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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

An ORDINARY MEETING of LISMORE CITY COUNCIL will be held **AT ELTHAM**
COMMUNITY HALL on TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999, at 6.30pm and members of
Council are requested to attend.

***Councillors are requested to attend at 6.00pm to meet residents
informally.***

(Ken Gainger)
GENERAL MANAGER

May 11, 1999

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CITY OF LISMORE

NOTICE OF MOTION

I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of the Council the following motion:

That the area of Lismore Park known as “Jolley Field” adjacent to the Bocce Club be dedicated as a travelling show site and the process required be commenced immediately.

Note:

Since the circus problems in February it is obvious we need a high profile place for shows, etc. Jolley Field has no residences in the vicinity and is close to parking areas.

COUNCILLOR K R Gallen

DATE April 23, 1999

STAFF COMMENT BY ACTING GROUP MANAGER-CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES:
(Anne Meagher)

Background

Historically, Council provided a dedicated travelling show site adjacent to the Netball Courts on Ballina Road. This site attracted considerable opposition from residents in relation to noise and other disturbances as a result of persons camping on the site. It was then resolved to refer all travelling shows to the Showground which offered the following benefits:

1. As the name suggests, the *showground* specifically provides for travelling shows and the annual North Coast National.
2. Offers all infrastructure required by travelling shows
3. Removed from residents
4. Comparable in cost to Council owned sites
5. Readily available for bookings (the Showground is currently under-utilised)
6. The Show Society is keen to provide such a service as a means of generating much needed income to upgrade and maintain facilities.

It is important to realise that Council supports visits by travelling shows to our city and has attempted to satisfy the needs of travelling shows by suggesting the following alternative sites:

- TAFE site at Wollongbar which is used for Farmarama
- Nesbitt Park
- Greyhound Track which is central to the CBD
- Rugby Fields
- Trinity College grounds.

There has been resistance from travelling shows to the use of alternative sites, particularly the Showground, due to the fact that the site is not a high exposure site. The result has been the loss of travelling shows to this area with the accompanying loss to Lismore of the economic and cultural benefits that flow from these events.

Proposed Dedication of Jolley Field

Jolley Field is located on Lismore Park adjacent to the Continental Club in Uralba Street. The site provides for high exposure for travelling shows but presents a number of difficulties if we were to dedicate the site for the use of travelling shows:

1. The use of Jolley Field for this purpose would require an amendment to the Plan of Management for Lismore Park. Whether this amendment would require the entire Plan of Management to be re-exhibited or the amendment only, requires further investigation. Given the long history of litigation over Lismore Park any amendment to the Plan of Management must not be considered lightly as it may well lead to further litigation and cost to Council.

Clause 41 of the LEP provides for temporary use of public land for any purpose up to 14 days p.a. (within a calendar year) without the need for development consent. Delegated approval by the Manager, Parks and Reserves in consultation with the Public Lands and Strategy Management Team (PLASM) is required. A S68 Activity Approval from Council's H& B staff would also be required for the erection of fences, stage, marquee etc. *However, whilst this clause removes the need for development consent, advice from Council's Senior Development Assessment Planner suggests that an amendment to the Lismore Park Plan of Management would still be required.*

2. Lack of toilet, camping facilities on site. The nearest toilets are located in Dawson Street, the No. 2 Pavilion in Magellan Street and behind the Dawson Street Caravan Park. However, these difficulties could be overcome by granting use of Jolley Field, conditional on the organisers providing toilet facilities on site. Similarly, consideration might also be given to use of the existing caravan park for camping as a condition of use.
3. Whilst it is not proposed to provide spectator parking on Jolley Field there may well be road safety issues involved in the public accessing the site by foot from the designated carparks.

Whilst the dedication of Jolley Field as the site for travelling shows would provide for a high profile site, close to the CBD and yet removed from residences, such use will require an amendment to the Lismore Park Plan of Management.

(P849:99-6701)

CITY OF LISMORE

NOTICE OF MOTION

I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of the Council the following motion:

That Council support the efforts currently being made by Lismore Unlimited to promote confidence in the CBD by investigating and, if economically feasible, providing funds to enable treatment of the western footpath in Keen Street between Woodlark and Magellan Streets with a suitable surfacing agent.

Upon discussions between Council and Lismore Unlimited and when a suitable surfacing agent has been selected, work to commence as soon as practically possible. This to be done in conjunction with the General Manager's directive (27/4/99) in relation to CBD street cleaning and footpath upgrading.

Comments

This particular section of footpath was chosen because it and the kerb and gutter was reconstructed in the early eighties and is in reasonably good condition.

This work would be part of an effort by Lismore Unlimited and Council to engender confidence in and support for our CBD and the many services it provides and will be the first stage of a process to upgrade all of our CBD in a programme that can be done over a number of years, if necessary.

COUNCILLOR M H King

DATE May 4, 1999

STAFF COMMENT BY: General Manager

Since my earlier advice to Councillors regarding proposals to undertake the cleaning and resurfacing of footpaths around the main CBD block, there have been a number of discussions with Jeanine King of Lismore Unlimited to progress this matter, culminating in a meeting held on Friday involving Chris Mallam, Trevor Orams and Lois Kelly of Lismore Unlimited, and Bill Moorhouse and myself from Council. At this meeting a number of relevant matters were discussed including:

- Types of finishes and the respective costs for each. (Chris Mallam has investigated a number of treatments and discussed these with local tradesmen.)
- Prospective areas around the block which could be targeted for test patches.
- The location/installation of accessible taps to facilitate the hosing of footpaths by shopkeepers.
- The nomination of two business people from each section of the block to liaise with local shopkeepers, Council and Lismore Unlimited.

The participation of Lismore Unlimited has been very enthusiastic, and they are hopeful that by Council showing good faith with the footpath refurbishment proposal, the traders will respond in-kind by improving the lighting in and around their shops and by refurbishing their shopfronts.

The decision remains one for the Council with \$100,000 being included in the draft budget and requiring Council endorsement.

STAFF COMMENT BY: Group Manager - City Works

The *Draft* Management Plan includes an amount of \$100,000 for footpath upgrading within the Lismore Central Business District (CBD).

I believe it is well recognised by all Staff and most of the general public that the CBD needs to look more 'loved'. The inner footpath of the 'Main Block' is the likely first candidate for upgrading.

While it would be nice to remove the existing footpath and replace it with new pavers, the cost is substantial, *ie, in excess of \$100/m²*. The current proposal is to use treatments that improve the aesthetics of the existing concrete surfaces. Typically these treatments cost around \$25-\$30/m². Staff are currently investigating which treatment is likely to provide the best results at an acceptable price.

Subject/File No: CRIME PROFILE REPORT
(S717)

Prepared By: Gregory Bauman, Crime Prevention Officer

Reason: To identify the extent and nature of crime in the Lismore LGA in preparation for the development of a Crime Prevention Plan.

Objective: To be endorsed by Council

Management Plan Activity: Community Services

Background:

During 1998, the Crime Prevention Division of the Attorney-General's Department implemented the Safer Towns and Cities Project. Following some trial work done in Orange and Bega, the Department called for expressions of interest from Local Governments wishing to take part in the program. Lismore City Council was one of five local governments which received funding under the first round of grants.

The Crime Prevention Officer was appointed in September 1998 is fully funded by the Department of the Attorney-General.

The core function of the Crime Prevention Officer's role is the development of an appropriate and relevant Crime Prevention Plan for the Lismore LGA.

To develop the Crime Prevention Plan in accordance with the Department of Attorney General's funding agreement, a specific model of development needs to be followed. Crime Prevention Plans which meet the model's requirements can be endorsed by the Attorney General under the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 as "Safer Community Compacts".

Having the Crime Prevention Plan endorsed by the Attorney General will enable Council to access the Safer Communities Development Fund. The Fund has been established to provide financial assistance for the resourcing of crime prevention strategies.

The Model

The Attorney General's Department has recognised that a Crime Prevention Plan developed for one population centre will not have relevance for another area because, for example, of differing crime and social issues and the availability of resources.

The first part of the model involves the development of a "Crime Profile". The Crime Profile needs to assess all relevant information to identify the actual crime related issues facing each individual community.

It has been recognised throughout the world, and indeed, adopted as a guiding principle by the 8th United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (1990) that successful crime reduction programs could not be solely based upon the police and the criminal justice system.

The UN Congress agreed that successful crime prevention is founded on policies which include reinforcements to common values, acknowledging personal and community responsibility regarding crime, provide for social and community development and the reduction of opportunities for offending.

The role of the Crime Prevention Officer is derived from that principle and the premise that effective crime prevention strategies are those that promote social and community development, bringing together those who have responsibility for:

- Planning and development;
- Health services;
- Employment and training;
- Housing;
- Social services;
- Leisure activities;
- Education and
- The police and justice system.

In other words, local government alone cannot effect change. *Effective crime prevention requires co-operation between a number of different Commonwealth, State and Local government agencies and community groups.* The development of meaningful partnerships for the distribution of resources and delivery of services is vital to implementing crime prevention programs.

