

# **Ordinary Meeting of Council**

## **Minutes**

## 16 June 2022

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| Signed:   | Cr White, Shire President |  |
|   | Thursday 21 July 2022     |  |



## SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup held in the Tambellup Council Chambers on 16 June 2022 at 4.30pm.

Rob Stewart Acting Chief Executive Officer

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President welcomed Councillors and staff and members of the gallery (Mr Anthony Middleton newly appointed CEO as of 27 June 2022 as an observer). The meeting opened at 4.32pm

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

The President thanked Councillors and staff for their funeral flower arrangement and for support during those tough times in the passing of his father.

## 3. ATTENDANCE

Cr ME White President

Cr DT Barritt Deputy President

Cr CM Dewar Cr MC Paganoni Cr CJ Letter Cr SH Penny Cr JL Wills

RJ Stewart Acting Chief Executive Officer

KP O'Neill Manager of Finance and Administration
PA Hull Strategic Support & Projects Officer
HA Richardson Governance and Executive Assistant

- 3.1 APOLOGIES
- 3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 3.3 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes)

5.1 RESPONSE TO MR ADRIAN BILNEY'S QUESTION FROM MAY 2022 MEETING

Moved Cr C Letter, seconded Cr J Wills

That the response as tabled to Mr Adrian Bilney on 16 June 2022 be noted.

CARRIED 7/0 079/22

- 6. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/SUBMISSIONS Nil.
- 7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD BY DECISION OF COUNCIL Nil.

## 8. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES 8.1. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 19 MAY 2022

Moved Cr S Penny, seconded Cr C Dewar

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED7/0 080/22

#### 9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

#### 9.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MAY 2022

**Attachment:** Monthly Financial Statement for May 2022

File Ref: Nil

**Author:** KP O'Neill - Manager Finance and Administration

**Date:** 10 June 2022

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

## **SUMMARY**

To consider the monthly financial report for the periods ending 31 May 2022.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 require a statement of financial activity to be prepared each month and prescribe the contents of that report and accompanying documents. The report is to be presented at an ordinary meeting of the Council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the report relates.

Each financial year, the Council is required to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the statement of financial activity for reporting material variances.

As part of the 2021/22 budget process, the Council adopted 10% or \$10,000 as the material variance for reporting purposes for the year.

## **COMMENT**

Note 2 in the financial statements provides commentary on the material variances shown in the statement of financial activity by reporting program, which is a requirement of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Receivables - which includes outstanding rates, emergency services levy, pensioner rebates and other 'sundry' debtors - is reported at Note 6.

Note 8 tracks capital grants and contributions, the unspent balance of which is reported as 'Restricted Cash' throughout the financial report.

Capital revenue and expenditure is detailed in Note 12, which includes plant replacement, road construction, building improvements, reserve transfers and loan transactions.

The annual financial report and audit for year end 30 June 2021 is being finalised, and until this is complete additions/disposals to the asset register and allocation of depreciation cannot be processed. This results in material variances reporting in the Statement of Financial Activity.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

- 34. Financial activity statement report
- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22 (1)(d), for that month in the following detail
  - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
  - (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
  - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
  - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
  - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing
  - (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets;
  - (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in subregulation (1)(d); and
  - (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028

Key Results Area (KRA) One - Our People

- 1.5 Our Shire demonstrates strong leadership, effective governance and efficient service delivery to our community
  - 1.5.1 Promote excellence in governance, compliance, regulation, reporting, customer service and delivery of outcomes that are in the best interests of our residents

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The report represents the financial position of the Council at the end of reporting period.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr M Paganoni, seconded Cr C Letter

That the Financial Statements for the period ending 31 May 2022 be received.

CARRIED 7/0 081/22

#### 9.2 CREDITOR ACCOUNTS PAID MAY 2022

Attachment: List of Payments for May 2022

File Ref: Nil

**Author:** KP O'Neill – Manager Finance and Administration

**Date:** 10 June 2022

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

To consider the list of payments made from the Municipal and Trust Funds during May 2022.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 prescribe that a list of accounts paid under delegated authority by the CEO is to be prepared each month, providing sufficient information to identify the transactions.

