



Hawkesbury City Council

general purpose committee minutes

date of meeting: 30 November 1999

location: Council Chambers

time: 8.00am

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Business

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AGENDA

- **APOLOGIES.**
- **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**
- **SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT.**
- **SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- **SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES.**
- **NEXT MEETING.**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 30 November 1999, commencing at 8.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillor L Allan, B J Calvert, K F Conolly, D Finch, G J Gilling, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P F Davies and C A Paine

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Allan and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Allan and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 26 October, 1999, be confirmed.

Councillor Paine arrived at the meeting at 8.05am.

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 10.30am.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

43: Truck Depot - Lot 89 DP806272 No. 38 Avondale Road, Pitt Town
(M1196/99/EVD/ENK30NAX.V02)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 49 of the Environment Section of the Supplementary business paper.

44: Extension to Existing Caravan Park and Associated Facilities - Lots 1 & 6 DP244281, Lots 1,2,5 & 6 DP 232770 Commercial Road, Vineyard (M 983/99/EVD/ENK30NAX.V04)

Mr Frank Novella, applicant, addressed the Committee.

Mr Bulyk, Ms H Hicky, objectors, addressed the Committee.

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That:

- A. After consideration of Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Regulation Council forms the opinion that the development is not "designated development".
- B. That a "Deferred Commencement" Approval be granted for the use of Lot 6 DP232770 for the purposes of an extension to the existing caravan park comprising 48 (forty-eight) short term sites and associated facilities subject to the following conditions.
 - (I) Upon compliance with the conditions appearing in Schedule 1, and with the issue of confirmation to that effect in writing from Council, this "Deferred Commencement" consent shall commence to operate as a development consent inclusive of all conditions appearing in Schedule 2 pursuant to Section 80(3) of the Act.
 - (II) The Deferred Commencement consent will lapse in twelve months from the date of this consent unless the condition appearing in Schedule 1 has been complied with.

Schedule 1

- 1. The water supply system servicing the existing and proposed development is to be upgraded to the satisfaction of Sydney Water. Documentary evidence is to be provided in the form of a Compliance Certificate under Section 73 of the Water Board (Corporatisation) Act 1994 detailing that all relevant works have been completed.

Schedule 2

General

- 2. Except as expressly provided by these terms of approval, works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in:
 - (i) the development application 938/99 submitted to Hawkesbury City Council on 9 July, 1999; and
 - (ii) all additional documents supplied to the EPA in relation to the development, including the Statement of Environmental Effects and Water Cycle Study.
- 3. Except as may be expressly provided by a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 in relation of the development, section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 must be complied with and in connection with the carrying out of the development.

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4. The applicant must, in the opinion of the EPA, be a fit and proper person to hold a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, having regard to the matters in section 83 of that Act.
5. Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979, and the Building Code of Australia.
6. Prior to construction of the approved development it is necessary to obtain a Construction Certificate.
7. The applicant is advised to consult with:
 - (b) Integral Energyregarding their requirements for the provision of services to the development and the location of existing services that may be affected by proposed works, either on site or on the adjacent public road(s). Sydney Water Corporation Limited may also require the applicant to obtain a Trade Waste Approval as part of the operation of the approved development. Enquiries should be made of the Corporation's requirements for the eventual operation of the approved use.
8. No excavation or site works shall be commenced prior to the issue of the construction certificate.
9. A licence must be obtained under the Local Government (Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulations 1995 under the Local Government Act 1993.
10. The proposed tennis court, BBQ structure, bowling green, holding tank and bus bay to be located clear of the depression through the site. Hydraulic calculations to be submitted to show that the 1 in 100 year storm is not impeded by any works.

Prior to Issue of Construction Certificate

11. The following documentary evidence is to be obtained prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate, whether by Council or an accredited certifier:
 - (a) A written clearance from Integral Energy, stating that electrical services have been made available to the development or that arrangements have been entered into for the provision of services to the development.

The Sewerage treatment Plant is to be upgraded and undertaken in accordance with the Water Cycle Study by Toby Fiander and Associates, dated 8 October 1999, with reference number TFA 2433/01.

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12. Submission of design plans covering all access and drainage works for the development.

13. Submission of a detailed landscaping plan prepared by a landscape architect.

Prior to Commencement of Works

14. The applicant or person having the benefit of this development consent must give at least two days notice prior to commencement of works to Council of the intention to commence works. This notice is to be given in accordance with form 7 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 1998.

15. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contract number of the principle certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 4(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997.

16. An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be prepared and implemented. The plan must describe the measures that will be employed to minimise soil erosion and the discharge of sediment and other pollutants to lands and/or waters during construction activities. The ESCP should be prepared in accordance with the requirements for such plans outlined in *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* (available from the Department of Housing).

During Construction

17. All reasonable measures shall be taken to protect all other vegetation on the site from damage during construction.

18. All construction and associated work necessary for the carrying out of the development being restricted to between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays and between 8.00am and 4.00pm on Saturdays.

19. The full construction of access roads with a sealed pavement and all necessary drainage. The road to be designed to enable the manoeuvring of buses.

Prior to Occupation Certificate

20. In order to ensure that the development complies with this consent, the approved use shall not commence until all conditions of this Development Consent have been complied with.

21. Occupation of any buildings and the use of the site for the proposed development should not take place until all landscaping is completed, all car parking spaces are constructed and designated and all the conditions of approval have been satisfied.

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22. Landscaping shall be completed in accordance with the approved landscaping plan and shall be maintained in perpetuity by the existing or future owners and occupiers of the property. In this respect an occupational certificate will not be granted on the application until the landscaping is complete.
23. In order to enhance the amenity of the development, new boundary fences along the northern and eastern boundaries shall be provided at the applicant's expense. Such fencing behind the building line shall be to a height of 1.8m timber lapped and capped. (D264).

Use of the Site

24. All landscaping shall be permanently maintained in a good condition and in accordance with the intent of the landscaping plan.
25. The development shall be conducted in such a manner that noise levels measured at any boundary do not exceed 5dB(A) above background noise levels.
26. The development shall be conducted in such a manner so as not to interfere with the amenity of the neighbourhood in respect to noise, vibration, odour, dust, waste water, waste products or otherwise.
27. Storage of chemicals and petrochemicals should be contained using an approved bunding material at all times.
28. Sites must be identified with numbers, and site area clearly delineated.
29. Regular removal of all fire hazard material from under vans and throughout the park. BBQ firewood is to be stored in one suitable area within the park and sign posted.
30. Adequate notices, warning the public not to drink or otherwise use the treated liquid waste, must be erected on the site. These notices must be in legible English and in any other languages as may be necessary, and must indicate at least that the water in use is "Reclaimed Water - Unfit for Drinking".
31. The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or waste at the premises if it requires an environment protection licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

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32. For the discharge point, the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, must not exceed the concentrations limits specified for that pollutant in the table.

Pollutant	Units of Measure	100% Concentration Limit
<BOD>	mg/L	20
<NFR>	mg/L	30
<pH>		6.5-8.5

33. To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any other pollutant other than those specified in the table.
34. Treated liquid waste pipelines and fittings must be clearly identified. Standard water taps, hoses and valves must not be fitted to the pipelines of the irrigation system. The irrigation system must not be connected to other water pipelines. Lockable valves or removable handles must be used where there is public access to the effluent.
35. Wastewater utilisation areas must effectively utilise the wastewater applied to those areas. This includes the use for pasture or crop production, as well as ensuring the soil is able to absorb the nutrients, salts, hydraulic load and organic materials in the solids or liquids. Monitoring of lands and receiving waters to determine the impact of wastewater application may be required by the EPA.
36. The volume of wastes discharged must not exceed 23 Kilolitres on any day.
37. Spray from wastewater application must not drift beyond the boundary of the wastewater utilisation area to which it is applied. A minimum area of 1.5 hectares must be used for wastewater irrigation.
38. Wastewater must only be applied to the areas defined in the application (figure 2 - site plan).
39. The applicant must provide an annual return to the EPA in relation to the development as required by any licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 in relation to the development. In the return the applicant must report on the annual monitoring undertaken (where the activity results in pollutant discharges), provide a summary of complaints relating to the development, report on compliance with licence conditions and provide a calculation of licence fees (administrative fees and, where relevant, load based fees) that are payable. If load based fees apply to the activity the applicant will be required to submit load-based fee calculation worksheets with the return.

