Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary meeting minutes

date of meeting: 08 March 2005
location: council chambers
time: 5:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on Tuesday, 8 March 2005, commencing at 5:00pm.

Pastor Sam Di Mauro of the Hawkesbury Church, Windsor, representing the Hawkesbury Minister's Association, gave the opening prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor B Bassett, Mayor, Councillor D Finch, Deputy Mayor and Councillors T Books, B Calvert, K Conolly, T Devine, C Paine, B Porter, R Stubbs and N Wearne

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillors P Rasmussen and L Williams

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wearne and seconded by Councillor Paine that the apology be accepted.

Councillor Rasmussen arrived at the meeting at 7:06pm
Councillor Williams arrived at the meeting at 7:07pm

The Mayor referred to the fact that 8 March 2005 was International Women's day and acknowledged the great work that women do in the community and have done for generations, in the home, business and community life. He acknowledged that they provide an enormous amount of effort and contribute enormously to the community. On behalf of Council, the Mayor thanked all those women who contribute so much.

The Mayor congratulated the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Finch, on being awarded the inaugural award for Women of Western Sydney. He explained that she had been awarded one of only three awards for her community work over many decades.

Councillor Books displayed the award that Councillor Finch had been awarded and read from it "Highly Commended", in recognition and appreciation of contribution of Greater Western Sydney.

76 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Conolly.

That Mrs Bronwyn Bassett, the Deputy Mayor, Council staff and the Tsunami Concert Committee be congratulated on their efforts in running the successful Tsunami Appeal Concert as a fundraiser for the Tsunami victims needs.

SECTION 1 - Confirmation of Minutes

77 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Calvert that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 22 February 2005, be confirmed.

SECTION 3 - Notices of Motion

NM - Master Plan for the Village of Kurrajong - (79347, 80106)

Mr Gerry Faulkner, Mr Matthew Shearer, Mr Lionel Buckett, Mr Robert Duncan, proponents, addressed the Council

MOTION:

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams

That:

1. In the 2005/2006 budget Council consider commissioning the design, development and implementation of a Master Plan for the iconic Village of Kurrajong.

2. Council recognises the need for Master Plans and/or Development Control Plans for other major towns and villages of the Hawkesbury and that a report be provided to as part of the 2005/2006 budget process to enable Council to determine its priorities.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams.

Refer to RESOLUTION

The amendment was carried.

The amendment then became the motion which was put and carried.

78 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the AMENDMENT moved by Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Books.

That Council recognises the need for Master Plans and/or Development Control Plans for the major towns and villages of the Hawkesbury and that a report be provided to as part of the 2005/2006 budget process to enable Council to determine its priorities, including Kurrajong and Kurrajong Heights, for consideration.

SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 56 GM B - Australian Water Summit, Sydney, 2005 - (79351)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

79 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

The attendance of nominated Councillors at the Australian Water Summit, Sydney, 2005 to be held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre of 30 & 31 March 2005 be approved.

80 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

That Councillors Rasmussen and Devine attend the Australian Water Summit, Sydney, 2005 as Council's nominated Councillors.

COMMERCIAL STRATEGY - (CORPORATE RESPONSE UNIT)

Item: 57 RES B - Tourism Hawkesbury Inc - Holiday and Leisure Expo - (91811, 73538)

Previous Item: 74, Special (28 June 2004)

Mr Frank Scarfe, respondent, addressed the Council

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

Refer to RESOLUTION

81 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Stubbs

That:

1. An amount of $1,300 (one thousand and three hundred dollars) be allocated to Tourism Hawkesbury Inc for the purpose of attending the 2005 Holiday and Leisure Expo.

2. Any further funding to Tourism Hawkesbury Inc for marketing purposes be on a dollar-for-dollar basis between Council and the Board, subject to available funds and the consideration of a comprehensive marketing plan.