The list is to be presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting after the list is prepared and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

## **COMMENT**

Summary of payments made for the month:-

|                | \$         |
|----------------|------------|
| Municipal Fund | 483,667.76 |
| Trust Fund     | 0.00       |
| Credit Cards   | 1,524.69   |
| TOTAL          | 485,192.45 |

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

r13. Lists of accounts

- (1) If the local government has delegated authority to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared—
  - (a) the payee's name;
  - (b) the amount of the payment;
  - (c) the date of the payment; and
  - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028

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## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Lists the payments made from Municipal and Trust Funds during the previous month.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr J Wills, seconded Cr S Penny

That the list of accounts paid during May 2022, consisting of -

- Municipal Fund cheque, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and direct debit payments totalling \$483,667.76;
- Trust Fund cheque payments totalling \$Nil; and
- Credit Card payments totalling \$1,524.69

be endorsed.

CARRIED 7/0 082/22

## 9.3 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

Attachment: • Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and

**Candidates Booklet** 

Behaviour Complaint Form

File Ref: ADM0165

**Author:** HA Richardson, Governance and Executive Assistant

**Date:** 31 May 2022

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

To adopt the Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates and revoke the existing Policy 1.5 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 (the Model Code of Conduct) took effect from 3 February 2021. The Model Code of Conduct repeals and replaces the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (the Rules of Conduct Regulations) and also replaces any previous Codes of Conduct formulated by local governments for elected members and committee members, usually in the form of a policy.

All local governments were required to adopt the Model Code of Conduct as their Code of Conduct by 3 May 2021. The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup adopted this version of the Model Code of Conduct on 20 May 2021.

The intent of the Model Code of Conduct encourages local governments to address behaviour through education rather than sanctions. The Model Code of Conduct replaces the previous statutory requirement for local governments to develop and implement an individual code of conduct for their council members, committee members and employees. In accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* Part 4(A), the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the development of a separate Code of Conduct for Employees.

## **COMMENT**

## **Code of Conduct**

The Shire's Policy 1.5 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates has been reviewed, and is presented for the Council's consideration. No changes have been made to the Policy. However, as it was adopted as a policy, that policy will need to be revoked and replaced with an adopted Code.

## **Behaviour Complaints Management**

The Model Code of Conduct requires that complaints alleging a breach of Division 3 of the Code of Conduct be dealt with by the local government.

The implementation of the Model Code of Conduct requires that a person(s) be appointed to receive complaints of breaches lodged in accordance with Division 3, as well as approve the form for complaints to be lodged.

Policy 1.22 Delegation - Appointment of Authorised Persons and Approval of Complaint Of Breach Form (Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates), providing

delegation to the Chief Executive Officer with sub delegation to the Manager Finance and Administration in the event the CEO is not available, or where the complaint relates to the CEO.

Policy 1.27 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management outlines how a complaint of a breach made in accordance with Division 3 will be managed.

## **CONSULTATION**

**Acting CEO** 

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028: Key Result Area One - Our People Objective 1.5: Our Shire demonstrates strong leadership, effective governance and efficient service delivery to our community.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

**Absolute Majority** 

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr D Barritt, seconded Cr C Dewar

## That:

- 1. Policy 1.5 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, be revoked, and
- 2. The attached Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates be adopted as required by Section 5.104 of the Local Government Act 1995.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
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## 9.4 LOT 540 REILLY STREET, BROOMEHILL: REMOVAL OF REFUSE, RUBBISH OR DISUSED MATERIAL

Attachment: Photographs
File Ref: A4068

**Author:** RJ Stewart – Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Date:** 16 June 2021

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

To consider authorising the Acting CEO to cause a notice to be issued to an owner (or occupier) of property requiring that owner (or occupier) to clear the property of rubbish, refuse or disused material in accordance with the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Removal of Refuse, Rubbish and Disused Materials Local Law 2020.