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45: NSW Health Skin Penetration Guidelines (GP070/017/EVD/ENK30NBX.V08)

That:

1. The Skin Penetration Guidelines be provided to all relevant premises in the area. This will allow the register to be updated to include all unrecorded businesses.
2. Details of all premises be recorded to update our current register.
3. Operators be advised that Council will be conducting compliance audits at the premises in the next eighteen (18) months.
4. Operators be requested to bring their premises up to the standards outlined in the guidelines within the next eighteen (18) months.

**46: Draft Development Control Plan - Contaminated Land Policy
(GP070/014/EVD/ENK30NBX.V06)**

That Council adopt, for the purposes of public exhibition, the Draft Development Control Plan for Contaminated Land.

47: Companion Animals Act- Lifetime Registration (GE020/002/EVD/ENK30NBX.V07)

That:

1. Registration be accepted on councils current database for dog registrations, if people have been living in the area for less than three months.
2. This registration be accepted only if proof can be produced in the form of a current registration form issued by the previous Council.

**48: Proposed thirteen (13) Lot Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 DP255340, Lot 13 DP613296, Lot D DP174059 and Lot 1 DP86789 Comleroy Road, Kurrajong
(M371/99/EVD/ENK30NBX.V03)**

Mr Brian McKinlay, representing the applicant, addressed the Committee.

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Ms Louise Thornbrough and Mr John Wayland, objectors, addressed the Committee.

That a facilitation meeting be held between the applicant, objectors and Council staff to consider valid objections for inclusion within the management plan and reported to the Ordinary meeting.

Supplementary Reports

**49: Truck Depot - Lot 89 DP806272 No. 38 Avondale Road, Pitt Town
(M1196/99/EVD/ENK30LBX.V11)**

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 43 of the Environment section of the business paper.

That the information be received.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

**19: Circus Joseph Ashton Application for use of Hanna Park, North Richmond
(PK/225/ENG/INK30NBX.E02)**

That:

1. Council's policy for park fees be adhered to should the development application for Circus Joseph Ashton be approved.
2. A further report be brought to the Ordinary meeting addressing questions raised at the General Purpose Committee.

20: Enhancement of Memorial Park, Kurrajong (PK/008/ENG/INK30NBX.E03)

That:

1. The draft landscape design plan for Memorial Park, Kurrajong be adopted and advertised for community comment.
2. This be brought to the Planning Workshop for an allocation in the 2000/2001 budget.

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21: Road Funding (GG021/074, GR120/002Pt3/ENG/INK30NBX.E04)

Mrs Marie Noble addressed the Committee.

That:

- 1 The Financial Assistance Grant funding be allocated to
 - a) additional drainage at Golden Valley Drive, Glossodia - \$70,000 (seventy thousand dollars)
 - b) extend the pipeline at the intersection of Day/Mileham Streets, Windsor - \$7,000 (seven thousand dollars) and,
 - c) Children's Crossing Grose View Public School, Grose Wold - \$12,230 (twelve thousand two hundred and thirty dollars).
- 2 The 3 x 3 Funding be allocated to the rehabilitation of George Street between Argyle and James Streets.
- 3 The equivalent amount of the 3 x 3 Funding previously allocated to the rehabilitation of George Street be reallocated to the following program:

Turpentine Grove, Blaxlands Ridge - full length	\$25,000
East Kurrajong Road - various sections	\$38,000
Slopes Road, North Richmond - rehabilitate section fronting properties 405-409	\$8,000
George Street, South Windsor - rehabilitate section adjacent to shops in the vicinity of Macquarie Street including the intersection of James Street	\$15,000
Mileham Street, South Windsor - rehabilitate section in the vicinity of Bell Street	\$15,000
Phipps Road, Maraylya - various sections	\$11,000
Spinks and Creek Ridge Roads intersection	\$16,000
	<u>\$128,000</u>
4. A further report be brought to the Ordinary meeting.

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- 22: NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 - Recent Determinations**
(GE020/055/ENG/INK30NCX.E05)

That the information be received.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

- 33: Purchase of Proposed Three Town Sewerage Scheme Treatment Works Site - Stewarts Lane, Wilberforce** (GL010/001 PT02/CSV/OGK30NCX.C04)

Mr Neville Diamond addressed the Committee.

That the information be received.

