
- **Mary Daly**
- **Kay Meaney (or another person appointed by her as a proxy from the membership of the Jamestown Swimming Club Inc.)**
- **Tina Richardson**
- **Heather Morgan**

CARRIED 6006

18.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

18.2.1 MEMBERS TRAINING

Item: Upcoming LGA training courses designed for Council Members.

Discussion:

Details of the September and October Training Courses for Council Members - Circular 35.4 detailed in the Report.

18.2.2 COMPARISON OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

Item: Update on the comparison of Community Groups

Background:

Council undertook a review of the Golf Clubs, Tennis Clubs, Bowling Clubs and Yacka Cemetery Trust in the Council area at the September, October, December 2008, February and July 2009 Council meetings.

Discussion:

A report of miscellaneous Sporting & Community Groups is being developed and will be reported at the October Council meeting

18.2.3 MEDICAL CENTRE LEASE

Item: Update on the Medical Centre Lease

Discussion:

It is proposed that the subcommittee of the Jamestown Health and Ambulance Centre Management Committee will meet shortly to consider this report and reports already received from a painting contractor, an air-conditioning contractor and floor covering contractor, prior to furthering lease negotiations with Doctors Conway and Abbot.

18.2.4 BELALIE CREEK RESTAURANT LEASE

Item: Update on the lease of the Belalie Creek Restaurant

Discussion:

Voumard Lawyers have been asked to draw up a 5 year lease (with 5 years right of renewal) commencing 1/3/09 to Erna Contractor Pty Ltd trading as the Belalie Creek Restaurant. Council is still waiting for a draft lease document to be finalised by Voumard Lawyers.

18.2.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME - ROB EDWARDS, DIVISIONAL MANAGER

Item: Provision of cover for statutory financial fines and penalties that are incurred for breaches under the OHS&W Act.

19. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved Cr. Wheatley seconded Cr. Robinson that the Chief Executive Officer's Report be taken as read and noted.

CARRIED 6007

19.1 ITEMS FOR DECISION

19.1.1 CITY OF CHARLES STURT, Harold F Anderson AM, JP, Mayor

Item: Driver Safety Education

Background:

During the City of Charles Sturt Council meeting held on Monday 22 June 2009, a Notice of Motion was received and carried for Council to lobby relevant authorities to implement drive safety education in South Australian secondary schools.

The intent of the Motion is that the City of Charles Sturt encourages the State Government to take further measures to introduce drive safety education programs in all South Australian secondary schools. This program should highlight the dangers of speed, the effects of alcohol and other drugs when driving, and other relevant topics relating to driver and passenger safety. Council is of the view that a Driver Safety Education Program should be a compulsory part of the school curriculum starting at Year 10 through to Year 12 inclusive, with the program being made a part of the SACE requirement to highlight its importance.

Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Clark that Council gives in principle support to the City of Charles Sturt Notice of Motion to lobby relevant authorities to implement driver safety education in South Australian secondary schools.

CARRIED 6008

19.2 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

19.2.1 REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Item: Council was required to undertake a periodic review of its wards prior to the expected 2010 local government elections.

Status:

Following the adoption of the Final Representation Review Report at the August 2009 meeting, in accordance with Section 12 (12) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council has forwarded its Final Representation Review Report to the Electoral Commission SA which will now undertake the Gazettal process.

19.2.2 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

Item: State and Federal Governments are pursuing initiatives to rationalise regional development representation by exploring options to merge Area Consultative Committees and Regional Development Boards.

Background:

Both State and Federal Governments have a structure to support regional development. In South Australia, the Federal Government funds 5 Area Consultative Committees while the State Government oversees 13 Regional Development Boards. Late last year Federal Ministers Grey and Albanese approached State Minister McEwen with a proposal to merge the two forms of regional development support offices.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications:

The Northern Areas Council along with Regional Council of Port Pirie and DC of Mount Remarkable contribute about a third of the funding towards the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board and have just (re) negotiated a 5 year resource agreement with the State Government to deliver a range of local economic development, investment attraction and employment outcomes.

Status:

Establishing the new RDA and having it function successfully from January 2010 relies on a smooth transition and timely action from the owners (contributing Councils) and existing RDBs and the election of a new Board.

19.2.3 COMPARISON OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

Item: Letter from Georgetown Ward Sporting Clubs

Background:

Letter received from a number of Georgetown Ward sporting clubs is in response to letters sent to all golf, tennis and bowling clubs in Council's district following Council's decisions to adopt uniform policies with respect to measures of support to sporting clubs. The letter crossed a letter sent to the Georgetown Bowling Club following Council's August Meeting.