## **BACKGROUND**

A complaint has been received by the Council's administration relating to allegations of disused material being deposited or stored on Lot 540 Reilly Street, Broomehill. The complainant is requesting that the council uses its powers to have the disused material removed.

An inspection of the property has been undertaken by council staff. During that inspection numerous car bodies, caravans and general rubbish were observed.

## **COMMENT**

Photographs are attached to this report showing the disused material. This appears to be in contravention of the Local Law and therefore the council may consider to cause a notice to be issued requiring the material to be cleared.

As a result of complaints being received in the past, attempts have been made to contact the owner without success.

#### **CONSULTATION**

No external consultation has been undertaken or legal advice sought. The current action is being taken as a result of a complaint received.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Sections 3.32 to 3.36 relate to a local government's powers to enter onto land to perform any function that a local government has under the Act.

Removal of Refuse, Rubbish and Disused Materials Local law 2020

The Local Law includes in the definition of 'refuse, rubbish or disused material' 'any motor vehicle which has been deposited or stored for the purpose of dismantling or breaking up'.

The Local Law provides that a local government may cause a notice to be issued requiring an owner or occupier of property to clear the (subject) property of '...refuse, rubbish or disused material specified in the notice' within a specified time.

Further, a local authority is authorised to enter onto the property to effect the notice if the person on whom the notice is served fails to comply with the notice.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The Council's Policy Manual is silent regarding the treatment of disused material.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028: Key Result Area One - Our People

Objective 1.5.1: Promote excellence in governance, compliance...in the best interests of our residents.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The issuing of an order pursuant to the Local Law will have negligible costs. However, should the order not be complied with, the council will be able to enter onto the property to effect the order. Although these costs are recoverable, such costs would need to be expended in the first instance and recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The penalty for failing to comply with a notice issued pursuant to the Local Law is \$5,000.00 and a daily penalty of \$500.00.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr M Paganoni, seconded Cr C Letter

That pursuant to Clause 5 of the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Removal of Refuse, Rubbish and Disused Material Local Law 2020 the CEO is authorised to serve notice on the owner or occupier of Lot 540 Reilly Street, Broomehill requiring that owner or occupier as the case may be within 21 days of the date of the notice to clear the property of disused material as follows:

- Derelict cars
- Caravans
- Dilapidated sheds
- Sheets zincalume
- Various items of material and equipment
- Various loose projectile items (eg tyres, milk crates, ceramic pots etc)

CARRIED 7/0 084/22

## 9.5 2022-2023 FIRE BREAK ORDER AND INFORMATION BOOKLET

Attachment: Draft Fire Break Order 2022-2023

File Ref: ADM0146

**Author:** LA Paskevicius, Finance/Administration Officer

**Date:** 07 June 2022

Disclosure of Interest: NIL

#### **SUMMARY**

To endorse the 2022-2023 Fire Break Order and Information Booklet.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Fire Break Order and Information Booklet is published annually and distributed to all owners and occupiers in the Shire.

The Fire Break Order provides owners and occupiers of land with information on their responsibilities with regard to fire prevention, in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*. Updated contact details for the Council's Bush Fire Brigades and the Tambellup Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services are included.

## **COMMENT**

There are no major changes in this year's Fire Break Order and Information Booklet. Fire Control Officers and Fire Weather Officers were endorsed at the April 21 2022 Council meeting and the relevant details have been updated.

## CONSULTATION

Broomehill-Tambellup Bush Fire Brigades Community Emergency Services Manager Chief Executive Officer

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 33

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028: Key Result Area One - Our People

1.1.3 Promote and support activities that enhance the community's sense of safety and wellbeing.

## **ASSET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no asset implications for Council.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision is made in the budget for the printing of the Fire Break Order and Information Booklet.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr C Dewar, seconded Cr C Letter

That the 2022-2023 Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup Fire Break Order and Information Booklet as presented, be endorsed.

