



# Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

**Date: 13 June 2007**

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## **The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement**

### **Vision**

Our vision is that:

*The Moora region will be a place of brilliant opportunity over the next twenty years. Sustainable growth will result in a vibrant, healthy, wealthy and diverse community.*

### **Mission**

Our mission is:

*To identify and stimulate growth through creative leadership and a willingness to get things done.*

**SHIRE OF MOORA**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA**  
**WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2007**

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & WELCOME OF VISITORS

*The Shire President declared the meeting open at 3.35pm, welcomed visitors and announced:*

*"Acknowledgment of Country"*

*I would like to show my respect and acknowledge to the traditional owners of this land and acknowledge their contribution to the Shire of Moora as I do for all its people.*

## 2. DISCLAIMER READING

The Shire President read the following disclaimer:

*No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.*

*It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.*

## 3. ATTENDANCE

SA Bryan	-	Presiding Member	-	Moora Town Ward
CE Gardiner	-	Councillor	-	Moora Town Ward
SJ Pond	-	Councillor	-	Koojan Ward
AR Tonkin	-	Councillor	-	Coomberdale Ward
WA Barrett-Lennard	-	Councillor	-	Bindi Bindi Ward
D Clydesdale-Gebert	-	Councillor	-	Watheroo Ward

SJ Deckert	-	Chief Executive Officer
JL Greay	-	Operational Development Manager
MJ Prunster	-	Community Development Manager
ML Rourke (from 3.44pm)	-	Manager Health & Regulatory Services
RL McCall	-	A/Enterprise Development Manager
MM Murray	-	Executive Support Officer

### PUBLIC

Ms A Raphael (until 4.19pm)	Mr J Lefroy (until 4.09pm)
Mrs S Lefroy (until 4.09pm)	Mr K Seymour (until 4.09pm)
Mr I Seymour (until 4.09pm)	Ms L Kelly

### APOLOGIES

JL Craven	-	Councillor	-	Moora Town Ward
JW McLagan	-	Councillor	-	Miling Ward

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The following Councillor was granted leave of absence for this meeting by Council resolution made at the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 May 2007:

CD Hawkins	-	Councillor	-	Moora Town Ward
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#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Clydesdale Gebert declared an indirect financial interest in Item 11.6.1 as she operates a business in the proposed town centre, which is under planning.

#### **5. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.24 OF THE ACT**

At 3.37pm the Shire President invited Mr Ken Seymour to address the meeting.

**Mr Seymour read aloud typed questions to Council in relation to the Round Hill Hall:**

- 1. What will it take to reopen the Round Hill Hall?**
- 2. Is the shire prepared to finance maintenance or acquire funding to bring the Round Hill Hall to a usable standard?**
- 3. Does the shire place any historical value on the Round Hill Hall?**
- 4. Has the shire investigated any alternative avenues for funding the maintenance of the Round Hill Hall?**
- 5. Is the Community Development Fund available for funding community programs such as this?**
- 6. Will the Council consider retaining ownership of the Round Hill Hall if the rate paying community is prepared to contribute to ongoing maintenance and management?**
- 7. Will council recognise the Round Hill Hall Committee as spokespeople for the community opinion on the future of the Round Hill Hall?**
- 8. Please would council give a response in writing to the Round Hill Hall Committee to these questions?**

The Shire President advised Mr Seymour, that due to the nature of the questions, they would be taken on notice and those able to be would be responded to at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council and those requiring a Council resolution will need further investigation and may need to have an item done up to be presented to full Council.

The Shire President congratulated Mr Seymour and the citizens of Round Hill in making a stand.

Ms Kelly advised that she had distributed a map for Council to peruse, & asked if Council staff could answer the following question (please note the question has been reproduced from a hand written question provided by Ms Kelly);

**Q I wish to ask councillors if they know the height in metres Water Corporations Proposed Human Waste/Biosolids Factory site will be above Sea Level?**

**R** The Shire President advised that she was not aware of the height.

Ms Kelly advised that the answer was on the map she had submitted. Fall to creek would be over 300 mtres.

At the conclusion of all questions, the Shire President thanked Mr Seymour, the Round Hill Hall Committee and Ms Kelly for their attendance and invited them to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

**6. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Craven contacted the Community Development Manager on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007 and verbally requested a leave of absence for the maximum period allowed under Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 being six consecutive ordinary meetings.

