



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 2 September 2015

Please Note: These minutes and the decisions recorded therein have not as yet been confirmed by Council as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

Our vision is that:

Shire of Moora - a vibrant, affordable Regional Centre with a growing, caring community.

Mission

Our mission is:

To provide the leadership, services and infrastructure that will meet the needs of the community and surrounds.

SHIRE OF MOORA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA
2 SEPTEMBER 2015

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I. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

I.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

I.2 DISCLAIMER READING

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.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE

CE Gardiner	-	Shire President / Presiding Member
TG Humphry	-	Deputy President
CD Hawkins	-	Councillor
DV Clydesdale-Gebert	-	Councillor
R Keamy	-	Councillor
JW McLagan	-	Councillor
MR Pond	-	Councillor
KM Seymour (until 6.06pm)	-	Councillor
AJ Leeson	-	Chief Executive Officer
DK Trevaskis	-	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
JL Greay	-	Manager Engineering Services
MM Murray	-	Executive Support Officer

PUBLIC

Bruce Topham	Jim Lowe	Richard Topham	Simon De Lange
Michael Bethel	Rose Antonio	Steve Antonio	Jane Antonio
Tony White	Des Seymour	Marion Seymour	Kate Seymour
Cliff Gill	Rod Stewart	Wade Pearson	Ken Rogers
Daniel Waterhouse	Robbie Gardiner		

APOLOGIES

PR Williams	-	Manager Development Services
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR Holliday	-	Councillor
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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**4.1 Proposed Miling By-pass Project Report**

Mr Ken Rogers, consultant Wheatbelt Business Network officially tabled the report “Proposed Miling By-pass Project August 2015” and advised that Caroline Robinson placed her apologies in attending the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

118/15 Moved Cr McLagan, seconded Cr Humphry that the report “Proposed Miling By-pass Project August 2015” tabled by Ken Rogers, Wheatbelt Business Network be received.

CARRIED 8/0

4.2 Petition

A second signed petition has been received opposing the proposed Great Northern Highway bypass being constructed on the eastern side of the Miling townsite.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

119/15 Moved Cr McLagan, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that the petition be received.

CARRIED 8/0

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

5.1 MILING TOWNSITE GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY BYPASS PROPOSAL

At 6.06pm Cr Seymour declared a financial and proximity interest as he is a director of a farming company that owns land that may be used for the Great Northern Highway bypass and left the meeting.

FILE REFERENCE: TP/MBP1

REPORT DATE: 27 August 2015

APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Office of the Minister for Transport W.A – Michael Buba

OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES: 24/6/15 (87/15)

AUTHOR: Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: Wheatbelt Business Network report (circulated)

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

For Council to consider the “Proposed Miling By-Pass Project August 2015” report prepared by Wheatbelt Business Network (WBN). WBN was commissioned by the Shire of Moora under the following terms in accordance with the resolution of Council detailed hereunder. The resolution was in response to a request from Minister Dean Nalder’s office, for Council to provide comment in relation to Minister Nalders’ preferred eastern by-pass alignment;

- 87/15 1) *The Shire of Moora Council accepts the invitation from the Minister for Transport, Hon Dean Nalder to provide feedback to him on the preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling.*
- 2) *The Shire of Moora Council submit to Minister for Transport, Hon Dean Nalder, feedback regarding the preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling.*
- 3) *The Shire of Moora employs a consultant to report to Council on a preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling.*
- 4) *The Shire of Moora Council provides in the 2015/16 budget, \$10 000 (ten thousand) exclusive of G.S.T to fund a report to Council regarding a preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling.*
- 5) *Objects clause:*
- A) *The consultant reports to the Shire of Moora Council,*
 - B) *The consultant adhere to the Shire of Moora growth plan,*
 - C) *The consultant raise areas of concern from the Miling community on the preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling,*
 - D) *The consultant seek suggestion from the Miling community on the preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling,*
 - E) *The consultant issue a report to the Shire of Moora Council, for the consideration of Council, pertaining to the preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling.*
 - F) *The consultant issue a full and final report on the preferred alignment for a proposed heavy vehicle by-pass on Great Northern Highway at Miling, to the Shire of Moora Council four weeks from the date of engagement or no later than 31st August 2015.*

CARRIED 5/2

BACKGROUND:

This issue has been ongoing for some time. WBN over the past month has been engaged with the Miling Community. Part of WBN's mandate was to further engage with the community in a manner that encouraged participation in the process in a manner that promoted engagement and conciliation.