CARRIED 7/0 085/22

#### 9.6 TAMBELLUP COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE INC. - LEASE

Attachment: Lease Agreement

File Ref:CLAF071Author:Acting CEODate:7 June 2022

Disclosure of Interest: NIL

#### **SUMMARY**

To consider a new lease between the Tambellup Community Resource Centre Inc. [CRC] and the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup (the Shire).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Previous arrangements between the Shire and the CRC for the use of the building at 34 Norrish Street, Tambellup have been acknowledged through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The most recent MOU was considered by the Council at its meeting held on 21 March 2019. That agreement however was not finalised.

Due to the passage of time it is now considered reasonable to recommend to the Council that a lease be effected between the parties as this is a more usual method of permitting use of council property.

Also at its meeting held on 21 April 2022 the Council approved a Service Agreement with the CRC for Library Services.

#### COMMENT

A freshly prepared lease is attached.

The lease is a standard plain English document and provides for the usual matters between a lessee and lessor.

It is noted that a list of Lessor's Fixtures and Fittings is still to be finalised.

## **CONSULTATION**

The Acting Chief Executive Officer and the CRC Coordinator have discussed the terms of the lease and the terms of the funding agreement regarding the provision of Library Services, which was adopted on 21 April 2022.

The lease has been considered by the Board of the CRC. Although no Board approval has yet been resolved, the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Board Member Mr Trevor Prout met on 3 June 2022 to discuss the final draft.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

Section 3.58 of the Act relates to the disposition of property. However, the disposition of property to a body the objects of which are of a charitable, benevolent, religious, cultural, educational, recreational, sporting or other like nature is classified as an exempt disposition. This means there is no need to go out to public auction or tender.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Although a Council Policy exists relating to the use of council property, that policy is silent regarding the use of 34 Norrish Street Tambellup by the CRC. Otherwise the Policy Manual is silent.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Council's Strategic Community Plan (2018-2028) provides at KRA One – Our People the following objective:

'Support agencies to enhance locally delivered services for all members of our community'.

By leasing 34 Norrish Street to the CRC, the Council is fulfilling this objective as the CRC provides many services to the community including: Adult Education, Youth Activities, Seniors Activities, photocopying, Desktop publishing, internet, tele-conferencing and library services and provides State Government information.

## **ASSET IMPLICATIONS**

The building at 34 Norrish Street Tambellup, although not warranted to be suitable for the purposes of the CRC, is nevertheless in need of capital maintenance.

Items include: leaking roof, replace rear bullnose veranda, gutter (including box gutter) and gutter supports need replacement and skylight frame needs replacing. The roof is in need of major maintenance and replacement would be a better option. The toilet in the south east corner is not serviceable and needs replacing.

These maintenance issues can be considered 'structural' matters and are the responsibility of the Shire.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The matters referred to under Asset Implications should be considered over a five year building maintenance program beginning in 2022/2023 budget consideration. Expenditure is minimal except for the roof, which could be delayed for three to five years.

Also the lease provides for the lessee to pay normal outgoings such as rates, water and electricity as well as minor building maintenance. It will be recommended in the 2022/2023 budget that the funding for the CRC be increased to cover these costs. However, the Council may wish to write off council rates or declare the land non rateable.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr C Letter, seconded Cr S Penny

## That:

- 1. Authority be granted to the Shire President and the Acting Chief Executive Officer to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the lease between the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup and the Tambellup Community Resource Centre Inc. for the premises situated at 34 Norrish Street Tambellup.
- 2. The leased premises be declared non-rateable pursuant to Section 6.26 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 while such land continues to be owned by the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup and leased to the Tambellup Community Resource Centre Inc. for the purposes of a Community Resource Centre and Public Library.

CARRIED 7/0 086/22

## 9.7 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION 162230: LOT 7734 ETNA ROAD, BROOMEHILL WEST

Attachment: Subdivision Plan File Ref: S162230/A7792

**Author:** Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations [TPI]

**Date:** 8 June 2022

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nature of Interest: Financial Interest as receive planning fees for advice

to the Shire – Section 5.60A of Local Government Act 1995

## **SUMMARY**

To consider an application referred to the Shire by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for comment and recommendation.

## **BACKGROUND**

Lot 7734 is used for agricultural activities, and is substantially cleared. The existing lot has an approximate area of 65.5 hectares, and contains an existing house.