Local government is involved in providing many of the services listed above, or at least in influencing the provision of those services. It plays an important role in the planning process which is vital to the shape of local crime problems. Local government is also an important and effective agent for the bringing together of local communities.

The need for effective partnerships is recognised under the Attorney General's model for Crime Prevention. It requires the establishment of a representative group which has the support and involvement of key agencies and which is a means to an end, rather than an end in itself.

The main function of that partnership under the Attorney General's model is to devise, implement and monitor a local crime prevention plan.

The Lismore Community Safety Committee is such a partnership. The Committee is currently comprised of 17 members drawn from Council, the community and government agencies.

Crime Prevention Development

The development of a Crime Prevention Plan is a phased process comprised of the following steps:

1. Define the Problem
Collect data, Consult widely, Initiate Partnerships, Develop Crime Profiles.
2. Decide what to do
Prioritise problems, Consider options, Identify possible resources and strategies, prepare action plans.

Crime Profile

3. Implement the Program

Assign tasks, take action, monitor progress

4. Assess What has been achieved

Evaluate the impact of strategies applied, Review Program

The Crime Profile

The Crime Profile Report, which is included as an attachment to the Business Paper, represents the achievement of the first step in the process.

The report identifies as significant crime issues:

- the rate of **assault** offences reported to police in Lismore (which has risen from 443 in 1995 to 674 in 1998);
- a rise in reported **malicious damage** offences from 475 in 1995 to 622 in 1998
- an increase in **motor vehicle theft** offences from 245 in 1995 to 264 in 1998 following a drop in 1996 to 167.
- **Stealing from vehicles:** rising from 357 in 1995 to 442 in 1998.

However, the most significant issue identified, although having some influence on the commission of offences, was not a crime problem as such: the congregating of predominantly aboriginal juveniles in the streets of the CBD during both daylight and hours of darkness.

Other Factors of Note

An almost steady, reasonably low rate of robbery offences over the same period.

An increase in the number of “good order” or street offences detected by police which would indicate increased police activity or greater willingness by police to take action against what are often seen as ‘minor infringements’. Those ‘minor offences can have an impact on perceptions of crime and feelings of safety in using the streets.

What the Crime Profile Does Not Reveal

The local crime statistics should include spatial and temporal data for the mapping of hotspots and identification of time periods of concern for each offence type. It is this type of information which reveals the real crime issues. While data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR) can show that in 1998, 674 assaults were recorded in Lismore, that information does not inform, for example, on what proportion of those assaults occurred in the home as domestic violence; or occurred inside licensed premises or occurred in the street as “street crime”.

Police data can assist in distinguishing those differences. Throughout Australia, Police Services have implemented computerised mapping systems to overlay and display disparate data sets which assist in identifying the nature and extent of crime and social problems in the community. That allows analyses of relationships between criminal activity and possible contributing factors and improves the allocation of resources to deal with problems.

Mapinfo, the same geographical information system as used by Council, is used by the New South Wales Police Service for this purpose. The Police Service’s Intelligence Officers manipulate computerised incident data in MapInfo.

Crime Profile

This type of information is also one recommended for use under the Safer Towns and Cities Project by the Attorney General's Department. However, despite several verbal requests to police and a written request from the Mayor to the Local Area Commander in Lismore, that information has not been forthcoming.

Where to From Here

The Crime Prevention Plan will be developed over the next few months by the Crime Prevention Officer in conjunction with and under the guidance of the Lismore Community Safety Committee and with wider community consultation. At this stage, it is proposed to present the Crime Prevention Plan to Council for endorsement in September this year.

In accordance with recommendations from the Attorney-General's Department on the number of priority issues which should be addressed in a Crime Prevention Plan developed under the model, the Lismore Crime Prevention Plan will initially address the:

- social issue of the groups of juveniles frequenting the streets of the CBD; and
- rate of
 1. assault offences;
 2. malicious damage;
 3. motor vehicle theft; and
 4. theft from motor vehiclesoccurring in the Central Business District.

Recognising it to be unwise to try to tackle every problem at once, the recommendations from the Attorney-General's Department suggest that no more than 3 - 4 priority issues should be addressed in each year. The approach is designed to avoid the spreading of resources too thinly or that too little will be done on each issue. It is also important to note the focus of the Crime Prevention Officer's role is on the causal factors to crime and therefore 'quick-fix' solutions are inappropriate.

When finalised, the Crime Prevention Plan will be placed on public display with comments invited prior to it being submitted to Council for endorsement. Other stakeholders involved with implementing the various strategies to be developed will be asked to commit to and sign off on the Plan.

Manager - Financial Services Comments

No financial implications with respect to the Crime Profile.

Public Consultations

The Crime Profile Report has been prepared in consultation with members of the Community Safety Committee. The Crime Prevention Plan, once completed will be placed on public exhibition for comment, prior to adoption by Council.

Other Group Comments

Not requested.

Conclusion

The Crime Profile Report has identified crime related social issues and priorities which will enable the development of an appropriate and relevant Crime Prevention Plan for Lismore.

Recommendation (Cor25)

That Council endorse the findings of the Crime Profile Report.

Subject/File No: RATING - MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY (RURAL LANDSHARING
 COMMUNITIES)
 (JB/LC: S668)

Prepared By: Rating & Revenue Co-ordinator - John Beacroft

Reason: Council Resolution

Objective: To provide Council with an opinion

Management Plan Activity:

Background:

Council at its November 17,1998 meeting passed the following resolution:-

429/98 Resolved that the report be received and Council-

1 ...

2 ...

3 ...

4 Council staff examine options to produce equity in rating between Multiple Occupancy and single dwelling residents.

It is assumed Council, by the words Multiple Occupancy in this context, refers to properties which were the subject of the report and does not attach to multiple farm workers dwellings, long stay caravan parks, flats and such like.

The provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to rating do not allow Council to single out individual properties for rating purposes but rather allows Council to determine which of the various allowable categories a parcel of land falls into.

Multiple Occupancy, by its very nature, will generally fall within the Residential Category. The current provisions of the Act and the location of the current Multiple Occupancies does not allow Council to rate any property in isolation.

As such it would appear that Council has the following options available: -

- * Seek to amend the Local Government Act, to reflect Council's position. This could be done by either direct representation to the Minister for Local Government or through a motion at the next Local Government Association Conference.

However in either case, prior to doing this Council would need to thoroughly set out what changes it proposed and the rationale behind the need for change. The current motion does not have enough information to support representation of the proposal.

I have spoken to the Local Government Association in regard to the options available and it was indicated that there had previously been representations to the Department of Local Government, albeit unsuccessfully, arising from motions passed at Conferences.

Rating - Multiple Occupancy

Council might be aware that Tweed Shire vigorously pursued these issues with the Department of Local Government around two years ago with no success.

- * Community Title. Council has previously attempted to have a condition of development consent inserted in relation to Multiple Occupancy requiring all land proposed as Rural Landsharing Communities to be community titled. This proposal was rejected by DUAP.

An additional problem with such a proposal is that current Multiple Occupancy properties may not wish to become community titled properties and there would be no legal requirement for them to do so. Thus Council would perpetuate a perceived inequity.

If, however, this was possible, what it would allow Council to do is rate each parcel of land contained within a Rural Land Sharing Community at the minimum rate, at the very least. This process would, in most cases, substantially increase the return to Council from the property involved.

It should be noted that Council is not able to increase its notional yield income through this process.

Further, Council should be aware that two Rating Policy Officers of the Department of Local Government addressed the first Annual Conference of Rating Professionals, held in February 1999. In the Conference Notes, the following comments are made in relation to Multiple Occupancy of property: -

“ Proposal to rate individual occupancies of multiple occupancy single assessment parcels (eg non strata units or flats, dual occupancies, caravan parks, cluster homes, duplex dwellings)

One example submitted compared a block of 10 non strata flats being levied considerably less in ordinary rates to a 10 strata unit block of the same value, owing to one single base/minimum amount being levied on the single assessment non strata flats.

The argument presented that the current system does not provide adequate income to service the increasing number of these developments is appreciated.

However to rate the individual flats or long term caravan sites would be contrary to the Government’s policy of providing affordable housing. Significant administrative and valuation difficulties involved in such a system are also identified. ”

Manager - Financial Services Comments

Not required.

Other Group Comments

Included in Report

Conclusion

The use of community title provisions appears not to have the support of DUAP unless such development is in a location identified for a closer rural settlement in a strategy approved by DUAP. The use of community title subdivision is being pursued in the draft Rural Settlement Strategy currently under consideration, however this would not address existing Multiple Occupancy properties.

As such Council would have to successfully lobby for a change in the legislation. The appropriate forum to seek such support is through the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association.

Recommendation (Cor24)

That Council submit a Motion to the next Local Government Association Conference seeking support for the proposal of more equitable rating of multiple occupancy on single assessment parcels of land

Subject/File No: MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF COUNCIL'S BUSINESS PROMOTION FUND – LISMORE UNLIMITED (KG:S640)

Prepared By: General Manager

Reason: Request by Lismore Unlimited to gain access to the special rate funds formulated into a Management Plan as required.