Item: 58 RES B - E-Enabling the Hawkesbury - EMAC Recommendations - (91811)

Previous Item: ROC, Ordinary (14 December 2004)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wearne, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

Refer to RESOLUTION

82 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wearne, seconded by Councillor Calvert

That:

1. Council support the recommendation of the E-Commerce/Markets Advisory Committee as set out below.

2. A review be undertaken of Council's existing IT-IS capabilities, using external consultants as required, with a view to identifying and acting upon opportunities that may better position the organisation:

(a) To gain benefit from emerging technologies in areas such as customer service and workplace productivity;

(b) To take a leadership role in the education and implementation of IT infrastructure, and;

(c) To develop commercial offerings that enhances the competitiveness of local industry and business.

3. In conjunction with Part 1 above, partnership options be explored with existing and potential stakeholders to fully realise an e-enablement solution for the customers of Hawkesbury City Council with a draft strategy to be prepared and presented to the E-Commerce/Markets Advisory Committee for further consideration.

4. Expressions-of-Interest be sought and funds allocated from the existing local economic development budget for the purpose of this initiative.

5. A further report be presented to Council prior to engaging any consultants.

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Item: 59 **ENV B - State of the Environmental Planning Policy No. 65 and Residential Development in Commercial Zones - (79347)**

Previous Item: 43, Ordinary (22 February 2005)

Mr Frank Scarfe, proponent, addressed the Council

Mr Troy Meyers, Mr John Wehben and Mr John Duffy, respondents, addressed the Council

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

83 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Finch

That:

1. The interim policy relating to Shop-Top Housing development in commercial zones be as follows:

   a) Council supports residential development in the 3(a) and 3(b) zones, provided it is in association with commercial and/or retail development on the same parcel of land;

   b) Ground floors within developments are to consist of commercial/retail units.

   c) Barrier free access to at all residential units within the development is to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of SEPP No 65;

   d) Developments within the Richmond and South Windsor commercial areas, 1 (one) car parking space will be required, for up to 85 (eighty five) square metres floor area of each unit. Above that floor area, and for all other areas the normal car parking requirements of the Development Control Plan will be required.

   e) The concession currently contained in the Development Control Plan within the car parking section, be removed.

   f) The open space requirements of SEPP No. 65 be adopted, for the provision of shop-top housing developments.

2. The Development Control Plan be modified to ensure that stack parking solutions are not acceptable for any forms of development other than residential development containing up to 3 (three) dwellings.

3. The Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan be amended in accordance with the Department's Best Practise Guidelines, to reflect this interim policy.

4. Applicants with current Development Applications before Council regarding these types of development be informed of Council's resolution on this matter and be invited to amend their applications to comply with the policy. In relation to applications lodged prior to 8 March 2005, the changes made at this meeting are not to be used as the basis for refusal under delegated authority.

5. A further report be presented to Council on the implication for the provision of garbage services to this type of development, once the position has been clarified with the Department of Local Government.

Councillors Calvert and Rasmussen requested that their names be shown as having voted against the motion.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Item: 60 **INF B - James Hardie Products - (94476, 107)**

Previous Item: 107, Ordinary (7 September 2004)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Paine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

84 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Paine

That the matter be deferred.

Item: 61 **INF B - National Servicemen Memorial - Ham Common - (90480, 79338, 83571, 84578)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Paine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

85 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Paine

That the request to erect a memorial plaque in Ham Common to recognise National Servicemen be supported.

Item: 62 **INF B - Hawkesbury Cultural Precinct - Naming of Facilities and Rooms - (79338, 79342)**

Previous Item: 62, Ordinary (9 November 2004)

Mr Greg Hansell, proponent, addressed the Council

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

86 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. Former Hospital Building be named "Hawkesbury Benevolent Society Building".
2. Library-Study Room 1 be named "Mary Reiby Room".
3. Library- Study Room 2 be named "Louisa Atkinson Room".
4. Library -Tutorial Room be named "Charles Harpur Room".
5. Community Studio be named "Stan Stevens Studio".
6. Seminar Room be named "Tebbutt Room".
7. Meeting Room be named "'Rozzoli Room".
8. The main pavilion of the Hawkesbury Regional Museum be named the Doug Bowd Pavilion.
9. The temporary exhibition space within the Hawkesbury Regional Museum be named Jan Barkley Jack Room.
10. Local Aboriginal groups be consulted regarding the proposed name of the Library/Gallery Complex being the "The Venrubbin Centre" or "The Deerubbin Centre".
11. Staff investigate long term sponsorship for the naming rights of the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery and the Hawkesbury Regional Museum as a means of raising additional funding for the operation of the Precinct.

