

C I T Y O F W A N N E R O O

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD IN THE FUNCTION AREA, JOONDALUP ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP
ON TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 1995

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:	F D FREAME, Deputy Mayor, Chairman	South-West Ward
	L O'GRADY	North Ward
	A V DAMMERS	Central Ward
	S P MAGYAR	Central Ward
	G A MAJOR	South-West Ward
	B J MOLONEY	South Ward
	G W CURTIS	South-West Ward
	M E LYNN, JP	South-West Ward

Acting Town Clerk:	R E DYMOCK
City Engineer:	R MCNALLY
City Planner:	O G DRESCHER
Design Engineer:	P PIKOR
Traffic Engineer:	D POOLE
Committee Clerk:	J HARRISON

An apology for absence was tendered by Cr Hall.

There were 89 Electors, 2 Non-Electors and 1 member of the Press in attendance.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.33 pm.

This meeting had been called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(4) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues relating to the "Help Our Precious Environment" (HOPE) Group Recycling facility in Alferton Way, Duncraig.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Freame, opened the meeting and introduced the Councillors and members of staff present. The meeting was then handed over to the residents for their comments or questions.

A 68-signature petition and three letters were presented supporting the current activities of the (HOPE) Recycling Unit at Glengarry Primary School.

This petition and correspondence will be presented to the Council meeting of 22 March 1995.

Coral Reiger of St Andrews Way, Duncraig opened discussions on the access to Glengarry Primary School through Alferton Way and introduced the first speaker.

Alison Anderson, Treasurer of the HOPE Group, of Douglas Court, Duncraig addressed the meeting. She stressed that the main purpose of the Group was environmental awareness and education and that profit making was merely a side benefit rather than the main focus of the Group.

Ms Anderson advised that recycling represented 60 per cent of income and made mention of the fact that the Group had been able to reduce school energy bills by \$10,000 by the using of energy management programmes, of which \$5,000 had been used by the Group to spend on energy management. The Group has also received awards in the form of products, such as an Apple Computer.

Ms Anderson pointed out that surplus funds had to be used in accordance with the laws governing P & C committees and spent to directly benefit the children in the year that the money was raised.

Funds were used for land care programmes, in conjunction with rural schools. Over the years the surplus money raised has bought the school such items as solar skylights, TV and video and a "teacher's wish list" of small items totalling around \$3,000. She stated that all accounts were audited. Ms Anderson informed the meeting that last year the Group had a deficit of \$1,893, 1992 profit was \$1,596 and 1993 profit was \$2,417, therefore the figure of \$18,000 per annum income quoted is totally incorrect and misleading.

Mr Alan Everington of Alfretton Way, Duncraig said that in a Glengarry Primary School newsletter of 18 November 1993, it was stated by the Principal of the school that in the last two years over \$30,000 of environmentally sourced funds had been directed to school resource acquisitions, etc, also that a report in yesterday's (20 March 1995) paper which said that they made \$1,000. Mr Everington believed there to be a discrepancy between the amounts quoted, and asked whether the books were being audited.

Ms Anderson repeated that the books have been audited and a lot of the money in the \$30,000 was items such as the computer which could be valued at \$6,000, but actual cash was not received. Also savings were made of \$10,000 on the school's electricity bill but the figure was not "cash in hand".

Ms Reiger gave background information on the formation of the HOPE Group which introduced a complete environmental programme at the Glengarry Primary School in 1991. With the help of the City of Wanneroo Waste Management Department, recycling was commenced in 1991 and a shed donated by Council. In 1992, due to the success of the programme, a video was produced for use by other schools and is still being sold.

In Mid 1993, a meeting was held with residents, the HOPE Group, the Principal of the school and the P and C Committee to discuss complaints regarding the dust from the limestone track. Ms Reiger advised that this track is watered prior to use by vehicles and also spoke of the revegetation within Alfretton Reserve carried out by both Council and the Group.

Ms Reiger pointed out that in December 1993, a representative of the City of Wanneroo met with the school, Education Department and the HOPE Group to again discuss the location of the shed. She stated that approval was given for the shed to remain where it was as the site was for community purpose and this position had not changed.

Ms Reiger gave further background history and stated that in August 1994 the Engineering Department recommended that the community purpose site gazetted road be made hardstand and the shed moved on to the school property. The HOPE Group had been willing to move the shed provided that access was made available via Alfreton Way.