Objective: For Council to consider approval of the Management Plan.

Management Plan Activity: Traffic, Enforcement and Lighting.

Background:

At a meeting held on 23rd June, 1998, the Council, in a resolution adopting the advertised Management Plan and budget for 1998/9, determined the following:

“Council proceed to apply to the Minister for Local Government for a special rate increase to raise \$250,000 in funds for the Citysafe Initiative. If the application is successful a report is to be presented to Council outlining guidelines for the administration of the funds as outlined in the General Manager’s comments.”

Note: A copy of this Council report, including the GM’s comments referred to, is included as an attachment to the Business Paper.

It is now history that the special rate increase was approved by the Minister and that the Mayor, General Manager, and Council Financial services staff, commenced negotiations regarding a submission/Management Plan to be prepared by Lismore Unlimited for the expenditure of that component of the fund derived (ie \$143,000) and identified by the Council for expenditure on business promotion.

The delays in this process necessitated by the extended period required to finalise the merger of the former Lismore and District Chamber of Commerce, Lismore Citywide, and the Developers Association, and the consequent difficulties in gaining the acceptance of the business community to the draft Plan, have been well chronicled, and there is no valid purpose served in regurgitating this information.

Suffice is to say that a Management Plan has now been received from Lismore Unlimited together with a request that the Council give it’s approval to the application of the Business Promotion Fund in the manner outlined in the Plan.

The current Management Plan was prepared following a process of extensive consultation with Lismore’s business community, including the conduct of two workshops at Invercauld House, the most recent of which attracted about 60 local business operators. Submissions received by the Council in response to the public exhibition of an earlier draft Plan were forwarded to Lismore Unlimited, and the issues raised were considered by those in attendance at the latest workshop and subsequently by the Lismore Unlimited Board. The LU Board has now endorsed the revised Management Plan submitted to the Council.

Manager - Financial Services Comments

The Management Plan now considered by Council has been completed with a significant involvement from the business community and consequently reflect the interests of that sector.

To ensure that the objectives of the Business Promotion Fund are achieved and consistent with the community needs, it is agreed that it is necessary to have the funds audited and the effectiveness of the activities reported annually to Council for evaluation.

Public Consultations

As outlined in the report.

Other Group Comments

Not required.

Conclusion

Despite the unfortunate delays experienced in finalising the Management Plan and gaining broad support from the business sector for the Plan, the consultative processes followed were important in ensuring that those who contribute to the Business Promotion Fund were given ample opportunity to provide input into proposals for the expenditure of those funds. It is important that the funds are applied in a way that provides effective support to the Lismore business community, and leads to identifiable and sustainable benefits. Equally, Lismore Unlimited as advocate for the business community, must be accountable for ensuring that it spends these scarce resources wisely and obtains the results expected by their constituents, thereby justifying the continued collection of the funds by the Council on behalf of ratepayers in Lismore's business sector.

I commend the adoption of the Management Plan to the Council.

Recommendation (GM01)

1. THAT the Council endorse the Management Plan submitted by Lismore Unlimited for the expenditure of the Business Promotion Funds collected by the Council in the 1998/9 and 1999/2000 financial years.
2. THAT the General Manager be authorised to progressively release the Business Promotion Funds to Lismore Unlimited in accordance with activities outlined in the Management Plan.
3. THAT Lismore Unlimited be required to submit to the Council at the end of each financial year, audited financial statements accounting for the expenditure of the Business Promotion Funds.
4. THAT Lismore Unlimited be required to submit to the Council at the end of each financial year a report on the effectiveness of activities undertaken with Business Promotion Funds allocated by the Council for the preceding 12 month period, such report to include formal feedback from business operators, and outcomes measured against agreed performance indicators.

Subject/File No: DRAFT ACID SULFATE SOILS DCP & LEP
(JD:MJK: S714)

Prepared By: Strategic Planner - Jemina Dunn

Reason: To advise Council of the outcome of consultation regarding proposed Draft Acid Sulphate Soils DCP & LEP.

Objective: To obtain Council's resolution to proceed with formal initiation and exhibition of draft LEP Amendment No. 49 and Draft DCP No. 38.

Management Plan Activity: Strategic Planning

Introduction:

Council considered initiation of a draft Development Control Plan (DCP) and Local Environmental Plan (LEP) regarding Acid Sulfate Soils in September 1998 and most recently in February this year. As Councillors will recall, following the initial report it was resolved that the draft policies be forwarded to industry stakeholders for comment. Both policies have subsequently been amended taking into consideration discussions with DUAP and feedback from pre-exhibition consultation. Richmond River Council's recently gazetted policy, endorsed by key industry stakeholders, has also been considered. This report accordingly requests Council's consideration of revised drafts of these policies and seeks endorsement of formal initiation and exhibition of the documents.

Background:

Draft DCP No. 38 and LEP Amendment No. 49, as initially proposed, were roughly based on ASSMAC's model LEP and DCP documents. Provisions required Development Consent for a variety of activities in areas identified on Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLAWC) Acid Sulfate Soil Mapping as being affected by Acid Sulfate Soils.

Councillors may recall that submissions received from the Broadwater Sugar Milling Co-operative, Richmond River and Rous County Councils, and DUAP on behalf of ASSMAC, presented to Council in February raised a number of issues.

As previously reported, Rous and Richmond River County Councils requested significant amendments to the policy exempting them from development consent requirements for certain activities. Subsequent discussions with DUAP indicated that such exemptions would not be supported by the Minister, however conceded that some minor alterations providing concessions to allow works without consent in emergency situations may be appropriate.

Accordingly, draft LEP No. 49 and draft DCP No. 38 have been amended to include the concessions recommended by DUAP. In addition, minor alterations have also been undertaken to include features from the Richmond River Shire Council policies endorsed by key stakeholders and recently gazetted.

Copies of both the redrafted LEP and DCP are included as Appendices to this report. In summary, the primary changes include the provision that development may be carried out without consent by Council or a County Council in relation to:

- (a) development consisting of emergency works;

- (b) development consisting of routine maintenance;
- (c) development consisting of minor works and development ancillary to that development, such as the carrying out of excavation work, the construction of accessways and the provision of power supplies.

Detailed definitions of emergency works, routine maintenance and minor works are contained within the appended DCP. These activities are likely to require assessment under Part 5 of the Act and the LEP will require that in circumstances where acid soils are encountered that should be dealt with in accordance with the *Acid Sulfate Soils Management Guidelines*.

It is hoped that the inclusion of the above provisions will satisfy the concerns previously raised by Richmond and Rous County Councils. Councillors will recall that Richmond River County Council had requested all maintenance works, including the cleaning and enlarging of drains, be exempted from the consent requirement on the basis of increased administrative workload which would delay necessary works and otherwise impede day to day functioning of the County Council.

In addition to the above concessions, Councillors are reminded that the provisions have been included in order to minimise costs and inconveniences for landowners resulting from any requirement for the development consent. In this regard where a development involves a number of properties in the one locality, proponents will be permitted to prepare and lodge a joint Development Application for the proposed works and ongoing management. Examples where joint Development Applications would prove advantageous would be where a development may involve maintenance of new and/or existing drains that traverses two or more properties or where proposed flood mitigation works may impact upon a specific area.

The issue of Development Application fees has previously been raised by Council and the financial implications of this issue are still being investigated. Discussions are also being held to determine a regional policy regarding fees and the matter will be further reported to Council prior to the formal adoption of the DCP and LEP amendments.

It should be noted that the latest amendments will preclude the need for a Development Application for certain minor works. Hence, fees will not be an issue for these classification of works.

Further information on a possible fees schedule will be provided to Council if information staff have requested from other Councils is received prior to the meeting.

Manager - Financial Services Comments

Not required for this report.

Public Consultations

In accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act it is proposed that the draft amendment and DCP be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with key industry stakeholders to be advised by mail.

Other Group Comments

The Strategic Planning Section has not yet formally liaised with other Council Departments regarding the policies but will do so during the proposed exhibition period.

Conclusion

In recent years there has been an increasing awareness of the environmental damage and loss of farm productivity potentially caused by the disturbance of Acid Sulfate Soils. As these soils are present within some southern areas of Lismore Local Government area it is a matter of urgency that policy is introduced to ensure correct identification and management to prevent adverse environmental effects both on and off site.

As noted by DUAP, the majority of activities resulting in a need for introduction of management policy, including activities ancillary to farming and flood mitigation, result in production of acid sulfate soils. Complete exemption of certain land or organisations from the policy would be largely counterproductive rendering introduction of the policy ineffective. Despite this, considering the level of stakeholder opposition to Council's previous draft policy, some amendment of the documents to include DUAP's recommended emergency provision clauses is considered appropriate. Inclusion of such provisions as proposed in this report should result in concessions that create a policy acceptable to Council, DUAP, ASSMAC and local industry bodies.