A location plan is included below for ease of reference.



## **COMMENT**

## **Description of Application**

The application proposes to subdivide Lot 7734 into two lots with respective areas of 62.97 hectares and 2.53 hectares. There is an existing house on the property so the smaller lot is proposed as a 'homestead lot'.

The proposed subdivision plan is included as **Attachment 1**.

## Scheme Requirements

The lots are zoned 'Farming' under the Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No 1 (Scheme 1). Scheme 1 has specific provisions relating to the subdivision of Farming land as summarised in the table below.

| Clause 6.6.4 Subdivision                       | Assessment / Officer Comment             |
|--|--|
| There shall be a general presumption against   |  |
| subdivision in the Farming zone unless:        |  |
| a) the lots have already been physically       | Not Applicable.                          |
| divided by significant natural or man-made     |  |
| features which preclude the continued          |  |
| operation of a rural property as a single unit |  |
| (unless adjoining land could be similarly      |  |
| subdivided and thereby, by the process of      |  |
| precedent, lead to an undesirable pattern of   |  |
| landuse in the area or in lots too small for   |  |
| uses compatible with the prevailing use in     |  |
| the area or in ribbon development alongside    |  |
| roads);  |  |
| b) the lots are for farm adjustment and the    | Not Applicable. The application is for a |
| erection of dwellings is restricted;           | homestead lot and not a boundary re-     |
|  | alignment.                               |
| c) the lots are for specific uses such as      | Not Applicable                           |
| recreation facilities and public utilities;    |  |
| d) the lots are required for the establishment | Not Applicable                           |
| of uses ancillary to the rural use of the land |  |

Notwithstanding the above, it is recognised that:

- The Scheme is outdated and is inconsistent with current state planning policies;
- The Shire has a mandatory obligation to consider state planning policies;
- It is considered practical to support subdivisions where they clearly comply with state planning policy requirements.

## Relevant State Planning Policy

The WAPC has a Development Control Policy 3.4 that outlines the circumstances where the subdivision of rural land can be considered.

## Clause 6.6 of the policy states:

'The creation of homestead lots is intended to allow primary producers to continue to occupy their dwelling when they cease to farm, and provide settlement opportunities in areas where land fragmentation is limited and unlikely to increase. Homestead lots are to be created in a manner that is consistent with the rural character and landscape of a locality. Homestead lots may be facilitated through boundary rationalisation or the creation of a new lot.'

The Policy requirements are summarised below:

| Clause 6.6 Homestead Lots   | Assessment / Officer Comment                       |
|---|--|
| Homestead lots may therefore be created                           | d to   |
| enable an approved existing house on a rura                       | ll lot   |
| to continue to be occupied provided that:                         |  |
| a) the land is in the DC 3.4 Homestead                            | lot Complies. The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup    |
| policy area   | is covered by the Policy Area.                     |
| b) the homestead lot has an area betw                             | reen Complies. The homestead lot has a proposed    |
| one and four hectares, or up to                                   | 20 area of 2.53 hectares.                          |
| hectares to respond to the landform                               | and  |
| include features such as exis                                     | ting   |
| outbuildings, services or water sour                              |  |
| c) there is an adequate water supply                              | _  |
| domestic, land management and                                     | fire water supply.                                 |
| management purposes   |  |
| d) the dwelling is connected to                                   | '  |
| , , , ,   | an   |
| acceptable alternative is demonstra                               |  |
| e) the homestead lot has access t                                 | o a Complies.                                      |
| constructed public road   | ting Complies                                      |
| f) the homestead lot contains an exist residence that can achieve | -  |
| appropriate buffer from adjoining r                               | an   |
| land uses   | ulai   |
| g) a homestead lot has not been exc                               | ised Complies.                                     |
| from the farm in the past   | isca complies.                                     |
| h) the balance lot is suitable for                                | the Complies. The balance land can continue to be  |
| continuation of the rural land use,                               | 1 ·  |
| generally consistent with prevailing                              |  |
| sizes, where it can be shown that th                              |  |
| consistent with the current farr                                  | ning   |
| practices at the property;  |  |
| i) the dwelling on a homestead lot r                              | nust An inspection has not been conducted,         |
| be of a habitable standard and ma                                 | y be however it is assumed that the existing house |
| required to be certified as habitable                             | e by is of sound condition.                        |
| the local government  |  |

## **CONSULTATION**

The WAPC has referred the application to Western Power; Water Corporation; Telstra, Department of Health, Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development; Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for comment.