- 34: National Competition Policy - Payments to Local Government** (GM001/031
Pt2/GMA/OGK30NAX.G01)

That Council make representations to the State Government seeking a fair distribution of National Competition Policy payments to Local Government. That it seeks the assistance of the Local Government Association, WSROC and the State Members of Hawkesbury and Londonderry in this matter.

- 35: Local Government Associations Reference Groups - Nominations for Membership**
(GL040/009 Pt02/GMA/OGK30NAX.G02)

That the information be received.

Councillor Allan was nominated for the Library and Information Services Reference Group.

- 36: Monthly Financial Report - October 1999** (GF0011/005/FNC/OGK30NAX.F08)

That the information be received.

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37: Work for the Dole 2000 - Hawkesbury Skills Inc. (P255/100/CSV/OGK30NBX.C03)

Mr Hugh McKinnon, representing Hawkesbury Skills Inc., addressed the Committee.

That:

1. Hawkesbury City Council note and acknowledge the contribution and work of Hawkesbury Skills Inc.
2. This matter be referred to the weekend workshop to be held in February for further discussion on how the Council may assist with this project.

38: Disposal of Property Bounded by George Street, Woods Road and Bradley Road, South Windsor (GC285/28/CSV/OGK30NBX.C05)

A site inspection was carried out at 12.20pm. Councillors present at the inspection were the Mayor, Councillor R P Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, K F Conolly, D Finch, G J Gilling, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

That:

1. Mrs Vicky Shackley of No. 636 George Street, South Windsor be granted for nil compensation, 1.5 metres of the closed laneway for the length of her property.
2. Once the road closure and subdivision to create one (1) lot are completed, the site be sold by public auction with the reserve price to be determined by a valuer prior to auction.
3. The Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documentation.

39: Lease of 22 Fitzgerald Street, Windsor (GF283/031 PT03/CSV/OGK30NBX.C09)

That a site inspection be carried out.

A site inspection was carried out at 12.00pm. Councillors present at the inspection were the Mayor, Councillor R P Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, K F Conolly, D Finch, G J Gilling, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

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That the lessee be reminded of the obligation to provide unrestricted access to the public amenities located within 22 Fitzgerald Street, Windsor in accordance with the conditions of the Lease Agreement.

40: Proposed Sale of Public Reserve No. 75 at Lower Portland (GC283/065 PT02/CSV/OGK30NBX.C06)

Mr Barry Cartwright, applicant, addressed the Committee.

That a site inspection be carried out.

A site inspection was carried out at 2.00pm. Councillors present at the inspection were the Mayor, Councillor R P Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, D Finch, G J Gilling, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather and C J Woods.

That a Local Environmental Plan be prepared to enable the reclassification of Lot 7 and Lot 4 DP252546 from Community to Operational land. Further, should the Plan proceed, the site be then sold to Mr and Mrs Cartwright of Ponderosa Automarine and Ski Resort for \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) and the Seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documentation.

That Council conduct an audit on public river front land and report this to the next General Purpose Committee meeting.

41: Proposed Road Closure and Purchase - Corner of Ebenezer Wharf Road and Sackville Road, Ebenezer (P1901/0080/CSV/OGK30NBX.C07)

That:

1. Council support the closure of an unnecessary section of road on the corner of Sackville Road and Ebenezer Wharf Road, Ebenezer, adjoining Lot 2 in DP 576358 (368 Sackville Road) and comprising an area of approximately 2015m².
2. A six by six metre splay corner to be retained on the corner of Sackville Road and Ebenezer Wharf Road, Ebenezer.

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3. Council as the roads authority apply to the Department of Land and Water Conservation for the closure of the unnecessary section of road to be vested in Council as operational land, and transferred to Mr and Mrs Sullivan.
4. The applicants Mr and Mrs Sullivan enter into a Deed of agreement to:
 - i. Meet all costs associated with the application.
 - ii. Consolidate the closed road area with the adjoining property, Lot 2 in DP 576358.
5. All necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

42: Policy for Access to Information (GL010/001 PT02/CSV/OGK30NBX.C10)

Mr Neville Diamond addressed the Committee.

That Council place on public exhibition for a period of 42 (forty two) days the Draft Policy for Access to Information and the fee for processing and photocopying at \$30 (thirty dollars) per hour. Following the public consultation period, the draft policy for Access to Information and necessary amendments to the Complaints Policy be reported back to Council.

43: Hawkesbury Community Transport Service (GC200/002/CSV/OGK30NCX.C11)

That the information be received.