19.2.4 SPALDING FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Item: To develop a flood mitigation program for the Spalding township

Background:

The town of Spalding has suffered damage in recent years as a result of flash flooding and Council has commissioned a Report with a view to addressing the major flood issues.

Budget, Risk Management and/or Policy Implications:

Council has made provision in its budget to undertake flood mitigation works at Spalding during 2008/2009. A preliminary allocation of \$110,400 (assuming \$55,000 grant funding) was made subject to completion of the Flood Management Plan. This figure will need to be revised in the next budget to reflect the nature of actual works to be undertaken.

Project Update:

Following completion of the survey - the next step in the project process is to undertake a detailed design (or scope of works) of the works to be undertaken to implement option 4 of the Spalding North and Western Areas Flood Management Plan. It is proposed that these works be programmed over a three year period to fit with Federal & State funding options. Following completion of the detailed design works, Council can commence preparing an application for Government funding to support implementation of the project.

Status

Council has advised GHD that it accepts its estimate to undertake detailed design work for this project and is preparing a Consultant's Contract for (their) consideration.

19.2.5 DESIGN OPTIONS FOR NEW PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE (Belalie Creek, Jamestown)

Item: Replacement pedestrian footbridge across Belalie Creek, Jamestown

Status:

A works order has been issued to ASCO Fabrication to commence construction of the new footbridge.

19.2.6 SAHT, BOMBALA UNITS, 1-4 CROSS STREET, GLADSTONE

Item: To determine a future outcome for the Bombala Units at Gladstone.

Project Status:

At the time of writing this report, no response to the letter sent by Norman Waterhouse to Housing SA on this matter had been received.

19.2.7 LAURA FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Item: Development of a flood mitigation program for Laura, incorporating appropriate water harvesting opportunities.

Project Status:

It is understood that Wallbridge & Gilbert has completed the Laura Study and Council expects to receive a draft copy soon.

19.2.8 MEMBER TRAINING

Item: LGA Education and Training Service 2009 program

Background:

A summary of courses being offered through the LGA Education and Training Service 2009 Program was provided with the January 2009 Agenda.

Discussion:

Council offers (its) Members a comprehensive range of training and educational opportunities to enable Members to meet their training and educational responsibilities. Council encourages Members to consider

participating in a training and educational program to better equip and inform themselves of issues relating to the workings of Council and their obligations and ability to represent their wards. Where Councillors wish to undertake a personal development activity which is not covered through participation in a scheduled program – such requests should be discussed with the Manager of Corporate Governance in the first instance.

19.2.9 2009 LGA AGM & ASSOCIATED SESSIONS

Item: LGA AGM & Associated Sessions

Discussion:

The 2009 LGA AGM and Associated Sessions will be held on 29 and 30 October at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The Agenda for the meeting will be available late September.

Currently serving Council Members who have served Local Government for 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years or more are eligible to receive a Certificate of Service.

The LGA has determined that due to the prestigious status of the Certificates of Service, they will be presented before an audience of the recipient's peers at the AGM Dinner on Thursday 29 October 2009. Recipients of the Certificates of Service will be invited to attend the AGM Dinner as a guest of the LGA.

Chairman Allan Woolford, Deputy Chairman Malcolm Catford, Cr Sparks and Cr Scott, are eligible to receive Certificates of Service to Local Government and details of their service have been prepared and forwarded to the Local Government Association.

19.2.10 ROY AND JEAN BARNETT, ROSE COTTAGE, 16 GARDEN STREET, LAURA

Item: Letter from Roy and Jean Barnett, Laura, relating to Council rate increases.

19.2.11 UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Item: Council has received a complaint regarding an unsightly allotment.

Status:

Council staff are currently investigating a report of unsightly premises. In this case the land owners have been asked to advise their intentions regarding their allotments.

19.2.12 2010 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Item: Northern Areas Council 2010 Australia Day Awards

Comment:

Nominations are open for the Northern Areas Council 2010 Australia Day Awards in the following categories;

Citizen of the Year Award:

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen.

Young Citizen of the Year Award:

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen under 30 years of age on January 26, 2010.

* Please note: the maximum age for this Award has previously been 25 years *

Community Event of the Year Award:

This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.

Nominations forms are available from the Jamestown, Gladstone or Spalding Offices during normal office hours, or mailed/emailed on request.

Closing Date: - 5 pm – Monday 9th November, 2009

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Nominations will be considered at the November meeting of Council.