Comments were requested by 20 May 2022.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

<u>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</u> - The <u>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</u> were gazetted on 25 August 2015, and became effective on 19 October 2015.

The Regulations include 'Deemed Provisions' that automatically apply and override parts of Scheme 2.

Schedule 2, clause 67 outlines 'matters to be considered by Council' including and not limited to the aims and provisions of the Scheme, orderly and proper planning, any approved state policy, the compatibility of the development with its setting including to development on adjoining land, amenity, loading, access, traffic and any submissions received on a proposal.

<u>Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No 1</u> – Explained in the body of this report.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The requirements of WAPC Development Control Policy 3.4 are explained in the body of this report.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Shire pays Town Planning Innovations for general planning advice.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr C Dewar, seconded Cr C Letter

That the Western Australian Planning Commission be advised the Council recommends unconditional approval of the subdivision application (No 162230) seeking to excise a homestead lot from the original Lot 7734 Etna Road, Broomehill West.

CARRIED 7/0 087/22

## 9.8 PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDING: LOT 205 (668) GREENHILLS ROAD NORTH, BROOMEHILL WEST

Attachment: Site Plans File Ref: A750

**Author:** Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations Pty Ltd (Shire planning consultant)

**Date:** 9 June 2022

**Disclosure of Interest:** Declaration of Interest: Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations

Nature of Interest: Financial Interest as receive planning fees for advice

to the Shire – Section 5.60A of *Local Government Act 1995* 

## **SUMMARY**

To consider an application for alterations and additions to an existing building on Lot 205 (No 668) Greenhills Road North, Broomehill West. The existing building is proposed to be converted into a single house.

## **BACKGROUND**

Lot 205 contains an existing building. Based on the existing floor plans provided, it appears that the building was originally a hall.



Lot 205 is located to the west of the Great Southern Highway, near the local boundary shared with the Shire of Katanning to the north.



Above: Location Plan

## **COMMENT**

Detailed existing and proposed plans are included as **Attachment 1**. The existing building is located fairly central to the lot and is setback a significant distance from Greenhills Road North and any lot boundary.

The alterations and additions include:

- a) Removal and replacement of some external doors and windows;
- b) Conversion into a dwelling through internal fit out including new bathrooms, laundry, pantry, kitchen and bedrooms;
- c) New mezzanine storage area;
- d) Re-roofing sections in red colorbond to match existing roof pitch and materials; and
- e) New external alfresco area with shade sails.

Apart from the alfresco area, all the alterations are within the existing building footprint. One section of a flat roof is being replaced with a new pitched roof to match the main central section of the existing building.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

## Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No 1

The lot is zoned Farming. The proposed development complies with the minimum setback requirements applicable to the Farming zone being 15 metres to the front lot boundary, and 10 metres to any side or rear lot boundary.

The Scheme exempts alterations to a single house from the need for planning approval, except where a lot does not have constructed road access. Unfortunately there is an anomaly in the Scheme as a single house is not listed as a permitted use in the Farming zone under Table 1: Zoning Table, hence lodgement of a planning application has been required.

<u>The Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</u> were gazetted on 25 August 2015, and became effective on 19 October 2015.

The Regulations include 'Deemed Provisions' that automatically apply and override parts of the Shire of Broomehill Tambellup Town Planning Scheme No 1.

Schedule 2, clause 60 of the 'Deemed Provisions' requires that a person must not commence or carry out works on, or use, land in the Scheme area unless the person has obtained the development approval of the local government or it is exempt from the requirement for planning.

Under the Regulations there is a list of development that does not require planning approval. There is only an exemption for single houses that comply with the Residential Design Codes, where the Codes apply (i.e. in residential areas).