Mr Mark Jenaway of Foston Drive addressed the meeting and referred to a petition from residents of Alfreton Way and Foston Drive requesting a footpath. He also raised the subject of a counter petition which raised traffic issues within Alfreton Way. Mr Jenolan believed that a minority of residents of Alfreton Way wanted to keep pedestrian and vehicle traffic out of the street. Council however accepted the need for a footpath and installed a section in Alfreton Way running east to west. A general survey was conducted by Council of local residents which resulted in road works in the general vicinity of Glengarry Drive.

Mr Michael Knee of Anembo Close, Duncraig asked for the definition of community purpose site.

The City Planner advised that a community purpose site was a piece of land, either purchased by Council or obtained through subdivision, to be used by the Council to allow the community to occupy buildings and space. Most community purposes sites were owned in fee simple or were vested reserves, to be used by general public. The City Planner believed that the activity being carried out by the HOPE Group, although admirable in intent, ought not to be carried out on the community purposes site in an area which was zoned Residential Development. He stated this activity would be classified as either a form of industry or a warehouse, neither of which were permitted in a Residential Development zone. He stated that on the school site, under control of the Ministry, this operation would be acceptable but not on the community purpose site.

On being asked by Mr Knee whether any recycling operations were being carried out on community purpose sites either in Wanneroo or elsewhere, the City Planner advised that he could not speak for other authorities, but this was the only one he was aware of in the City of Wanneroo.

Mr Jeff Allen of Alfreton Way, advised the meeting that he was the volunteer co-ordinator of the nursery and spoke of the involvement of the school in revegetation of the wheat belt and the efforts of the students in propagation and planting of trees. He stressed the importance of having access for the nursery and recycling.

Mr Peter Taylor of Alfreton Way, spoke of the concern for the bushland adjoining the school which formed the springboard for the formation of the HOPE Group.

Ms Sue Riley of Hannah Court, Duncraig gave details of the use of Alfreton Way by the three trucks used for transporting recycling item, which in total would require no more than 30 visits to the school per year.

Ms Susan Sagrue gave details of a survey of users of Alfreton Way (Attachment 1 refers), the results of which were in line with a survey carried out by Council.

Mr Dean Gaskell of Doveridge Drive stated that the HOPE Group was not running a business. He believed that the activities of the HOPE Group were not the issue, and that attempts were being made to stem the flow of traffic through Alfreton Way. Mr Gaskell stated that Alfreton Way has very little traffic use.

Mr Gaskell spoke of problems associated with access through the school for recycling, and stated that Council should provide hardstanding to the access road and then the Group would relocate the shed into the school boundary. Ms Reiger reinforced this view and stated that access through Alfreton Way was the safest and most appropriate option.

The City Engineer made comments regarding recycling methods carried out by Council. The present recycling service is an interim service pending a final decision on secondary treatment at Tamala Park by Mindarie Regional Council. He stated that only items which could be disposed of were collected; all the materials collected were bailed and sold.

Mr Alan Everington of Alfreton Way advised he was speaking on behalf of residents of 16 homes in Alfreton Way. He stated that 30 residents were in attendance and he tabled proxies for a further 27 residents who were unable to attend.

Mr Everington stated that residents were not against the operations of the HOPE Group provided it was operated through the school grounds and not accessed across Alfreton Reserve or the community purpose site.

Mr Everington advised that the school had 500 metres of frontage to Glengarry Drive and Doveridge Drive, with the main entrance, teachers' car park, bulk rubbish bin and service road running off Doveridge Drive. He said all other schools in the City of Wanneroo which were involved in recycling gained access either through the service road or teachers' car park and there was no reason why Glengarry Primary School could not operate in this manner.

In connection with the construction of hardstand on the community purpose site, he advised that residents in Alfreton Way were opposed to this because it did not remove interference to the amenities of residents living in the immediate vicinity, it merely relocated the problem 30 metres down the road. Mr Everington believed the school had ample space and several suitable options had been put forward. As a final point, he believed that the granting of the gazetted community purpose site to a private enterprise group which generated income was a very dangerous precedent for the City of Wanneroo.

MOVED Dean Gaskell, **SECONDED** Coral Reiger that Council:

- 1 removes the existing limestone track across Alfreton Reserve;
- 2 approves the construction of hardstanding on the access way on the gazetted community purpose site;
- 3 approves the relocation of the shed by the HOPE Group to school grounds;
- 4 notifies all parties accordingly.

The Chairman requested a show of hands with the following results:

FOR THE MOTION:	63
AGAINST THE MOTION:	29

The Chairman declared the Motion

CARRIED

The Chairman advised that this Resolution would be submitted to Council for its consideration.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.51 pm.