20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

20.1 INDEX FOR CIRCULARS

20.1.1 Local Government Association

Re: Index for report No. 33 (13.08.2009)

20.1.2 Local Government Association

Re: Index for report No. 34 (20.08.2009)

20.1.3 Local Government Association

Re: Index for report No. 35 (27.08.2009)

20.1.4 Local Government Association

Re: Index for Report No. 36 (03.09.2009)

21. SECTION 41 COMMITTEES

21.5 Gladstone Swimming Pool Management Committee

- Minutes of the meeting Held 17th August 2009

21.13 Mid North be active Field Officer Management Committee

- Minutes of the Meeting August 2009.

21.18 Spalding Community Management Committee

- Agenda of the meeting held 17th June 2009
- Minutes of the meeting 17th June 2009
- Agenda of the meeting held 5th August 2009
- Minutes of the meeting 5th August 2009

22. COUNCIL DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr. McPherson:

- Rocky River District Health and Care Service Bus Committee meeting (Council delegate)
- Northern Areas Community Road Safety Committee AGM (Section 41 Committee - Council delegate)

- Gladstone Swimming Pool Management Committee meeting (Section 41 Committee - Council delegate)
- Official opening of the Laura Sporting Reserve Complex
- Opening of the Art Exhibition at Gladstone Town Hall
- Inspection of the Gladstone office
- Gladstone Community Development & Tourism Association Inc meeting (Council delegate)
- Better Living Group meeting at Laura

Cr. Wheatley:

- Stone Hut Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee meeting (Section 41 Committee - Council delegate)
- Stone Hut Development Committee AGM (Section 41 Committee)

Cr. Catford:

- Meeting of the Executive Management Committee on 31 August 2009
- Inspection of Council's new CAT 12 M Grader

Cr. Scott:

- Spalding Community Management Committee AGM (Section 41 Committee - Council delegate)
- Yacka Craft Shop 10 year celebration
- Spalding Rodeo Committee meeting (Section 41 Sub- Committee - Council delegate)

Cr. Sparks:

- Jamestown Regional Hydrotherapy Pool Committee meeting (Section 41 Committee - Council delegate)
- Health and Community meeting at Orroroo - Ruth Robinson spoke
- Northern Waste Management meeting at Burra

Cr. Lang:

- Yacka Craft Shop 10 year celebration
- Inspection of Playground at Georgetown
- Inspection of post office

Cr. Robinson:

- Hallett CFS Group AGM
- Region 4 CFS Management meeting in Burra
- Northern Waste Management meeting at Burra
- Jamestown Development Association meeting (Section 41 Committee - Council delegate)

22.1 YOUTH PROBLEM IN JAMESTOWN

Cr. Robinson informed the meeting about concerns being expressed in the community regarding the vandalism of public property in Jamestown.

Moved Cr. Robinson seconded Cr. Clark that the Jamestown Police be invited to address Council about what they are doing about the youth problem in Jamestown.

Amendment to the Motion

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Lang that a letter be forwarded to the Jamestown Police expressing Council's concern regarding the vandalism of public property in Jamestown and asking

whether the Police may wish to take the opportunity to attend a meeting of Council to provide details on strategies being put in place for controlling this illegal behaviour.

CARRIED 6009

The Amendment became the motion and was put.

CARRIED 6010

22.2

COUNCIL COMMUNITY QUESTION TIME

Cr. Sparks informed the meeting that the District Council of Mt Remarkable and other Councils in the region allocate time at each Council meeting for a community question time. During this period, any member of the public can come into a Council meeting and ask a question of Council, without notice.

Moved Cr. Catford seconded Cr. Scott that the CEO investigate and seek advice from the LGA regarding a community question time at Council meetings.

CARRIED 6011

Cr. Clark:

- Mid North Health Advisory Council meeting at Booleroo (Council delegate)
- Meeting of the Executive Management Committee on 31 August 2009
- Belalie Arts Society Inc meeting
- Jamestown Community Action Group meeting
- CFS Farm Fire Units Committee teleconference meetings

Cr. Woolford:

- Laura Community Development & Tourism Association Inc AGM
- Conducted a Citizenship Ceremony in Jamestown
- Conducted a Citizenship Ceremony in Laura
- Meeting of the Executive Management Committee on 31 August 2009
- Meeting with Council CEO and Staff regarding the official opening of the Laura Sporting Reserve Complex
- Official opening of the Laura Sporting Reserve Complex
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- Northern Areas Council Development Assessment Panel meeting in Laura (Council delegate)
- Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board Inc meeting (Council delegate)
- Central Local Government Region Inc meeting at Kadina (Council delegate)
- Central Local Government Region Inc meeting in Clare

23.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The date of Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be Tuesday 20th October 2009.

24.

MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:14 pm.

Confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 October 2009

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Chairman