Item: 63 **INF B - Water Filling Point - Matheson Park, Kurrajong - (79338)**

Previous Item: 44, GPC, 27 November 2003
44, Ord, 9 December 2003

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Paine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

87 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Paine

That:

1. The proposal to establish a non-commercial water filling point in Matheson Park adjacent to Roxana Road, Kurrajong not proceed due to potential archaeological significance and costs of necessary investigations.

2. The existing non-commercial site at the intersection of Old Bells Line of Road and Kurrajong Road remain at its present location at this stage.

3. The disturbed area be reinstated with the existing stripped surface material.

4. Council consider funding for a Plan of Management in the 2005/2006 budget.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

Item: 64 **ORG B - Documents for Execution Under the Common Seal of Council - (74051 , P-6240)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

88 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That the seal of Council be affixed to the following documents:

1. Lease agreement for Shop 1 (one) Glossodia Shopping Centre, with Jodale Pty Limited, trading as Glossodia Liquormart for a lease of 3 (three) years with a 3 (three) year option with a commencing annual rent of $15,120 (fifteen thousand, one hundred and twenty dollars), reviewed annually in accordance with the CPI for Sydney. The lessee to be responsible for 7.5% (seven point five percent) of the Council rates and 10.72% (ten point seven two percent) of all other outgoings as well as the costs associated with the registration fees and stamp duty pertaining to the leases

Item: 65 **ORG B - Review of Delegations of Authority Under Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 - (79341)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

Refer to RESOLUTION

89 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs

That having reviewed the delegations of authority granted by Council, as required under the provisions of section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolve to reaffirm and to not alter the basis of such delegations, as detailed in the report to Council on this matter, and that such delegations remain in force until once again reviewed by Council as required, it being noted that point (ii) of the delegation to the Audit Committee referred to in the report should read as follows:

"(ii) to bring to Council's attention, by way of recommendation, any item requiring a policy decision outside the authority granted to the Audit Committee under section 377'…"

Item: 66 **ORG B - Richmond Golf Club - Lease and Level of Rental - (79337, 38630)**

Previous Item: 94, GPC – Organisation and Resources (28 October 2003)

Mr John Howes and Mr Frank Scarfe, respondents, addressed the Council

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams.

Refer to RESOLUTION

90 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams

That:

1. The Richmond Golf Club be advised that Council has considered the question of the level of rental to be paid under the existing lease and it considers that the amount of $35,412 (thirty five thousand, four hundred and twelve dollars) per annum excluding GST and subject to annual CPI increases to be appropriate from 1 July 2004, being the rental review date under the lease and to apply for a period of 5 (five) years from that date.

2. The Club only be required to pay the 2004/2005 increased portion of the rental on a pro-rata basis from 8 March 2005

3. Council pursue the extension of the lease of the Richmond Golf Course by Richmond Golf Club Limited with the Department of Lands by way of either variation of the existing lease or the cancellation of the existing lease, and a fresh lease on the basis of the terms of either option, not exceeding the permissible 20 (twenty) years from the date upon which they become effective, with Council expressing its preference for a new lease of 20 (twenty) years.

4. That the lessee be responsible for paying all Council legal costs involved in the provision of the new lease.

Item: 67 **ORG A - Suggested Expenditure Reductions Resulting from December Quarterly Review - (79350, 107)**

Previous Item: 50, Ordinary (23 February 2005)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Williams.