Recommendation (PLA35)

- 1 Pursuant to Section 54 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council resolve to prepare and exhibit for a minimum of twenty eight (28) days Draft LEP Amendment No. 49 - Acid Sulphate Soils as set out in Appendix 1 of the attachments to this report.
- 2 Pursuant to Section 72 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council resolve to prepare and exhibit for a minimum of twenty eight (28) days draft Development Control Plan No. 38 - Acid Sulfate Soils included as Appendix 2 of the attachments to this report.

Subject/File No: **NIMBIN RURAL FIRE STATION**
(RC/CA: P20924)

Prepared By: Fire Control Officer - Ray Collyer

Reason: To advise Council of the decommissioning of the old Nimbin Fire Station situated 7A Cecil Street, Nimbin and confirm decision to dispose of asset.

Objective: To arrange disposal of the old station by way of sale.

Management Plan Activity:

Background:

During 1998, a proposal from the Nimbin Community Development Association to allocate a block of land on the newly acquired old school site for the construction of a new Fire Station for the Nimbin Rural Fire Brigade was considered by the Lismore Rural Fire Service.

Provisions in the proposal were that no funds from the Rural Fire Service were to be used for the construction and development of the site, and on completion of the new station, the old site was to be offered for sale with the net proceeds going to the Nimbin Community Development Association.

Current Situation

As of March 1999, the Nimbin Brigade relocated to the new site on which a two bay fire station was constructed. The former site is now vacant and available for sale.

Acting Manager - Financial Services Comments

Council resolved at its meeting held on May 28, 1996 that, in part -

"203/96 6 Following construction of a new fire station, Council proceed to sell the land and building currently housing the fire station with funds used to offset loan repayments or refurbish the facility."

The "facility" referred to in the resolution is the total Nimbin Community Centre and at the time, incorporated the Community Centre, Peace Park, Bush Fire Station and Toilets.

As negotiations developed, it was agreed that the Rural Fire Station and Toilets would be annexed from the agreement between Council and the Nimbin Community Development Association (NCDA) so as Council would have responsibility and control.

As a consequence, Council undertook in good faith to construct the Rural Fire Station based on what was estimated in the "Nimbin Community Centre & Nimbin Peace Park Management Guidelines". The total cost of the project exceeded that estimate by \$4,000. It is suggested that, as it was intended for the proceeds of the sale of the old station to be applied to the site, and the station was part of that site when the resolution was made, \$4,000 of the proceeds be retained to fund the additional costs incurred by Council.

Also, Council has constructed the public toilet on this site. Included in the 1998/99 Budget was an amount of \$95,000 for this purpose. Based on the 'best quotations', the total cost of this project will exceed that available by \$9,000. Again, as the project is contained on the same site and the fact that the toilets are used by the customers/staff of the Nimbin Community Centre, it is proposed that \$9,000 be retained from the proceeds to fund the additional costs incurred by Council, with the balance of the proceeds applied either to the outstanding loan or remitted to the NCDA to undertake refurbishment works.

Public Consultations N/A

Other Group Comments

Manager -Client Services' Comments

With respect to the final cost of the Nimbin toilet block, it is worth noting the following:

- The drawings and specification for the toilet block were prepared by Edwin Buivids, Architect, who was engaged at the request of the Nimbin community. The architect's estimated construction cost was \$92,000. With the inclusion of supervision and other charges, the total estimated cost was \$103,000.
- When tenders were called for the construction of the toilet block, the total cost, including supervision and other charges ranged from \$121,000 to \$135,000 with the minimum cost being some \$26,000 in excess of the budget.
- Client Services staff undertook extensive negotiation with the eventual builder to reduce the total cost of the toilet block to \$104,000 whilst maintaining the integrity of the original design.

Recommendation (WOR14)

- 1 That the proceeds from the sale of the former Nimbin Fire Station be allocated as follows:
 - An amount of \$4,000 be retained to fund the additional construction costs of the Nimbin Rural Fire Station.
 - An amount of \$9,000 be retained to fund the additional construction costs of the Nimbin Public Toilets.
 - The balance of any proceeds, net fees and charges, be applied either to the outstanding loan or remitted to NCDA to undertake refurbishment works.
- 2 That the General Manager be authorised to execute any Instruments (Contracts of Sale/Transfers), under seal if required, necessary to bring about such action.

Subject/File No: **REPLACEMENT OF COUNCIL PLANT -**
 *** V123 - 6X4 TIPPING TRUCK**
 *** V143 - 6X4 TIPPING TRUCK**
 (CS: T99-026)

Prepared By: Workshop & Fleet Manager - Col Starr

Reason: To inform Council of replacement purchase of major plant items

Objective: To seek Council's approval for purchase of two new 6x4 tipping trucks

Management Plan Activity: 1.12 - Plant Operations

Background:

Tenders closed on March 23,1999 for the supply of two new 6x4 Tipping Trucks suitable for towing 3-axle Dog Trailers, and the sale of -

- V123, 1989 6x4 UD Nissan CWA46 Tipper
- V143, 1989 6x4 UD Nissan CWA46 Tipper.

Lismore City Council is currently operating four "truck and dog trailer" combinations with the latest two being fitted with "air bag" rear suspension. The air bag truck trucks have been with Council for almost three years now and have shown to be successful in operation to date.

The four truck and dog trailer combinations are located within the roadworks section of Council and have the added benefit of being able to operate as a combination with a gross vehicle weight of 42.5 tonnes or without the trailer and still have a 22.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight.

The newer trucks (1996) have 350hp engines fitted and have shown to be better suited to their task and duties in the Lismore Council area than the older trucks (V123 and V143) which have the 300hp engines so there should not be any need to upgrade from the 350hp specification.

Group Manager - City Works Comments:

This is a pleasing result and shows that the programmed plant replacement is working to Council's advantage with -

- high utilisation
- low down-time
- substantial resale value for quality, well maintained trucks.

The recommendation for two (2) UD Nissan CW 350 trucks is endorsed.

Acting Manager - Financial Services Comments

It is understood that these vehicles are essential to City Works performance in roads maintenance and construction. The historical financial data detailed below supports this situation -

Performance Measure	V123	V143
Net Asset Cost	\$104,050	\$104,050
Operating Life	9 years 6months	9 years 6 months
Net Return	\$151,400	\$134,500
Operating Hours	15,700	15,900
Average Weekly Usage	36 hrs	36 hrs

The pleasing aspect from this summary is that the vehicles have been utilised almost to the optimum number of hours available per week. Also, the vehicles have generated sufficient funds to replace themselves. Assuming the same level of work is available in the future, Council should readily replace these vehicles.

Other Group Comments Not required

Conclusion

There are two possible solutions to the purchase of these trucks, either we purchase the lowest conforming tender (UD NISSAN CW350) in the Cabin Over Engine configuration

OR

purchase the other type configuration truck – Long Bonneted Truck. The first most suitable in that category being the MACK VALUELINER. Both the UD Nissan and the Mack are fully assembled in Brisbane.

After field evaluation of several trucks, it was decided that either the UD or the Mack trucks are the most suitable for this application with Council.

Recommendation (WOR16)

Council purchase two (2) only UD Nissan CW350 6x4 tipping trucks as tendered by Southside Agencies Lismore, for the cost of \$271,542.00 (\$135,771.00 each) which is the 'No Trade-in Offer'

AND

accept the 'Private Offers to Purchase' from Coastal Equipment Sales P/L. Buderim, Queensland being \$50,511.00 for V123 and \$50,511.00 for V143 (Total \$101,022.00 for both trucks).

Changeover cost to Council will be \$170,520.00 for both trucks (\$85,260.00 each).

Subject/File No: COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES - RICHMOND CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(MK:MJK: S227)

Prepared By: Manager-Environmental Health - Matt Kelly

Reason: Consideration for representation .

Objective: To nominate a representative for a position on the Richmond Catchment
Management Committee

Management Plan Activity: Environmental Health

Background:

Expressions of interest have been called for Council representatives (within the catchment) for positions on the Richmond Catchment Management Committee. Nominations are requested to be submitted to the Committee by May 21, 1999.

The advertisement calling for expressions of interest is attached, providing information on the role of the Catchment Management Committee in co-ordinating natural resources and environmental management and recommended qualities of nominated representatives. Council's current representative is Councillor Crowther. With the increasing expectation upon Council as a natural resource and environmental manager, it is considered essential that Council nominate a representative to the Committee to represent local government in a proactive and positive forum.

Manager - Financial Services Comments Not required.

Other Group Comments Not required.

Recommendation (PLA34)

That Council nominate a Councillor as a local government representative on the Richmond Catchment Management Committee.

Subject/File No: PURPLE RIBBON PROJECT
(S389)

Prepared By: Community Services Co-ordinator - Karuna Fielden

Reason: To seek Council's endorsement of the Purple Ribbon Project

Objective: For Council to demonstrate a civic leadership role in speaking out about child abuse.