Supplementary Reports

44: Leave of Absence - Councillor P Davies (GA030/014/GMA/OGK30LAX.G13)

Council exercising its delegation as the Whole Council

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Gilling seconded by Councillor Finch

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Davies.

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45: Representation on Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board (GM001/021 PT11/CSV/OGK30LBX.C12)

That the information be received.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

Councillor Gilling tabled the following Questions with Notice:

"Is Council taking proceedings in the Land & Environment Court against Mr Zammit for a Declaration that a Development Consent issued by Council in January 1999 to him is null and void?"

When did staff form the opinion that this consent was invalid?"

Was it following Egan's case and Mr McCellan advice in July or was Council aware of this problem 3 years ago when an application for a chicken farm at Ebenezer was being processed?"

Why did Council take so long to take action to declare the Zammit consent invalid?"

Is Council now going to take action with respect to all other approvals given for industries in Rural Zone as I understand all of these approvals are capable of being held to be invalid."

If Council is not taking action with respect to these other approvals why is it taking action against Mr Zammit as his approval is valid until it is challenged as with the other approvals."

Did Staff inform Mr Zammit and his solicitor M/s Bulki that it was Council's problem and it was being rectified?"

Is Council aware that proceedings can be taken for damages if approvals granted by council are found to be invalid?"

Did staff inform Councillors who voted to withdraw this consent that damages could be sought if the approval is found to be invalid?"

Does Council intend to offer compensation to those owners whose approvals are found to be invalid?"

How many consents for industry has Council issued in the past three years?"

Will the new draft LEP allow industries in Rural Zones?"

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If Council was aware in July this year that the 1989 LEP may be faulty then why was the new draft LEP, which is an amendment to the 1989 LEP lodged with DUAP, especially when the matter was raised by Elf Farms solicitor Don Shaddick prior to lodgement that it may be faulty.

When will the draft LEP be gazetted?

Will HSARDS exclude the substrate from the site at Blaxlands Ridge which is considered by the Commission of Enquiry as an appropriate site?

Will HSARDS exclude Mr Zammits rural industry from his site at Pitt Town?"

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Conolly enquired when it was planned to re-open the Grandstand at McQuade Park.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised he would advise Councillor Conolly.

2. Councillor Rasmussen enquired whether Council had made a response to the University in relation to their "Shape of the Future - A Structure for the University of Western Sydney in the 21st Century" document. He requested that if Council had not already done so, that a congratulatory letter be sent and that Council get involved in the structure and future of the University.

The General Manager advised that he had, as a Member of the University Council, responded. He advised that he was unsure if Council had officially received a copy of the document and that he would further investigate this matter.

3. Councillor Williams tabled correspondence from Michael and Mary Want of 47 Pine Place, Grose Vale relating to trail bike noise and requesting Council implement a policy in this regard. Councillor Williams requested that this matter be addressed.

The Mayor advised that he had responded to this correspondence and that he would provide a copy of the reply.

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4. Councillor Williams advised that he had attended the first meeting of the River Trust Local Government Reference Group for the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust. He enquired if Council had a policy to not send a representative to this Committee as he believed it would be to Council's advantage to have a staff member attend. He enquired how this could be implemented. He also advised that Hawkesbury City Council were hosting a meeting of this group in March and suggested that attendance by a staff member would be appropriate and beneficial.

The General Manager advised that staff attendance at such meetings was discussed and decided by himself and senior managers. He advised that there was not a policy to not send a representative to this meeting. He further advised that he believed a staff member had previously attended these meetings and that he would further investigate this issue.

5. Councillor Williams referred to a facsimile he had sent to Council relating to kerb and guttering in Castlereagh Road, Wilberforce on behalf of Lyn and Murray Dyball. He had been informed that work would be commencing the following week. He advised that this work had not commenced and enquired where this matter was up to.

The Director of Asset Services advised that he would check the program and advise.

6. Councillor Williams advised that he has received representations from Lyn Baker in North Street in relation to a house being constructed on the block next door on which she believed was never to have a house constructed on.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that he had also received the information. He advised that the block, which is Lot 25 No. 17 North Street, has footings constructed on it for an old approval and that the owners were relying on the old approval to construct the house. He advised that he is having the information investigated and would respond.