Refer to RESOLUTION

91 **RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Williams

That the following expenditure reductions be authorised by Council in order to meet the deficit result revealed as a result of the December Quarterly Review of the 2004/05 Budget, and that such reductions be incorporated into the March Quarterly Review.

Development Control		
1-32-2407-4147	Consultancy Fees - North Richmond DCP	-30,000.00
1-32-2407-0000	Consultancy Fees	-19,400.00
Internal Audit		
1-41-2101-0000	Salaries	-13,000.00
1-41-2402-0000	Sundry Expenses	-2,000.00
1-41-2411-0000	Vehicle Expenses	-5,000.00
Commercial Response		
1-40-2510-0000	Local Economic Development Project	-15,000.00
Computer Services		
1-10-2740-4070	General Computer Maintenance - EDP General	-10,000.00
1-10-2740-4071	General Computer Maintenance - Software Maintenance	-15,000.00
1-10-2740-4072	General Computer Maintenance - Computer Ex General	-5,000.00
1-10-2740-4073	General Computer Maintenance - Operating Lease	-10,000.00
Administration		
1-22-2423-0000	Postage & Freight	-10,000.00
Word Processing		
1-23-2107-0000	Casual Salaries	-15,000.00
Health Services		
1-35-2560-0000	Regional Illegal Dumping Program	-15,000
Car Parking		
1-55-2690-4030	Car Parking M&R	-20,000.00
1-55-2690-4031	M&R Richmond Market	-20,000.00
1-55-2690-4032	M&R Kurmond/North Richmond	-7,000.00
Policy & Corporate Communications		
1-68-2408-5178	Printing PR Publications	-10,000.00
1-68-2768-0000	Communication & Stakeholder Program Expenses	-10,000.00
Parks		
1-50-2618-7965	M&R Boat Ramp Exp Routine Maintenance	-10,000
1-50-2618-7947	Maintenance & Repair, Windsor Mall	-9,000
Sundries		
1-38-2721-4025	Animal Control	-4,000
TOTAL		-254,400

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Councillor Stubbs referred to problems being experienced in Wolsley Road, McGraths Hill between Arndell and McGraths Hill townships and asked if a shared cycleway for Windsor High and Colo High could be investigated by the appropriate Committee for prioritisation.

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the matter would be investigated and advised the cycleway's required, in accordance with the Regional Cycleway Plan, weren't specifically for the two high schools, but one for Arndell would certainly be investigated.

2. Councillor Books requested a report into increasing the car-parking capacity of the existing car-parks in Windsor, especially the car-parks surrounding the medical centre and shopping centre in Kable Street.

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised the matter would be investigated.

3. Councillor Books referred to the amount of rubbish and broken beer bottles in all the shrubs at the railway station. He requested that Council ask City Rail to do something about cleaning it up.

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised the matter would be investigated.

4. Councillor Books requested an update on Hollands Paddock and asked when building was going to commence.

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the demolition was complete with the exception of the lighting poles that they are giving Council. He advised that he was unsure of when actual construction was going to commence.

5. Councillor Books referred to the Local Government Conference and asked if Council was going to put up any policies to that conference.

   The General Manager advised that Council was happy to put up items that Council agrees to and asked Councillors if there are any items they want discussed or put forward that they give them to him.

   Councillor Books asked if a Motion could be put that all chewing gum be banned in public places.

6. Councillor Calvert referred to the trees that were cut down in Kurrajong Village and asked when were they going to be replaced and if they were going to be replaced with liquidambars.

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the final determination had not been made on the type of tree. He referred to the recommendation that Council adopted from Mr Schofield and advised that liquidambars or similar and we're in receipt of correspondence from him again. The Director advised that the matter hadn't been voted but as soon as the determination is received, Council could action it.

7. Councillor Calvert referred to part of the Motion from the last meeting that stated Council would issue an apology to the people of the city and asked if the apology was going to be issued separately to the Motion and asked when was Council going to do it.