Management Plan Activity: Strategic Plan Link 5

Background:

The aim of the Purple Ribbon Project is to break the barrier of silence about child abuse and to raise community awareness of the problem and its effects on our children. Each year during July people will be asked to wear a small purple ribbon as a silent protest against the extent of child abuse. This report seeks Council's endorsement of the project, to give it credibility in the community and to set a positive example for others to follow.

The Purple Ribbon Project began in the United States and was introduced to Australia on the Gold Coast in 1994. In 1997 Wyong Council adopted the project as an annual event and after it gained success Councillor Brennan, (then the Mayor) promoted the project at the NSW Local Government Conference where it was endorsed as a suitable project to be undertaken by all councils in NSW.

The Problem

The NSW Royal Commission into paedophilia revealed the alarming extent of child abuse in NSW. Recent research has shown that approximately one in four females and one in seven males are sexually assaulted in childhood and the majority of these offences occur within family circles. It is often difficult for children to disclose that they have been abused because perpetrators use threats, intimidation and shame to silence them.

The Department of Community Services has revealed that Lismore represents 28.7% of child abuse notifications for the Far North Coast, ranking second in order of confirmations behind Ballina. For the period February 1997 to December 1997, there were 314 child at risk notifications in Lismore alone. (Lismore City Council Sponsored Child Care Centres Five Year Strategic Plan, December 1998.)

In order to stop this crime against our children we need to acknowledge the extent of child abuse and the devastating effect that it has on the lives and well being of children and families.

Community Caring For Kids is a group of local people who are concerned about the extent of child abuse and its flow on effect in the community and they wish to form a partnership with the Council on this project. Community Caring for Kids is concerned that government agencies such as the Department of Community Services, the Northern Rivers Health Service and non government services such as Child Sexual Assault Service cannot keep up with the demand for their services.

Purple Ribbon Project

These agencies all work hard but are under resourced and cannot keep up with the numbers of referrals they receive. The Purple Ribbon Project is in no way a criticism of these agencies, rather it is an attempt to raise awareness about the extent of child abuse and Lismore City Council has an opportunity to show a civic leadership role in this instance.

Community Caring for Kids will distribute purple ribbons for no charge to the community so this project will be cost neutral to Council. Local pharmacies will be targeted as distribution points for the ribbons and displays about the project. It is anticipated that Council will also host a display in the reception area of the Administration Centre and have ribbons available for interested people who wish to obtain one.

Manager - Financial Services Comments

This project is cost neutral to Council.

Public Consultations

Not applicable

Other Group Comments

Not applicable

Conclusion

Too often issues such as child abuse are hidden in our communities. Council has a real opportunity to demonstrate civic leadership and to publicly join together with the Community Caring for Kids Committee in raising public awareness of child abuse.

Recommendation (COR23)

That Council publicly endorse the Purple Ribbon Project for the month of July and establish a display in the foyer of the Administration Centre.

Subject/File No: ANNUAL REMUNERATION FEE FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS
(GW/LM: S45)

Prepared By: Manager-Administrative Services - Graeme Wilson

Reason: Determination by Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Objective: Adopt Mayoral and Councillor Fees for 1999/2000

Management Plan Activity: Administrative Services

Background:

Pursuant to Section 241 of the Local Government 1993, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined the annual fees to be paid to mayors and councillors during the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. A copy of the Report & Determination is separately attached for information.

Council must now determine the annual fee to be paid within the minimum and maximum range as determined by the Tribunal (if Council does not fix a fee the amount defaults back to the minimum).

Councillor Fee

The councillor fee for Category 3 councils has been determined as a minimum fee of \$5,000 and a maximum fee of \$11,000. The maximum fee has been increased by \$500 or 4.76%.

The current fee paid is \$10,500 and this amount has been included in the draft 1999/2000 budget.

Mayoral Fee

The mayoral fee for Category 3 councils has been determined as a minimum fee of \$10,000 and a maximum fee of \$22,600. The maximum has been increased by \$1,600 or 7.61%.

The current fee paid is \$21,000 and this amount has been included in the draft 1999/2000 budget. In addition to the mayoral fee, the mayor also receives the councillor fee.

Manager - Financial Services Comments

As mentioned in the report, \$10,500 for the councillor fee and \$21,000 for the mayoral fee has been included in the draft 1999/2000 management plan. Any increase above these figures will obviously have a detrimental effect on the budget, while any recommendation below these figures will result in savings that could be expended on other priorities of Council!

Public Consultations

Not required.

Other Group Comments

Not required.

Conclusion

In 1998, Council resolved that the maximum amount be paid. The recommendation is based upon the previous Council resolution.

Recommendation (COR27)

That in accordance with Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council fix the 1999/2000 annual fee for councillors at \$11,000 and for the mayor at \$22,600.

Subject/File No: INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT MARCH 31, 1999
(GB/LM: S170)

Prepared By: Financial Accountant, Graeme Blanch

Reason: To comply with Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Objective: To invest Council's surplus funds to best advantage to comply with Council's investment policies.

Management Plan Activity: General Purposes Revenues

Information:

The attached list of investments held by Council with various financial institutions has been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Act and in accordance with Council's investment policies.

Council's total investment for February amounted to \$21,723,857.03 with an average interest return of 4.92%. Average interest rate at the same time last year was 5.09%. Current indicators reflect the current interest rates remaining at current levels.

Financial Section

Included in the body of the report.

Public Consultations

Not required.

Other Group Comments

Not requested.

Recommendation (COR22)

That the report be received and noted.

Subject/File No: INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT APRIL 30, 1999
(GB/LM: S170)

Prepared By: Financial Accountant, Graeme Blanch

Reason: To comply with Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Objective: To invest Council's surplus funds to best advantage to comply with Council's investment policies.

Management Plan Activity: General Purposes Revenues

Information:

The attached list of investments held by Council with various financial institutions has been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Act and in accordance with Council's investment policies.

Council's total investment for April amounted to \$21,723,857.03 with an average interest return of 4.66%. Average interest rate at the same time last year was 5.11%. Interest rates over the next few months will, from current indicators, remain at their current levels.

Financial Section

Included in the body of the report.

Public Consultations

Not required.

Other Group Comments

Not requested.

Recommendation (COR26)

That the report be received and noted.

Present: Mr Bill Moorhouse (*Chairperson*), Councillors Bob Gates, Eleanor Cole and Merv King, M/s Bronwyn Mitchell on behalf of Mr Thomas George, MP, Messrs Mike Baldwin (*NSW Roads and Traffic Authority*), Chris Mallam (*Lismore Unlimited*), Snr Const Brian Buckley (*Lismore Police*), together with Mrs Wendy Johnson (*Road Safety Officer*) and Mr Bill MacDonald (*Traffic and Law Enforcement Co-Ordinator*).

Apologies: Apologies for non-attendance on behalf of Councillor Ken Gallen and Mr Thomas George, MP, were received and accepted and leave of absence granted.

Minutes of Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting - 17/3/99

Members were advised that the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 17, 1999 were adopted by Council at its Meeting of March 30, 1999, excluding Item Nos. 7, 13, 17 and 18.

With respect to Item No. 7 (Nimbin Police Station), it was resolved that this Item be received and noted.

Members noted Council's resolution. (99-3961:S336)

With respect to Item No. 13 (Rowing Club Carpark), it was resolved that no action be taken on this option.

TAC54/99 Members noted Council's resolution. However, in light of Council's decision not to proceed with paid parking at this stage, it was **RECOMMENDED** that the whole of the Rowing Club Carpark revert back to 'all day' parking. (P15856)

With respect to Item No. 17 (Magellan Street between Carrington and Keen Streets), it was resolved that no action be taken on this matter.

Members noted Council's resolution. (R7319)

With respect to Item No. 18 (Camping on Nimbin Streets), it was resolved that no action be taken to include the half-hour parking restrictions on existing parking signs within the Nimbin Central Business District.

Members noted Council's resolution. (S353)

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Correspondence:

1. R Giles; expressing concern for a 'Black Spot' on Airforce Road where it meets Martin Drive, East Lismore.

Due to the narrow width and curving alignment of Airforce Road, the installation of a concrete barrier along the centre of the road was not considered a safe option.

TAC55/99 In an effort to keep vehicles on the correct side of the road, it was **RECOMMENDED** that raised reflectors be installed along the centre of the road around the tight bends near the junction of Airforce Road and Martin Drive.

(99-6229:R7401,R7486)

2. **Women's Health Matters;** requesting a designated disabled parking space be installed outside its clinic at Uralba Street.

Mr MacDonald advised that there would be sufficient room to install a disabled parking bay in front of the Women's Health Matters premises by relocating the existing parking sign approximately 2.0m west of its current location.

TAC56/99 **RECOMMENDED** that a disabled parking bay be installed in front of the Women's Health Matters Clinic at Uralba Street in accordance with the above.
(99-5701:P9892)

3. **Veritas Environmental Consultancy;** drawing Council's attention to the problem of heavy traffic movement through the residential area of Molesworth Street.