Councillor Craven advised that she is unable to attend these meetings due to her recovering from illness.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***111/07 Moved Cr Barrett-Lennard, seconded Cr Tonkin that Council grants leave of absence to Councillor Lorraine Craven for the next six Ordinary meetings of Council being 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2007, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007 and the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.***

**CARRIED 6/0**

**8. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS**

Nil

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SHIRE PRESIDENT**

- Earlier today we had a citizenship ceremony for Mr & Mrs Dobberstein of Coomberdale
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Cr Pond, the Chief Executive Officer & I attended the Avon Midland Zone & VROC meeting in Wongan Hills
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June attended the Lions Changeover Night where Mr Murray Matthews was inducted in as the new Lions President.
- 9<sup>th</sup> June attended the commissioning of the school chaplain, Mr Doug McGhee
- 14<sup>th</sup> June will be attending the launch of the 'Way Forward for Women in Local Government' seminar in Perth
- 19<sup>th</sup> June will be attending the farewell for the manager of the Moora Childcare
- 28<sup>th</sup> June will be attending the official opening of the Coolangah Park in Moora by the Hon Michelle Roberts.
- I would like to congratulate 8 members of the Bindi Bindi Bush Fire Brigade for receiving their National Medals for long service to the Shire of Moora Bush Fire Brigade Network. They are; for 45 years service - Robert Wood, James Brown, Barry Lehmann & William Waters and for 35 years service - Brian Ellis, Bruce Piper, John Turner & Ian Turner.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Cr Tonkin attended a Moore Catchment Council meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Cr Barrett-Lennard attended a Bindi Bindi Progress Association meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Cr's Bryan, Barrett-Lennard, Pond, the Chief Executive Officer & Acting EDM met with developers in Gingin.

**10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING****10.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 23 MAY 2007****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*112/07 Moved Cr Clydesdale-Gebert, seconded Cr Pond that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 May 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**CARRIED 6/0**

**11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS****11.1 ADMINISTRATION**

Nil

**11.2 FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT****11.2.1 LIST OF PAYMENTS AUTHORISED UNDER DELEGATION 1.31**

**REPORT DATE:** 8 June 2007

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Jo-Anne Ellis, Financial Development Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:** Accounts Paid Under Delegated Authority

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

Payments have been made under delegated authority and a listing of these payments is attached for Council to note and endorse.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the December Ordinary Meeting of Council resolution 276/2005 delegated the authority of payments from Municipal and Trust Funds to the Chief Executive Officer.

**COMMENT:**

Accounts Paid under delegated authority are periodically presented to Council.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Delegation 1.31 – Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.10

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 12 & 13.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environment**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Payments are in accordance with the adopted budget.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
(MANEX RECOMMENDATION)**

*113/07 Moved Cr Tonkin, seconded Cr Barrett-Lennard that Council note and endorse the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds made under delegation 1.31*

<i>Municipal Fund</i>	<i>Chq 56358 - 56461</i>	<i>\$141,621.78</i>
<i>Trust Fund</i>	<i>Chq 4187 - 4191</i>	<i>\$1,300.00</i>
	<i>Direct Debits</i>	<i>\$12,101.20</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$155,022.98</i>

**CARRIED 6/0**

**11.3 OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT****11.3.1 TENDER 01/2007 - MILING OVAL AND TOWN MAINTENANCE**

**FILE REFERENCE:** L/TEN1  
**REPORT DATE:** 7 June 2007  
**APPLICANT/PROPONENT:** Tenders – Miling Sportsground & Town Maintenance  
**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 11/4/07 (73/07)  
**AUTHOR:** John Greay, Operational Development Manager  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To evaluate tenders received for the maintaining of the Miling Sportsground & Town Maintenance.



**BACKGROUND:**

Council for some time has been looking for a better delivery of service for the beautification of the townsite of Miling and Sportsground maintenance.

**COMMENT:**

Council recently approved for the calling of tenders for the above service. Two tenders were received from two people who reside in the Miling district. They were from Mr Geoffrey White (Councils current part time oval caretaker) and Mr & Mrs Jim Low.

Mr & Mrs Low live within the townsite and Mr White lives west of Miling on Creslow Road. Mr White, in addition to his part time work with Council, carries out gardening duties at the Miling Primary School and drives a local school bus. Mr Low runs a seasonal crop spraying business whilst his wife carries out domestic duties at home. Mrs Low has produced a very creditable garden around their house in Miling and I have had very good reports, from various people within the Miling community about her gardening expertise.

Mr White has looked after the Miling Primary School gardens for some time now and the grassed surfaces at the Miling Sportsground since 1996.