Schedule 2, clause 67 of the 'Deemed Provisions' outlines 'matters to be considered by Council' including and not limited to the aims and provisions of the Scheme, orderly and proper planning, any approved state policy, the compatibility of the development with its setting including to development on adjoining land, amenity, loading, access, traffic and any submissions received on a proposal.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Under the 'Deemed Provisions' of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)* Regulations 2015 the Council is to have 'due regard' to any state planning policy. This essentially means the Council has an obligation to give proper, genuine and realistic consideration to the requirements of 'State Planning Policy 3.7: Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas' (SPP3.7).

The Shire has a <u>mandatory obligation</u> to consider SPP3.7 when making a decision on any application where the lot is within a designated bushfire prone area.

The Western Australian Planning Commission released SPP3.7 and associated Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas ('the Guidelines') in December 2015. These documents apply to all land identified as Bushfire Prone.

Mapping identifying Bushfire Prone Areas is available through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website. Lot 205 is within the declared bushfire prone area.

Under Clause 5.4 of the Guidelines all planning applications in Bushfire Prone Areas are to be accompanied by a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment.

A BAL assessment has been prepared by a bushfire consultant, and lodged in support of the application. The BAL assessment examines the location of the existing building (proposed to be converted into a single dwelling), slope, and existing vegetation within 100 metres.

The assessment concludes that a BAL of BAL-12.5 is achieved, which is within the acceptable range (between BAL-Low and BAL-29). The higher the BAL, the higher the bushfire risk.

At the separate building permit stage, some higher construction standards may apply to meet the BAL-12.5 requirements.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no known strategic implications associated with this report.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Shire pays consultancy fees to TPI for planning advice.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr J Wills, seconded Cr C Dewar

## That:

- 1. The application for alterations and additions to an existing building (hall) to be converted into a single house on Lot 205 (No 688) Greenhills Road North, Broomehill West be approved subject to the following conditions and footnote:
  - i) The plans lodged with this application dated 4 May 2022 (Drawing Numbers A01 to A12) shall form part of this planning approval. All development shall be generally in accordance with the approved plans unless otherwise approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
  - ii) All stormwater from roofed and paved areas shall be collected and disposed of on-site and any associated drains and stormwater tank shall be maintained in a clean and clear condition. All drainage to be fully contained within the property boundaries with no water discharge into adjacent land or road reserve.

## Footnote:

- a) It is noted that Bushfire Attack Level assessment was submitted as part of the application. Please be advised that certain construction standards may be applied at the separate building permit stage.
- b) Please be advised that a separate application must be lodged seeking Shire approval for any new proposed on site effluent disposal.

CARRIED 7/0 088/22

## 9.9 PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING OUTBUILDING: LOT 531 REILLY STREET, BROOMEHILL VILLAGE

Attachment: Site Plans File Ref: A4059

Author: Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations Pty Ltd (Shire planning consultant)

Date: 9 June 2022

Nature of Interest: Financial Interest as receive planning fees for advice

to the Shire – Section 5.60A of Local Government Act 1995

## **SUMMARY**

To consider an application for alterations to an existing outbuilding on Lot 531 Reilly Street, Broomehill Village. The existing outbuilding is proposed to be converted into a single house.

## **BACKGROUND**

Lot 531 contains an existing outbuilding and water tank. The majority of the lot has been cleared however it contains scattered trees.

The nearest intersection is Reilly Street and Nardlah Road – refer to location plan over page.



Above: Location Plan

## **COMMENT**

Detailed plans are included as **Attachment 1**. The existing outbuilding is located to the rear of the lot and is setback 131 metres from Reilly Road.

The alterations are within the existing building footprint, and are mainly internal to divide the existing floor area into a series of rooms to form a single house. Some minor external works are proposed including the installation of a number of new sliding doors.

Whilst the building has a shed appearance, it is neat and tidy, and is well setback from the street.