   The Mayor advised he had received advice from the General Manager and Council's legal representatives, Pike, Pike and Fenwick, that Council was conducting an enquiry into the whole process and that part of the Motion should wait until the final outcome of the enquiry is completed.

8. Councillor Calvert referred to an enquiry he had had from Mr Christie that three trees seem to have disappeared on Windsor Street near Bourke Street and asked if a report could be provided on what happened to those trees if anything at all?

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there had been a couple of trees removed over the past five years that were in a dangerous condition and that had overhanging branches and were full of rot. He advised that there had not been any trees removed recently from this area.

9. Councillor Paine tabled correspondence from Mable O'Grady and Margaret Ellis who were asking that Council consider putting a pedestrian bridge across Rickaby Creek. Councillor Paine asked if this could be looked at it from a budget or perhaps look at it simply to get some grants from the Government. She asked if the ladies could be provided with a reply.

   The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there is Section 94 funding provided and there was about $65,000 to put some sort of a structure across the creek but its about $200,000 short, he advised that the matter would be investigated.

10. Councillor Williams referred to a circular that came from Mr Ryan referring to the State Government lowering the water quality standards for Pitt Town, which would allow Council to use the reduced size of retention basins at Pitt Town. Councillor Williams asked if this meant a lesser quality run off from that site that could potentially impact upon wetlands, waterways and the river?

    The Director City Planning advised that the first part of the question is technically correct; the water will be of less quality. The second part of the question is not correct, the water would be of better quality than is currently discharged into the wetland.

    Councillor Williams asked how doe that happen.

    The Director City Planning advised that currently the water is untreated and discharges from Pitt Town directly from the wetlands polluted, like any other stormwater. Once it is treated by the devices for the new subdivision it will be a higher quality than currently leaves the site, but it won't meet the SOJI standard which is the one originally suggested, but it will meet the current stormwater standards of the EPA.

11. Councillor Williams asked if Council should be objecting to the standards being lowered due to the fact, Council objected to the Sydney Water discharging more sewer into the river. Councillor Williams asked why Council shouldn't insist on the SOJI standards.

    The Director City Planning advised the SOJI standards, which is the Statement of Joint Intent on Water Quality, seeks to apply a standard, which is almost pure drinking water. At this point the best description of it to achieve that, is technically very difficult as not even Sydney Water can achieve those standards in drinking water so I think its being unrealistic to expect that water coming out of any land form is going to achieve the SOJI standard. The EPA have now said you have to comply with the standard, Local Government Stormwater Design Standards which are published and about to be updated but he didn't think its realistic to achieve that Council could actually ever expect to achieve the SOJI standard.

12. Councillor Williams asked if a report was going to be provided to Council from the Bicycle Steering Committee in the near future as he had been requested to hold a meeting.

    The Director Infrastructure Services advised that a report would be coming to the next Council meeting in three weeks time and there is no reason why a Bicycle Steering Committee meeting can't be held.

13. Councillor Williams referred to the clearing that was done on Sackville Road near the corner of Ebenezer Wharf Road, he went on to explain that Council required the landowner to keep a barrier of five to ten metres of trees inside his own boundary. Councillor Williams explained that those mature trees are dying in large numbers and it is unusual for large numbers of trees to be dying from natural causes all at once and asked for the matter to be investigated for any evidence of those trees being poisoned.

    The Acting Director External Services advised that he matter would be investigated.

14. Councillor Finch tabled correspondence from Mrs Joyce Stepto at Price Morris Cottage as she is asking if Council could look at the signage down at St Albans, just before the bridge, as it is quite dangerous.

15. Councillor Finch asked if a report could be provided on the lighting issue going on between the School of Arts, the Management Committee are concerned about this matter. She advised that the lighting right in the corner where there are some old heritage trees is quite dark.

16. Councillor Finch tabled the status report from the Western Academy of Sport and asked if Council could look into becoming a financial member at the Academy because we have just had quite a number of young people in the city who have benefited by going to the Academy.