COMMENT:

The findings of the process resulted in the finding by WBN;

“the majority support from residents and businesses in Miling and the greater district (Shire of Moora) for the Main Roads eastern alignment of the Great Northern Highway”.

Furthermore it was found that communication throughout the planning process was critical and will be in the future as the issue progresses.

The report provides an impartial and thorough analysis of the issue. As the Chief Executive Officer I am of the view that the report sets out clearly what some of the main considerations should be by Council moving forward.

In summary these are (pages 15/16);

1. Community Focus Group (CEO recommends not support);
2. Miling Community Future Workshop (Support)
3. Miling Town Entrance Statements (Support)
4. Miling “Open for Business” (Support)
5. Miling Primary School (Support)
6. Lifestyle Blocks (Assess Cost/benefit)
7. Miling Caravan Park (Support)

The one issue I have some concern about is the recommendation of a “Community Focus Group” relative to the construction phase and post construction phase relative to the By-Pass. Once the decision is taken by Main Roads it would be unrealistic that Council or Community Group could have further and valuable input, as in effect it will be operational to Main Roads.

At this juncture is it critical for Council to outline what it believes to be the critical issues pre-construction.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

Outcome 3.3: A safe and reliable transport system;

Strategy 3.5.3: Maintain effective liaison with other levels of government and regional bodies to ensure coordinated provision of regional infrastructure.

Outcome 4.1: A strong and diversified economic base.

Outcome 4.2: A dynamic and resilient business sector.

Outcome 4.3: Recognition and realisation of local tourism opportunities.

Outcome 5.1: Good governance and leadership.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:➤ **Environment**

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

➤ **Economic & Social**

The report outlines the critical economic and social sustainability issues around the issue. These are outlined on pages 15 & 16 of the WBN report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant financial implications to Council in relation to this matter at this immediate juncture. Infrastructure wise it will be important through the implementation phase of any realignment that the existing highway is handed over to Council in a better condition than it is in currently.

In future years Council should also consider;

- Entry statements and signage
- Development of information bay/park-playground/toilets/parking amenities. The CEO recommends that Council develop such infrastructure on the land diagonally across from the Moora Hotel.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

120/15 Moved Cr McLagan, seconded Cr Keamy that Council receive the report prepared by the Wheatbelt Business Network “Miling By-pass Project August 2015” and endorse the “eastern alignment by-pass option”; and forward the following considerations to the Minister for Transport Hon Dean Nalder MLA as part of Councils formal response;

- ***Inclusion of Entry Statements and signage into the project scope to be planned in consultation with Council and the Miling Community;***
- ***Ensure that any land acquisition is done in a commercially fair manner;***
- ***Reconstruction - Resurfacing of the existing highway alignment with asphalt prior to handing over to the control of the Shire of Moora;***
- ***Examine the benefits of a suitably located heavy haulage pull off area into the project scope in close proximity to the Miling townsite;***
- ***Consideration to acquisition of land between the Miling townsite and the eastern by-pass route that could potentially provide long term sustainability and economic benefit for the Miling Community with the agreement of the land owners;***
- ***Information signage at Bindi-Bindi;***
- ***Suitable turning and slip lanes around CBH and Miling Seed Cleaners;***
- ***Investigate construction of suitable drainage and water reservoir that could assist with maintenance of the Miling Recreation Ground.***

CARRIED 4/3

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President thanked the members of the public for their attendance and input and declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

CONFIRMED

PRESIDING MEMBER