Within Councils tender documentation there was the option of Council providing some equipment if the contractor wasn't in possession of any himself. Mr Low has advised that he has all of the equipment required to carry out the work that he has tendered on. He has also stated that should he sub-contract any work out, due to him going on holidays, sickness etc that he will advise Council accordingly.

Mr White has stated that he will be providing the service solely himself.

Mr Whites tender for a 12 month period is \$12,000 which is inclusive of GST.

Mr & Mrs Low's tender is \$400/week inclusive of GST and after 12 months would like the option of renewal with C.P.I. adjustments to be added to their tender.

Both tenders have been evaluated and though there is a considerable difference in monetary value between the two there is comprehensive and better value in accepting Mr & Mrs Lows tender for a 12 month period with the option to extend to 36 months.

The idea of tendering out this work is not new to Council as we are currently doing this at Watheroo with very good results. The outcome of these tenders is Council and community driven and the variation in value would be reflective in the hours each tenderer was to put in.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Govt. Act 1995 S3.57

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

The maintenance of the sportsground and town beautification is an important element in achieving the goals identified in Councils strategic plan.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environment**  
There are no known environmental implications associated with this proposal.
- **Economic**  
The Miling townsite is the northern gateway to the Shire of Moora on the Great Northern Highway. As you travel into the Shire of Moora first impressions are mostly lasting impressions. It is important that the townsite of Miling, through some Main Street townscaping and general beautification gives the impression of a vibrant community and thus a progressive shire. A revitalised town through some visual improvements could see some population growth, which is strategic to Councils vision, and there may be some positive economic benefits to the community.
- **Social**  
To see a more vibrant town with a possible population increase who can take advantage of a well maintenance sportsground and facilities will improve the social aspect of the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No impact on current budget as tender will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**MANEX RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved Cr Pond, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that Council accept the tender from Mr & Mrs Jim Low, Main Street, Miling for the maintenance of the Miling Sportsground and the maintenance and beautification of the Miling townsite for a weekly fee of \$400 inclusive of GST for a 12 month period with an offer for a 24 month extension which would include annual C.P.I adjustments.*

**AMENDMENT**

*Moved Cr Gardiner,  
That Council accept the tender from Mr & Mrs Jim Low, Main Street, Miling for the maintenance of the Miling Sportsground and the maintenance and beautification of the Miling townsite for a weekly fee of \$400 inclusive of GST for a 12 month period with an offer for a 24 month extension*

**THE AMENDMENT MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER**

**The substantive motion namely****COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
(MANEX RECOMMENDATION)**

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**WAS PUT AND CARRIED      6/0**

At 4.09pm Mr & Mrs Lefroy, Mr K Seymour & Mr I Seymour retired from the meeting.

At 4.10pm Cr Clydesdale-Gebert declared a financial interest in item 11.4.1 as she has potential business dealings through her café business with Ms M Isbister and left the meeting.

## **11.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **11.4.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEME NO 4 – DELEGATION OF POWERS**

**FILE REFERENCE:** TP/PTM11  
**REPORT DATE:** 31 May 2007  
**APPLICANT/PROPONENT:** Various  
**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Manager  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To note the town planning applications approved under delegated authority.

**BACKGROUND:**

Council resolved by absolute majority at the Council meeting held on the 25 February 2004, to delegate the Manager Corporate Services (now Community Development Manager) to approve planning applications that meet all the requirements of Councils Town Planning Scheme, for an indefinite period of time and amend its Register of Delegations accordingly, and that Council be provided with a list monthly of planning approvals issued under delegate authority.

**APPLICANT (S)**

The following Town Planning Applications have been approved under this delegated authority for the period ended 31 May 2007.

- **Moora Austeel Homes & Sheds on behalf of Colin R Farbar – Lot 143 Cooper Street, Moora – Construction of Chalet style accommodation with patio (Area 128.7m<sup>2</sup>) Zoning – Special Rural, Value \$68,000 (Ref 44/0607)**

- **Mr S Isbister on behalf of Ms M Isbister – Lot 22 Moora-Bindoon Road, Moora – Operate a Home Occupation in conducting a small bakery business – Zoning – Farming (Ref 45/0607)**
- **Mrs Robyn Duffield – 195 Clarke Street, Moora – Operate a Home Occupation consisting of ‘Homestay’ B&B accommodation & catering business – preparation and cooking food for delivery to various accredited premises – Zoning – Special Rural (Ref 46/0607)**
- **T & H Walton Stores – Lot 59 Padbury Street, Moora – Construction of steel framed advertising sign (H7200mm x W3470mm x D695mm) – Zoning – Light Industrial, Value \$150,000 (Ref 47/0607)**

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Register of Delegations and Shire of Moora Town Planning Scheme No 4 Text.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

##### ➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

##### ➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

##### ➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications to Council in relation to this item.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)**

*115/07 Moved Cr Pond, seconded Cr Tonkin that Council note the town planning applications approved under delegated authority.*

**CARRIED     5/0**

At 4.11pm Cr Clydesdale-Gebert rejoined the meeting.