    The Mayor advised that it would be put up for consideration as part of the budget process.

17. Councillor Rasmussen tabled correspondence from Mr Schofield regarding recommendation on the trees that were removed at Kurrajong Heights and asked for it to be consideration. One is an engineering report by Kneebone Beretta & Hall regarding the trees that were cut down.

18. Councillor Rasmussen referred to the plan for Council's carparking area at Kurrajong and asked if Council could return that plan back to the forum for further community comment.

    The Mayor advised that he had already spoken to the Director Infrastructure Services in this regard.

19. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a letter from the Macquarie Towns Arts Society and advised that their lease has now run out where they currently are and as they were promised by a Council Officer they could remain there for a further six to eight weeks or until the new gallery complex was completed. Councillor Rasmussen asked if Council could provide them with an answer as to where they now stand in regards to that.

    The Acting Director Support Services advised that negotiations had taken place with the Market Place to extend the lease for six to eight months. It wasn't an open ended agreement open for extension until the gallery was completed. Following an approach from the Society, further discussion with the Market Town management are required to determine the position as they are trying to lease the facility on a commercial basis. This will be discussed with them as soon as possible.

20. Councillor Rasmussen referred to the publication called "Meeting the Challenges Securing Sydney's Water Future" and asked if Council had made any comment, which should have been done. He stated that if Council hadn't, it was a pity but we still have the opportunity to do so. Councillor Rasmussen asked if Council could write to the Minister for Planning and ask him to recognise the importance of the farming lands in the Hawkesbury, particularly the Richmond lowlands but other farm areas as well which are not listed and also to recognise the water treatment plant at North Richmond.

The Mayor advised that this would be followed up.

21. Councillor Devine referred to the laying of the new footpath in the South Windsor shopping centre and advised that a number of shops had their threshold tiles damaged. He commended that he understood there had been consultation in having those replaced, in particular, the complaint he had was from the owner of 493 George Street, who would like prompt attention to that damage. Councillor Devine asked what Council could do about that.

    The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the damage wasn't entirely caused by the foot paving laying and it was well photographed before the job started. He advised that Council was negotiating with the owner to try and get some repairs in place but some of those are the owner's responsibility.

22. Councillor Devine referred to the passed resolution that referred to a review of the linen release fees charged for this financial year and asked how that review was progressing.

    The Director City Planning advised that the matter needed to be advised to the Director External Services regarding the process of that to make sure the fees and charges are all fixed up.

23. Councillor Devine tabled correspondence from Mr Attard, who was the original complainant, and advised that he had conducted a lot of survey work between other Councils and actually has got written replies from other Councils that may be useful in any consideration Council.

24. Councillor Devine commented that some time ago Council passed a resolution relating to the Landcom subdivision of Woods Road where the residents in a 750 metre radius were to be surveyed regarding a suitable name for that cul de sac and asked how that survey progressing.

    The Director Infrastructure Services advised that he would investigate the matter and would advise Councillor Devine of the outcomes.

25. Councillor Devine asked if Council had received a development application for the real estate sign that is on the art gallery library complex.

    The Acting Director External Services advised that he would provide a written response to Councillor Devine.

26. Councillor Porter asked if there was any way Council could get some response from the Government bodies regarding the fish and eels killed in the river system. He advised that it seems to happen at the same time, the area gets a 100-150mm of rain up above the Cattai Creek and South Creek area. Councillor Porter commented that if you talk to the EPA or any of the so-called responsible bodies, by the time they get there to investigate, the major pollution is diluted.

    The Mayor also asked if Council could find out if they could put in some water monitoring so that we can actually have testing done so we can get a result when we do get rainfall?

    The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the matter would be followed up.

27. Councillor Wearne tabled correspondence from Brenda Ireland and advised that it was a development application of her property that Council asked her to go away and re-site the place so it was out of flood reach and asked where it is at the moment?

    The Director External Services advised that a report would be provided.

The meeting terminated at 9:40pm

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 29 March 2005.

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Mayor