Members noted that light industrial development was permissible pursuant to Council's Local Environment Plan for the area of Molesworth Street, south of Ballina Street. However, there was no obvious recent development that would increase heavy vehicle usage. Mr Baldwin advised that the RTA carried out regular inspections of heavy vehicles to ensure they complied with relevant industry standards. Heavy vehicles enroute to a particular location along the roads in question were entitled to use the roads the same as any other motorist.

TAC57/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the writer be advised in accordance with the above.
(99-6147:R7322)

4. **Nimbin Ratepayers & Progress Association;** expressing concern for the excessive speed of traffic using Gungas Road, Nimbin.

The Committee noted that the majority of Gungas Road was gravel and, as such, the RTA would not consider a reduced limit. It was suggested that a derestriction sign with an additional '*Drive to Conditions*' sign located near the start of the gravel section would be most appropriate for Gungas Road.

TAC58/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above signs be erected on Gungas Road.
(99-3232:R1701,R2120)

5. **Lismore Unlimited;** requesting relevant road closures in conjunction with the staging of the Lismore Fun Festival Lifestyle Celebration to be held in June 1999.

It was proposed to -

- close Molesworth Street (between Magellan and Conway Streets) and the Rowing Club Carpark from 6.00 am to 8.00 pm on Saturday, June 5, 1999
- close Magellan Street (from Molesworth to Keen Streets) from 6.00 am to 12.00 Noon on Saturday, June 5, 1999
- close Magellan Street (carpark area between Carrington and Keen Streets) from 4.00 pm, Friday, June 4, 1999 to 11.00 am, Sunday, June 6, 1999
- restrict kerbside parking in Molesworth Street (between Market and Conway Streets), in front of the Memorial Baths for bus use.

Lismore Unlimited has advised that all businesses affected by the above closures have been consulted and generally form part of the celebrations.

Access for buses onto the zone at the Transit Centre will not be available and it was proposed to use the area in front of the Memorial Baths for this purpose.

TAC59/99 **RECOMMENDED** that approval be given for the road closures, as outlined above, and same be advertised during the week prior to the event. (99-4767:S336)

6. **FMA Jameson;** drawing Council's attention to the increased traffic volumes using Hindmarsh and High Streets and an increase in the number of accidents. It was pointed out that a roundabout was proposed for the intersection of Hindmarsh and Leycester Streets as part of the bus interchange. This would improve conditions currently being experienced at the intersection. As development continued off the 'top end' of High Street, traffic volumes had also increased. The recent unit development at the corner of Hindmarsh and High Streets would have also attracted a certain amount of heavy vehicle traffic during construction. The one-way link of Hindmarsh Street onto Bangalow Road was not conducive to heavy vehicle usage by nature of its construction. It was noted that the issue of footpaths along this section of street had already been referred to Council's Roads & Infrastructure Section for investigation.

TAC60/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the writer be advised in accordance with the above. (99-4252:R6029,R7117)

7. **Tregeagle P & C Association;** highlighting its concern with regard to the School bus route and collection points. The Committee was advised that an inspection of the sites was carried out with parents and the Principal of Tregeagle Public School the day prior to the meeting. The Bus Stop at the corner of Taylor Road and Blue Hills Avenue was considered appropriate providing some road shoulder works and regular maintenance of the area could be included in Council's works programme.

The Bus Stop at the corner of Rous and Connor Roads was not considered safe as the bus was pulling up across the intersection in a high speed traffic area. As there were approximately 15 children being collected from this location, it was felt that it would be safer for the bus to enter Connor Road, drop the children off, turn around and exit onto Rous Road.

In relation to School bus arrangements at Tregeagle School, the Principal advised that steps were being taken by the School to address current problems. No further action was required by Council.

TAC61/99 **RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the current Bus Stop location on Taylor Road at its intersection with Blue Hills Avenue and that the issue of maintenance and road shoulder widening be referred to Council's Roads & Infrastructure Section for inclusion in future works programmes.

TAC62/99 **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** that Council negotiate with Ison's Buses in an endeavour to have the bus enter Connor Road to drop children off. (99-5848:R5303,R6610,R6609,R6608)

8. **Lismore High School;** seeking Council advice of any future plans for bus collection and set down areas at the School.

An on-site meeting was held with the Principal of Lismore High School to discuss bus parking in general and to explain the reason for the extension of the zone in College Road. The extension was carried out to formalise bus parking already operating in College Road rather than buses double parking which was considered dangerous. No further action is required.

TAC63/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (99-5591:R7419,R7426)

9. **P & Mrs C Robinson;** drawing attention to the hazardous paved area at the corner of William Blair Avenue and Parkwalk Drive, Goonellabah.
An inspection of the site revealed there were some loose pavers from the centre median that should be removed. It was not considered necessary to remove the balance of the pavers or the whole of the centre median as this would only increase vehicle speeds. Lopping of the lower branches of the palm trees would solve the problem of children swinging on them.
- TAC64/99** **RECOMMENDED** that this item be referred to Council's Parks & Reserves Manager for co-ordination of the above works. (99-6309:S346,R6533,R6565)

General Business

10. **Goonellabah Public School - Safer Routes to School**
Mr Richard Forbes was welcomed to the meeting and invited to outline his concerns. His main concern was the speed at which vehicles approached the pedestrian crossing on Ballina Road in front of the Goonellabah Public School. Mr Forbes stated that there had been several 'near misses' and an incident in which a child had been struck while walking his bicycle across the crossing. Whilst initially reduced School Zone speed limits were not permitted at sites on State Highways, Mr Baldwin advised that guidelines had been recently amended to allow their inclusion.
- TAC65/99** **RECOMMENDED** that a 40kph School Zone speed limit be introduced on Ballina Road adjacent to the Goonellabah Public School. (R6408)
11. **Cellulose Valley Technology Park**
A plan attached to the agenda showed the proposed layout of the Park. It was noted that parking was located within the confines of the property and that traffic generated from the first stage would be relatively low. It was felt there would be a need to upgrade the intersection on Military Road as further stages were initiated. Apart from the above there was no real concern raised regarding the proposal.
- TAC66/99** **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (S718)
12. **Intersection of Ballina Road and Holland Street, Goonellabah**
A plan for a proposed roundabout at the above intersection was tabled at the meeting. Whilst it was acknowledged that this was a longer term proposal, it was suggested that in the shorter term, it may be possible to shorten the overtaking lane so that the merge lane on Ballina Road terminated west of the Holland Street intersection. This would provide sufficient space for the inclusion of a protected right-turn bay for east-bound traffic wishing to enter Holland Street and for a centre merge lane for traffic exiting Holland Street to travel east on Ballina Road. Mr Baldwin pointed out that the majority of accidents at the intersection were rear-end east-bound. The above proposal would significantly reduce this risk.
- TAC67/99** **RECOMMENDED** that the proposal be referred to Council's Design Section to investigate and produce a layout plan for further consideration. (R6408,R6461)

13. **Intersection of Ballina and Invercauld Road, Goonellabah**

Members noted that this intersection was recognised as the worst in Lismore in terms of accident numbers. A roundabout has been proposed for the intersection. However, the estimated cost of approximately \$800,000 (including the removal of the dwelling on the south-western corner), would mean that the project will not proceed in the short term. It was suggested that prohibiting right-turn movements into and out of Invercauld Road may be a possible option worth consideration.

There were concerns expressed, however, that this may place more pressure on the Ballina Road/Rous Road roundabout, particularly for motorists exiting Rous Road during peak periods. Mr Baldwin suggested that traffic lights may be another option worth consideration.

TAC68/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the proposals be referred to Council's Design Section for investigation, including peak hour traffic counts at the intersection, and report back to the Committee. (R6408,R6465)

14. **Roads & Traffic Authority - Footpath Extensions**

Mr Baldwin advised that although pedestrian crossing facilities were mentioned in the Directorate, the RTA was in the process of developing a 'Risk Management Procedure' for individual sites. It was presumed the Authority would be undertaking these assessments.

TAC69/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (S342)

15. **Conway Street - Increased Traffic Volumes**

Mr MacDonald advised that he had recently spoken with Mr Rod Parish of Steve's Cake Shop regarding problems he was experiencing with a reduction in customer numbers since the opening of the new roundabout at the intersection of Ballina and Conway Streets. It would appear the dramatic increase in traffic volumes along Conway Street has impacted on his customers' ability to access his business.

This issue was discussed by the Committee and an inspection of the site was carried out with Police and RTA Representatives. Time limited angle parking currently existed in the area in question which was considered to be appropriate. Unfortunately, there did not appear to be an immediate answer to Mr Parish's problem. However, the problem would be kept in mind in the hope that a solution might be found. Mr Parrish had been advised accordingly.

TAC70/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (R7307)

16. **Northern Bypass Concept - Brunswick Street to Union Street**

A plan was tabled showing the proposed Northern Bypass. Mr Moorhouse advised that the RTA was currently investigating a proposal to replace Coleman Bridge which linked North and South Lismore. It was intended that the Northern Bypass would continue west from Brunswick Street through the St Carthage's School playing fields; across the river; west along Pitt Lane into Bridge Street, and across the proposed RTA bridge. The new bridge may necessitate Council bringing forward its plans to construct the Bypass. However, at this stage Council should be at least aware of the above situation.