**11.4.2 REZONING OF LOTS 18,19,20 LEE STEERE STREET, MOORA**

**FILE REFERENCE:** ED/HSD1  
**REPORT DATE:** 7 June 2007  
**APPLICANT/PROPONENT:** Shire of Moora  
**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 22/11/06 (246/06)  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Manager  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To consider any submission received during the advertising period and to then determine whether to continue the rezoning process.

**BACKGROUND:**

One submission was received during the advertising period for the rezoning of lots 18,19,20 Lee Steere Street Moora. Under the Shire of Moora Town Planning Scheme No 4 (section 7.3.4) Council is to consider any submission comment received in relation to the advertised amendment.

The contents of the letter received from an adjoining landowner are: -

- 1) During heavy rain, water may flow onto my block from the east and flow off to the west. If the blocks are developed the houses and pads would act as a restriction to the water flow damming it back onto my block
- 2) If the fence on the western side of my block is changed to a solid fence, eg colourbond or brick, this would further act as a restriction to water flow during heavy rain.
- 3) The large established trees on the fence line of my block are used by Carnaby Black-Cockatoos at various times of the year and as an endangered species I do not believe that their habitat should be cleared.

The rezoning of the lots was considered by Council at their meeting held on the 22 November 2006 and the following is a portion of Council resolution No 246/06 passed in relation to the Lee Steere Street Lots: -

<p><b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION (OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS) – ITEM 11.4.2</b></p>
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*246/06 Moved Cr Hawkins, seconded Cr McLagan that Council approve the amendments to the Shire of Moora Town Planning Scheme No 4 as under: -*

- 1) Amend the zoning of Lots 18-20 Lee Steere Street Moora from “Special Rural” to “Residential” with a density code of R12.5/25*
- 2) Reclassify the area of remnant vegetation on lot 21 as a “Local Reserve for Conservation.”*

Messrs Gray & Lewis were engaged to commence the process of the rezoning application, and all the preliminaries have been carried out by them, which involve contacting other agencies for their comment and they have all replied in the positive.

**COMMENT:**

Council purchased the Lee Steere St land (Lots 18-21) in July 2006 with a plan to create a subdivision of around 31 lots for residential dwellings to help relieve the shortage of suitable residential land. This land is outside of the floodplain and flood fringe of the Moore River and is adjoining existing residential land within the Moora Townsite. The area of Lot 21 of this land is Salmon Gum trees and native bush, but this will not be included in the residential subdivision but it is recommended that this section be reclassified as a “Local Reserve for Conservation.”

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995, relating to the general function provisions.

Planning and Development Act 2005 – Div. 3

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Provision of suitable residential land in a flood free environment for Moora’s projected population increase over the next 15 years.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**➤ **Environment**

The rezoning of Lot 21 to “Local Reserve for Conservation” will ensure that the native bushland is protected for years to come. The remaining lots 18-20 when occupied by residential housing will improve the aesthetics of the area.

➤ **Economic**

Increase in housing and sale of the lots will be of economical benefit to the Shire and business community.

➤ **Social**

It will make provision for the increase in housing building lots anticipated in the coming years, allowing for an increase in the towns population.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Rezoning and consultants costs allowed in current budget.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

<b>COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MANEX RECOMMENDATION)</b>
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*116/07 Moved Cr Gardiner, seconded Cr Pond that Council*

- 1. Consider and acknowledge the comments of the submission received, and advise the landholder that they have noted his concerns and will include the following points for consideration in the development plan: -*

- *Allow for suitable drainage for run-off water from the Eastern boundaries of the lots so as to not cause the water flow damming.*
- *Allow for suitable fencing/drainage so as not to restrict the flow or damming of water on the Eastern boundaries.*
- *Council will endeavour to ensure that trees are not removed from the proposed development lots unless absolutely necessary.*

**AND**

- 2. That Messrs Gray and Lewis be advised to continue with the process of rezoning Lots 18-21 as previously instructed.**

**CARRIED 6/0**

## **11.5 ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

At 4.15pm Cr Clydesdale Gebert declared an indirect financial interest in Item 11.6.1 as she operates a business in the proposed town centre, which is under planning.