7. Councillor Williams advised that the Wilberforce Pony Club believed that Council had plans to re-sell or re-zone the land that the Club is currently operating on. He enquired if there were plans to move out the Pony Club.

The General Manager advised that Council had indicated that the former Hawkesbury High School site that was leased to them for some years would become industrial when the sewerage for the area was connected. He advised that he did not think this included the Pony Club land. He advised that he would provide a copy of the original proposal.

8. Councillor Williams advised that he has received a complaint from Mr and Mrs Bird at 177 Old Stock Route Road regarding oil which came from the neighbouring bus depot during a recent hailstorm. The oil had stained their lawn and flowed into the neighbours dam. He enquired if anything had happened in relation to this.

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The Director of Environment & Development advised that this would be investigated.

9. Councillor Williams enquired if there were erosion control measures taken at the Aboriginal Silcrete Quarry at Freemans Reach.

The General Manager advised that they had been installed and that he had since spoken to the teacher involved.

Councillor Williams enquired if there had been any moves by Council to engage National Parks and Wildlife with regards to how to best maintain or clean up this site.

The General Manager advised that he had been advised that the site should be covered with plastic and earth. He advised that he would further investigate this matter.

10. Councillor Allan enquired when the Shed Policy would come before Council.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that it would come to the January General Purpose Committee meeting.

11. Councillor Allan advised that cars were being parked on the footpath at the Hawkesbury Valley Holden site making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. She enquired if this was permissible and if not could this be followed up.

The General Manager advised that it was not permissible and the matter would be investigated.

12. Councillor Allan referred to a recent item in relation to money for the Cycle Ways and enquired when the report would be coming back to Council.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that a number of issues needed to be investigated and that it would possibly be reported to the February General Purpose Committee meeting.

Councillor Allan enquired if the money that had been discussed would be part of the planning weekend for the 2000/2001 budget.

The General Manager advised that part of the planning weekend will include Councillors naming their priorities for capital allocation for next year and the 3-4 year program.

Councillor Allan enquired if Council had contacted the people who had made representation at the General Purpose Committee about the Cycle Way and what we were planning to do.

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The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that this would be investigated and followed up.

13. Councillor Paine requested an update on the tower at Kurrajong and enquired if it was operational.

The General Manager advised that the tower was up and fully operational. He advised that the Rural Fire Service were experiencing problems with Motorola communications equipment and he understood this was yet to be resolved.

14. Councillor Paine enquired what is happening with the Mall and when the paving was going to be fixed.

The General Manager advised that it was a policy of Council that no work, apart from urgent maintenance, was to be undertaken in the Mall Commercial areas during November or December. He advised that the works are not planned to start until February and that a wide range of issues had been raised which are being addressed. He further advised that it may be necessary to put in place a consultative program or forum to engage both the business community and the land owners in town to address what should happen in Windsor in both the short and the medium term.

15. Councillor Paine enquired if Council were looking at opening the Mall.

The General Manager advised that staff were not.

16. Councillor Paine referred to the money which Council had resolved to spend on the Mall, in particular for erection of signs and extra lighting. She enquired when these works would take place.

The General Manager advised that there was a policy of Council to increase the Christmas lights in the Mall.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that investigations were being carried out relating to the signs. He advised that this would possibly be implemented in February.

17. Councillor Sheather referred to comments made in relation to the Trust. He advised that from 31 December there would be no community catchment committees within the State as they were being disbanded. He advised that he would provide information and that he felt there was a need to make representation to the Trust regarding how the projects that the Trust had put in place within our catchment would be continued. He suggested that it may be appropriate that the Mayor send a letter outlining how the community support may be continued.

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The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

18. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council were investigating the impact of the State's Dam Policy and water access for the farmers, in particular the conversion of acreage to volumetric measurements based on crops. He advised that he had recently attended a meeting with the Department of Land and Water Conservation, Sydney Water and farmers, where it was obvious that there was little understanding of the Hawkesbury Valley and the water required to grow crops. He enquired if it were possible for Council to get involved.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that Council had received a policy. He advised that it had only been investigated in respect of Council's role of giving consent for farm dams and no other activity has taken place.

Councillor Paine requested that a report come to the Ordinary meeting outlining what possibilities and what role Council can play in relation to this issue.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

The meeting terminated at 2.30pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 25 January, 2000.

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Mayor