TAC71/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (S683)

17. **Magellan Street Closure - Between Diadem and Brewster Streets**

Mr MacDonald advised that as well as the above closure being advertised, over 300 letters were posted to residents most affected by the proposed closure. As a result, 10 letters of reply and four (4) telephone calls were received from residents objecting to the proposed closure. These objections mainly related to difficulties experienced with gaining access onto Ballina Street and/or Uralba Street as a result of the closure. It was pointed out that Council proposed to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Ballina and Diadem Streets.

For residents east of the site, Magellan Street was their most direct route into the Central Business District. It was pointed out that whilst it was intended that Magellan Street be closed, this did not mean the road could not be reconstructed at a later date if circumstances dictated such. Council did not currently have the funds to reconstruct the road which was necessary for the road to remain open.

TAC72/99 In light of the above it was **RECOMMENDED** that Magellan Street, between Diadem and Brewster Streets, be closed to through traffic. (R7319)

18. **Safety Camera Project**

Mr MacDonald advised that the safety camera project was now underway and as it was proposed that the cameras be installed in the centre of road locations, several centre rank carparking spaces would be lost within Woodlark Street. It was also intended that a camera be installed in the middle of the intersection of Molesworth and Magellan Streets to achieve maximum coverage for the camera in all directions. This would necessitate the construction of a median around the camera site for protection which would, in turn, act as a roundabout.

TAC73/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (S696,R7329,R7322)

19. **Pindari Crescent, Goonellabah - Proposed Traffic Management Plan**

Mr MacDonald advised that approximately 70 letters had been forwarded to residents or owners of property fronting Pindari Crescent outlining the proposed traffic management devices along Pindari Crescent. Some 22 replies had been received in favour of the proposals with 11 objections. The majority of objectors lived towards the southern end of Pindari Crescent and would be those most affected by the installation of the devices. There were some concerns that problems would shift in part to Allambie Drive should facilities only be installed in Pindari Crescent. The total cost of the proposal was \$48,000 and as Council did not currently have such funds available, it was suggested that the '*constricted intersection or Catherine Wheel*' treatment proposed for the intersection of Pindari Crescent and Allambie Drive may reduce some of the current speeding problems being experienced. The cost for these works has been estimated at \$15,000.

TAC74/99 **RECOMMENDED** that these works be implemented provided Council could allocate the necessary funds. (R6501)

20. **Rural Forum with Councillors and Tuntable Creek Residents**

Two issues relevant to the Committee were raised by residents at a recent forum -

(a) Could the speed sign at the end of the School Zone at Tuntable Creek be changed to 80 kph?

This could only be undertaken if a reduced speed limit applied to the whole of Tuntable Creek Road. Whilst this may be considered in a future speed zoning survey, it was suggested that in the meantime the existing 100 kph

signs both sides of Tuntable Creek School could be replaced with derestriction signs.

20. **Rural Forum with Councillors and Tuntable Creek Residents** (Cont'd)

- (b) Could a sign be erected at the start of Terania Creek Road informing people and tourist bus operators of School bus times?

The Committee raised no objection to the installation of a suitable warning sign advising motorists that a School bus operated on the road due to the amount of regular non-local traffic.

It was suggested that it may be more appropriate to delete times from the sign as these could change in the future. It was also suggested that a '*Drive to Conditions*' sign could be erected near the start of the gravel section on Terania Creek Road.

TAC75/99 **RECOMMENDED** that the above signs be erected. (R3305,R3350)

21. **Median Extension - Keen Street in Front of Lismore Central**

It was noted that a letter had been issued to the owners of Lismore Central requesting their views on a proposed pedestrian refuge which included the extension of the existing median in front of Cool Rocks Cellars and Lismore Central. To date no reply had been received and Council continued to receive complaints from pedestrians regarding difficulties accessing the Bus Stop opposite Lismore Central.

TAC76/99 **RECOMMENDED** that another letter be written to the owners of the complex advising that Council now intends to extend the existing centre median in Keen Street which will incorporate a pedestrian refuge, prohibiting right-turn movements out of Lismore Central and Cool Rocks Cellars.

TAC77/99 **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** that the proposal proceed as soon as funding becomes available. (R7313)

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 12.30 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

TRAFFIC & LAW
ENFORCEMENT CO-ORDINATOR

DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

The following documents have been prepared in accordance with previous resolutions of the Council and/or the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 and other relevant statutes.

It is now proposed that the Council authorise the signing and sealing of these documents.

Recommendation:

The following documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council:-

Subdivision Plan - Lot 4, DP 602872
Creation of one lot for floodway purposes in South Lismore.
(D98/523)

Contract of Sale and Transfer - Lot 14 DP 839941, 20 Blue Hills Avenue
Council to Moore for the sale price of \$45,000.
(99-6971: P24412)

Lease - Council to Northern Rivers Division of General Practice
Lease for a term of 15 months from March 1, 1999 - Suite 3A, 186 Molesworth Street, Lismore.
(99-7054: P6832)

Transfers - Council & Walton
Boundary adjustment at Industry Drive (DP 883372) - swap of land to preserve significant koala trees.
(99-7229: P25762)

Subdivision of Former Nimbin Central School Site
Creation of 3 lots - Lot 10 for the purpose of Rural Fire Service; Lot 11 for the purpose of the Nimbin Community Centre and Lot 12 for the purpose of public toilets.
(D98/245)

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GOONELLABAH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1999 AT 6.04PM.

- Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Irwin; Councillors Cole, Crowther, Gates, King, Larsen, Roberts, Swientek (from 6.09pm), together with the General Manager; Group Managers- Corporate & Community Services, City Works, Planning & Development, Business & Enterprise; Area Librarian (Lucy Kinsley) and Manager-Administrative Services.
- 132/99 Apologies/ Apologies for non-attendance on behalf of Councillors Champion, Gallen and Wilson were received and accepted and leave of
Leave of absence granted.
Absence: (Councillors Larsen/Cole)
- 133/99 Leave of absence was granted to Councillor Cole for the period April 28 to May 10, 1999.
(Councillors Larsen/King)
- 134/99 Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on March 30, 1999, were confirmed, subject to it being noted that in respect of Minute No. 131 the word '*resealing*' should be replaced with the word '*sealing*' and it being noted that Councillor Gallen was absent from the Chamber during the debate and determination thereof.
(Councillors Roberts/Larsen)

PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a Public Access Session was held at which Council was addressed by the following:-

Mr David Tomlinson re Report - Terania Creek Road

(See Minute No. 135-136/99)

Mr Tomlinson spoke on behalf of residents of Terania Creek Road. He advised the community had had enough of reports and wanted action. He sought sealing up to 4km. of Terania Creek Road plus changes in Council work practice. (R3350)

Mr Bob McKenzie re Report - Terania Creek Road

(See Minute No. 135-136/99)

Mr McKenzie advised he lived on South Skyline Road. He referred to the delay in works for which funds are available, the amount of traffic which used the road and urged consultation with local residents to achieve the work. (R3350)

Ms Katie Paterson re Reports - Lismore Contributions Plan 1999 & Terania Creek Road

(See Minute No. 135-137/99)

Ms Paterson advised she was a local business person, dependent upon tourism. She sought co-operation with the Council and the community to plan for the upgrading of Terania Creek Road, even if Terania Creek Road was not included in the Contributions Plan. (S3350,S517)

REPORTS:

Terania Creek Road

(Copy attached)

A MOTION WAS MOVED that the report be received and -

- 1 Council set aside \$300,000 from existing Federal Assistance Grant funds for Terania Creek Road to seal 3.6km. (up to Ross Road) to a standard of construction similar to that used at Stoney Chute Road at \$57,500 per km. with the balance of funds to be used to address urgent safety issues on the road.
- 2 That a Committee including at least two Councillors and the Group Manager - City Works determine a priority listing of roads for consideration in the 1999/2000 budget process.

(Councillors Roberts/Larsen)

On submission to the meeting the MOTION was DEFEATED.

Voting Against: Councillors King, Cole, Swientek, Gates and Crowther.

A FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT WAS MOVED that the report be received and -

- 1 That a decision to divert funds from Council's contribution to the current Section 94 Urban Road Plan be deferred until the revised Section 94 Plan is adopted by Council.
- 2 That a Committee including at least two Councillors and the Group Manager - City Works determine a priority listing of roads for consideration in the 1999/2000 budget process.
- 3 That no further action be taken on the report until the Roads Committee has submitted its report to Council and during this process, Council consult with National Parks, residents of Terania Creek Road and local tourist operators on the future of Terania Creek Road.

(Councillors Crowther/Gates)

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- 1 That a decision to divert funds from Council's contribution to the current Section 94 Urban Road Plan be deferred until the revised Section 94 Plan is adopted by Council.
- 2 That a Committee including at least two Councillors and the Group Manager - City Works determine a priority listing of roads for consideration in the 1999/2000 budget process.
- 3 That no further action be taken on the report until the Roads Committee has submitted its report to Council and during this process, Council consult with National Parks, residents of Terania Creek Road and local tourist operators on the future of Terania Creek Road.

