

# SHIRE OF NORTHAM

## MINUTES OF THE BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 9:30 AM

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairman declared the Meeting open at 9:32am and welcomed all Members

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. ATTENDANCE

Chairperson  
Members

Cr Bert Llewellyn  
Cr Michael Letch  
Mr Phil Steven  
Mr Jim Riddle  
Cr Steven Pollard

Visitors

4. APOLOGIES

Cr Gill Beazley  
Cr Laurie Glass

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Moved Cr Letch    Seconded Cr Llewellyn  
The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2009 were accepted.  
Carried.**

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 The Committee visited the Clackline Hall and saw that it is being well maintained by the Clackline Progress Association. The floor has recently been painted. The Committee visited the Hooper Park and saw that it was being well looked after by the Bakers Hill Progress Association.

6.2 The Committee visited the Wundowie Hall which has experienced a surge in use since the air conditioners have been installed. To increase the use further, it may be worth adding a couple of smaller conference rooms on the side of the Hall in the future if there is demand. At the moment the Telecentre Conference Room caters well for all existing needs. Rendering of the Hall is not considered worthwhile at this stage. The crockery in the

Hall has not been upgraded for 20 years, so this will be looked into for the next Budget.

- 6.3 The Wundowie Telecentre is well maintained. Three new shelving units will be requested in the coming financial year to cater for growth.
- 6.4 The Committee visited the Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts and Fluffy Ducks (externally). Whilst these require upgrading, their use and income make it difficult to justify without outside funding.
- 6.5 Wundowie YAC Shak – this is being used by Killara since the Youth Advisory Council no longer require. The building has not been used as a service station since the tanks were pulled out (no signs of leaking) in around 2003. Killara will be seeking funding to improve access to the external toilet. The Committee suggested the Wundowie Hall may have better facilities, including air conditioning and Killara should be offered the Hall for their use.

**Moved Bert Llewellyn, Seconded Michael Letch  
That Killara be approached to see whether they may prefer to use the Wundowie Hall instead of the YAC building.**

**Carried.**

- 6.6 Wundowie Old Fire Station – The Committee visited the building and considered it is in reasonable condition, and would be suitable for industrial purposes. If the Old Fire Station was accepted by the Shire, then the YAC building could be offered for sale or lease.

**Moved Michael Letch, Seconded Bert Llewellyn  
That Council accept the Management of the old Wundowie Fire Station Reserve, and try to obtain the property freehold.**

**Carried.**

- 6.7 The Committee visited the Wundowie Pool and considered that it was in good condition.
- 6.8 El Caballo Whitehouse – The building is in reasonable condition, without major vandalism problems. It was suggested that a plaque be fixed to an external wall of the building (facing the road) stating its historical significance, to reduce the likelihood of vandalism. The Historical Society may be able to assist with the wording. The area of land around the Whitehouse may be suitable for sheep grazing (2/acre), if the lessee fenced the land, not to include the Whitehouse.
- 6.9 The Committee discussed a request from Wheatbelt Men’s Health as to whether there are any buildings suitable and available for a Men’s Shed in the Shire. The Committee suggested one of the sheds at the rear of the Old Fire Station (if vested in the Shire) or WMH may approach the Foundry about the abandoned shed on their property not far from the Wundowie Pool.

7. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

The next meeting will be held on 26 February 2009, starting at 9:30 at the Shire Chambers.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12:45pm.