Cr Clydesdale–Gebert requested that Council discuss whether she be allowed to participate in the discussion on the item and then left the meeting.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***117/07 Moved Cr Barrett-Lennard, seconded Cr Tonkin that Cr Clydesdale-Gebert be allowed to re-enter the meeting and participate in the discussion.***

**CARRIED 5/0**

At 4.16pm Cr Clydesdale–Gebert rejoined the meeting.

## **11.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **11.6.1 TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION PROJECT – STAGE 3**

**FILE REFERENCE:** ED/TWCI

**REPORT DATE:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 26/7/06 (126/06)

**AUTHOR:** Bronwyn Williams, Enterprise Development Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:** Moora Town Centre – Layout & Configuration Drivers

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

The purpose of this report is to get council approval to move onto stage three of the town centre revitalisation project for the town of Moora.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June 2006, the Enterprise Development Manager engaged Mr Greg Davis from Taktics4 to carry out a town centre revitalisation project to establish what issues need to be addressed to ensure Moora has a more vibrant town centre.

Mr Davis carried out stage one, which was an initial two meetings, one with council and one with stakeholders, these meetings were held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006. The aim of these meetings was to assess interest in carrying this project to a further stage. From these meetings it was decided by council that stage two, an economic analysis of the current state of the town centre was to be carried out.

This economic analysis was delivered to council in Jan 2007 and discussed at the briefing session on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Council decided to have a meeting with affected businesses to discuss the merits of continuing to the final stage of the town centre revitalisation project that will include the development of a plan to outline how some sustainable development can be achieved.

The local businesses joined the Shire of Moora after a council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2007 for a discussion about the proposal to carry out the final stage of the project. There was a good turn out to this meeting with many of the businesses from within town represented including retail, industrial and our supermarket proprietor. The general consensus at this meeting was to continue on with the final stage and in association with Mr Greg Davis carry out the final stage of the project to develop a plan for future development to create a vibrant town centre in Moora.

**COMMENT:**

The last stage of this project is to carry out a detailed plan about the town centre of Moora using Mr Davis experience. This outline has been provided to us by Mr Davis about the project and is attached.

The expected outcomes of carrying out this final stage is to ensure that approvals for businesses is carried out in a sustainable way to ensure that new businesses and existing businesses are capturing as much income as possible with their customers.

There is also consensus from existing businesses that this will be a useful tool to ensure their long term sustainability.

Mr Davis has also indicated that as part of stage three he will produce preliminary townscaping plans for the main thoroughfares through Miling and Watheroo.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 dealing with the general competency powers of the local government.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Outlined within the Shire of Moora's Strategic Plan is the Key Result Area of Growth, under this KRA it is outlined in strategy two to Grow existing businesses through "economic gardening". This project will provide existing businesses with information that will help to grow their businesses as well as under strategy three to attract new investment to the region.



**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environment**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.
- **Economic**  
The potential improvement to economic sustainability in Moora is quite profound if this project is approved. Any improvements to the town centre that help to improve current and new businesses and increase spending by customers will help to inject money into the local economy.
- **Social**  
As well as economic implications a vibrant town centre will enhance the social networks in Moora, there will also be some opportunities for meeting places and with an increase in customer density then an increase in social opportunities will exist at the same time.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There was \$13,000 allocated to the town centre project in the 2006/07 budget. So far the first two stages have been finalised and paid to a total of \$7,700, leaving a balance of \$5,300 available to carry out stage three. The quote for the final stage of the project is \$5,000 + GST so we have sufficient funds to afford to carry out the final stage of this project. Depending of the outcome of stage three, Council may wish to make provision in the 2007/2008 budget to carry out some of the initiatives.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
(MANEX RECOMMENDATION)**

*118/07 Moved Cr Pond, seconded Cr Tonkin that Council approve the appointment of Mr Greg Davis from Taktics4 to carry out Stage three of the town centre revitalisation project at a cost of no more than \$5,000 + GST.*

**CARRIED 6/0**

**11.7 SPORT AND RECREATION**

Nil.

**12. ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**13. MOTIONS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL**

Nil

**14. NOTICE ON MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Nil

**15. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil

At 4.19pm Ms Raphael retired from the meeting.

**16. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

*There being no further business, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4.20pm.*

**CONFIRMED**

**PRESIDING MEMBER**