(Councillors Crowther/Gates)

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts and Larsen.

136/99 FURTHER RESOLVED that Councillors Larsen, Gates, Roberts and Cole be appointed to the Roads Committee.

(Councillors Larsen/Crowther) (R3350)

Lismore Contributions Plan 1999

(Copy attached)

137/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and -

- 1 That Council endorse the draft Lismore Contributions Plan 1999 for public exhibition purposes and give notice, pursuant to Regulation 27 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations, 1998 that public submissions to the Plan are welcome for a period of up to 28 days from the date of notice of the exhibition, subject to the following amendments to the Draft Plan:
 - a) **Page 18** - Table 8 - under Community Use Building, add words "*Contribution to*" before description of the item.
 - b) **Page 18** - Tables 6 & 8 - transfer items relating to Tennis Courts upgrade in each table to respective Open Space catchment tables to be consistent with approach used for other works programmes.
 - c) **Page 31** - Table 2 and Contribution Rate. Remaining works programmed for the Nimbin Village Commercial Precinct to cost \$115,000 with the addition of a discount factor to achieve the same rates.
- 2 Council congratulate the Group Manager-Planning & Development for the work done under a very tight timetable.

(Councillors Roberts/Larsen)

Voting Against: Councillor Swientek. (S517)

Neighbourhood Centres Sites Study

(Copy attached)

A MOTION WAS MOVED that the report be received and Council -

- 1 Amend the Urban Development Strategy to include reference to the following:
 - a) future neighbourhood centre sites in the Goonellabah area, as outlined in the study;
 - b) a maximum floor area for each centre of 1,500m²;
 - c) a minimum target of an average of 12 dwellings/hectare to be achieved in new release areas.
- 2 Limit the maximum floor space allowed for each neighbourhood centre site, through amendments to the LEP, when determining rezoning applications for each site.
- 3 Take a pro-active role to encourage zoning of suitable areas as new subdivisions take place.

(Councillors Crowther/Gates)

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED that the report be received and the Study be referred to the Traffic Advisory Committee to comment on the feasibility of the neighbourhood centre sites from a traffic perspective.

(Councillor Swientek)

The amendment LAPSED for want of a seconder.

138/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and Council -

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 - b) a maximum floor area for each centre of 1,500m²;

- c) a minimum target of an average of 12 dwellings/hectare to be achieved in new release areas.
- 2 Limit the maximum floor space allowed for each neighbourhood centre site, through amendments to the LEP, when determining rezoning applications for each site.
- 3 Take a pro-active role to encourage zoning of suitable areas as new subdivisions take place.

(Councillors Crowther/Gates) (S725)

Management of Clunes Old School Site

(Copy attached)

- 139/99 RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to a future Council meeting to allow further consideration of Items 2 and 5 from Council minute 420/98.
(Councillors Roberts/Larsen) (P11222)

Nimbin Caravan & Holiday Park and Swimming Pool Complex -
Management Options

(Copy attached)

- 140/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and -
- 1 Council defer making a decision on the sale of the Nimbin Caravan Park pending provision of information on the following:
 - a) Clarification about future ownership/usage arrangements for the access road and the area currently used by the Nimbin Bowling Club for carparking.
 - b) Clarification about the usage of the existing camping area given its distance from the amenities block.
 - c) Options and associated costs for maintenance of the pool and daily water sampling should the caravan park be sold.
 - d) Costings on construction of an amenities block to service the pool or likely leasing costs if the park toilets are to continue to service the pool.
 - e) A marketing strategy that could be implemented to increase usage of the caravan park and associated costs.
 - f) Options for building an incentive into the park contract to increase usage of the park.
 - g) Details concerning the time left to repay the loan.
 - h) A review of rental costs and comparison with other inland permanent/temporary caravan parks.
 - i) The option of Council providing on-site vans and likely financial scenarios.
 - j) Alternative cash flow scenarios based on improved occupancy.
 - k) Valuation of park.
 - l) Full details of financing arrangements.
 - 2 That the Nimbin swimming pool be retained in Council ownership.
(Councillors Roberts/Larsen) (P15919)

Participation in Work for the Dole Scheme

(Copy attached)

- 141/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and -
- 1 That Council agree to identify a suitable *Work for the Dole* project for inclusion in a NOROC submission to DEWRSB for *WFTD* funding.
 - 2 A further report be submitted to Council on the advantages and disadvantages of Council becoming a sponsor organisation for Work for the Dole.
(Councillors Larsen/Swientek) (S153)
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Joint Library and Regional Art Gallery

(Copy attached)

- 142/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and -
- 1 Council give consideration to establishing a reserve fund for a joint Library and Art Gallery, and that this matter be included in the budget deliberations.
 - 2 Anne Meagher be commended on the quality of her report.
- (Councillors King/Larsen) (S119,P20696)

Executive Member - Richmond Tweed Regional Library

(Copy attached)

- 143/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and -
- 1 That Mr O’Sullivan’s resignation be accepted with regret, and Council formally thank him for the effort and commitment he has given to the Regional Library over the many years that he has carried out the role of Executive Member for, and on behalf of Council.
 - 2 That the Group Manager – Corporate & Community Services (Mr Col. Cooper) be appointed as the Executive Member to the Richmond Tweed Regional Library effective from June 30,1999.
- (Councillors King/Crowther) (99-5478: S120)

Review of Policies

(Copy attached)

A MOTION WAS MOVED that the report be received and the following policies be amended as follows:

- 1 **Policy No. 1.2.2 - Councillor Attendance at Conferences/Seminars**
Item 1 point 5: Replace the wording General Manager’s Secretary to Councillor Support Officer.
Item 5: Minor word change to reflect both gender possibility, i.e. his/her stead.
Item 6: Word change to reflect the correct persondictating report for the Councillor Support Officer to type
- 2 **Policy No. 1.2.6 - Councillor Access to Council File**
 - Add an additional point in the third bullet point of Item 3 as follows:
 - *matters where it can be reasonably demonstrated that there is a strong prospect that the Council will be involved in litigation.*
 - Include a new point (four) *Access to Records* - refer also to Clause 41 of the Meetings Regulation and Council’s Code of Meeting Practice.
- 3 **Policy No. 1.2.9 - Questions Without Notice**
No changes.
- 4 **Policy No. 1.2.10 - Presentation by Intending Candidates for Mayor and Deputy Mayor**
 - The policy to be renamed and rewritten to reflect the need for Councillors to only select a Deputy Mayor.
 - The word “*shall*” being replaced with the word “*may*”.
- 5 **Policy No. 1.4.2 - Policy on Policy Making**
 - A minor amendment be made to point A 1 to delete reference to The Northern Star.
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- 6 **Policy No. 5.2.16 - The Erection of Structures and Filling and Excavation About Easements, Drains, Sewer and Water Mains**
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- 7 **Policy No. 6.1.1 - Water Meters - Multiple Occupancy**
The first sentence under Item 2 to read *That all strata title and community title approvals carry advice that Council operates a user pays water charging structure.*
- 8 **Policy No. 7.1.1 - Sewerage Trade Waste Policy**
- Delete “Sewerage” from heading.
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 - Amend Section Responsible to *Water and Wastewater.*
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- 9 **Policy No. 7.2.1 - Construction of New Structures over Sewerage Mains**
Minor amendment in last sentence to reflect the correct person - *Manager-Water & Wastewater.*
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Minor amendments be made as follows:
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(Councillors Gates/Crowther)

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(Councillors Larsen/Roberts)

On submission to the meeting the AMENDMENT was APPROVED and became the MOTION.

Voting Against: Councillors King, Gates and Crowther.

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(Councillors Larsen/Roberts)

(S9)

Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy

(Copy attached)

145/99 RESOLVED that the report be received and Council adopt the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy as exhibited.

(Councillors Swientek/Larsen) (S44)

DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING:

146/99 RESOLVED that the following documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council:-

Subdivision Plan & S88B Instrument - 8 Windsor Court, Goonellabah
Easement for Batter - Lot 28, DP 733763, Koala Drive
(D98/151)

Agreement - Council and All Coast Excavations & Drainage
Tender - Provision for Water Main Replacement - Various.
(T99024)

Agreement - Council and Naturecast Australia Pty Ltd of Old
Tender - Provision for Organic (Waste) Resource Recovery, Reprocessing and
Marketing Service.
(T99009)

Request - Compulsory Acquisition - Rose
Acquisition of Lot 41, DP 868366, Bruxner Highway, Goonellabah for road purposes.
(99-6027: P26279)

Licence Agreement - Council to Airdome Pty Ltd (Drabowicz)
Kerbside Dining Agreement - 34-36 Carrington Street - February 1, 1998 - January 31,
2002.
(99-6471: P6396)
(Councillors Swientek/Larsen)

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 9.20 pm.

CONFIRMED this 18TH day of MAY, 1999 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.

MAYOR