## **CONSULTATION**

No consultation has been conducted. The Shire Council has discretion to advertise the proposal for public comment if considered appropriate.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

## Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No 1

The lot is zoned Rural Residential. Under Clause 5.12.5 (b) of the Scheme, all development in a Rural Residential zone requires planning approval, including a single house.

The proposed development complies with the minimum setback requirements applicable to the Rural Residential zone being 15 metres to the front lot boundary, and 10 metres to any side or rear lot boundary.

Clause 5.12.6 provides that the Council may have regard for the following matters:

- a) the colour and texture of external building materials;
- b) building size, height, bulk, roof pitch;
- c) setback and location of the building on its lots;
- d) architectural style and design details of the building;
- e) relationship to surrounding development; and
- f) other characteristics considered by the Council to be relevant.

The <u>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</u> were gazetted on 25 August 2015, and became effective on 19 October 2015.

The Regulations include 'Deemed Provisions' that automatically apply and override parts of the Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No 1.

Schedule 2, clause 60 of the 'Deemed Provisions' requires that a person must not commence or carry out works on, or use, land in the Scheme area unless the person has obtained the development approval of the local government or it is exempt from the requirement for planning.

Under the Regulations there is a list of development that does not require planning approval. There is only an exemption for single houses that comply with the Residential Design Codes, where the Codes apply (ie in residential areas).

Schedule 2, clause 67 of the 'Deemed Provisions' outlines 'matters to be considered by Council' including and not limited to the aims and provisions of the Scheme, orderly and proper planning, any approved state policy, the compatibility of the development with its setting including to development on adjoining land, amenity, loading, access, traffic and any submissions received on a proposal.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Under the 'Deemed Provision' of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)* Regulations 2015 the Council is to have 'due regard' to any state planning policy. This essentially means the Council has an obligation to give proper, genuine and realistic consideration to the requirements of 'State Planning Policy 3.7: Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas' (SPP3.7).

The Shire has a <u>mandatory obligation</u> to consider SPP3.7 when making a decision on any application where the lot is within a designated bushfire prone area.

The Western Australian Planning Commission released SPP3.7 and associated Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas ('the Guidelines') in December 2015. These documents apply to all land identified as Bushfire Prone.

Mapping identifying Bushfire Prone Areas is available through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website. Lot 531 is within the declared bushfire prone area.

Under Clause 5.4 of the Guidelines all planning applications in Bushfire Prone Areas are to be accompanied by a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment.

A BAL assessment has been prepared by a bushfire consultant, and lodged in support of the application.

The BAL assessment examines the location of the existing building (proposed to be converted into a single dwelling), slope, and existing vegetation within 100 metres.

The assessment concludes that a BAL of BAL-12.5 is achieved, which is within the acceptable range (between BAL-Low and BAL-29). The higher the BAL, the higher the bushfire risk.

At the separate building permit stage, some higher constructions standards may apply to meet the BAL-12.5 requirements.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no known strategic implications associated with this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Shire pays consultancy fees to Town Planning Innovations (TPI) for planning advice.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr J Wills, seconded Cr C Dewar

## That:

- The application for alterations to an existing outbuilding to be converted into a single house on Lot 531 Reilly Street, Broomehill Village be approved subject to the following conditions and footnotes:
  - i) The plans lodged with this application dated 24 March 2022 (Drawing Nos A102, A200, and A303) shall form part of this planning approval. All development shall be generally in accordance with the approved plans unless otherwise approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer.
  - ii) All stormwater from roofed and paved areas shall be collected and disposed of on-site and any associated drains and stormwater tank shall be maintained in a clean and clear condition. All drainage to be fully contained within the property boundaries with no water discharge into adjacent land or road reserve.

## Footnote:

- a) It is noted that Bushfire Attack Level assessment was submitted as part of the application. Please be advised that certain construction standards may be applied at the separate building permit stage.
- b) Please be advised that a separate application must be lodged seeking Shire approval for any new proposed on site effluent disposal.

CARRIED 7/0 089/22

- 10. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED Nil.
- 11. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN Nil.
- **12.** QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE Nil.
- 13. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING Nil.
- 14. CLOSURE

There being no further business the President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.55pm