

SHIRE OF WILLIAMS

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY
17TH NOVEMBER 2004**

1. OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

1.1 PRESENT

Cr John Cowcher	President
Cr Robert Rose	Deputy President
Cr Gary Cowcher	
Cr Ashley Stone	
Cr Robert Bowden	
Cr Graham Harding	
Cr Moya Carne	
Cr Jo Fowler	
V. Epiro	Chief Executive Officer
IR Ball	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2004

G Cowcher / Harding

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held in the RSL Hall on Wednesday 17th November 2004 be received.

**Carried 7/1
Resolution 122/05**

3.0 BUSINESS OF MEETING

To consider the following resolution carried at the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 17th November 2004;

“That the building known as the old Infant Health Clinic (Telecentre) be removed from it’s present site once the Community Resource Centre is completed and the Telecentre building vacated.”

The President advised that he called the Special Meeting to discuss the resolution from the Electors Meeting in view of the urgency to have the matter resolved in time to complete landscaping of the Community Resource Centre before the proposed opening in February.

3.1 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE – OLD IHC / TELECENTRE BUILDING

Cr Harding advised that he did not think there was an urgent necessity to discuss the decisions of the Annual Electors Meeting at a Special Meeting. He considered that there was time to discuss the decision at the next Ordinary Meeting, quoting section 5.33 of the Local Government Act as follows;

“(1) All decisions made at an electors’ meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable –

- (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
- (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose,

whichever happens first.”

Harding /

That Council not vote on the recommendations of the Electors’ Meeting until the next Ordinary Meeting because of the question mark over the validity of this meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Motion Lapsed for want of a seconder

Fowler / Harding

That an decision on the resolution from the Electors Meeting relating to the Telecentre building be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting to allow more time for consideration by Council and community.

Voting tied 4/4

The motion was lost 4/5 on the casting vote of the President

Stone / Carne

That the building known as the old Infant Health Clinic (Telecentre) be removed from it’s present site once the Community Resource Centre is completed and the Telecentre building vacated.

Carried 5/3

Resolution 123/05

Reasons for Decision:

It was considered that the significant majority vote from the Electors’ Meeting was sufficient justification for Council resolving to agree to removal of the Telecentre Building.

3.2 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

G Cowcher / Bowden

That the Community Resource Centre Committee be authorized to arrange the purchase of furniture and equipment as listed and to also obtain quotations for window treatments.

- Telecentre fittings – TV/Video and stand, pin-up boards, blackboard.
- Meeting / Videoconferencing facility – meeting room table and chairs, whiteboard (reversible), overhead projector and stand, multi-media projector and stand, lectern, portable magnetic flip-chart.
- Community meeting room / archive facility – 6x fireproof filing cabinets (4 draw)
- Library furniture
- Reception furniture

Carried 8/0

Resolution 124/05

There being no further business for discussion the President declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.