

XIV. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil.

XV. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE WAS GIVEN AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**ITEM 15.1: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ATTWELL  
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**THAT Item 2.5: Development Application-Demolition-(Single House Listed on Municipal Heritage Inventory)-Lot 49 (45) Seymour Street, Mira Mar, deferred at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 July 2012, be lifted from the table and that the application be considered.**

**ITEM 15.1: DRAFT MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ATTWELL  
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**THAT Council RESOLVE to issue a Notice of Planning Scheme Consent for Demolition-(Single House listed on Municipal Heritage Inventory) at Lot 49 (45) Seymour Street, Mira Mar, subject to the proponent obtaining the appropriate building licence and complying with all Occupation Health and Safety requirements.**

**ITEM 15.1: RESOLUTION  
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR ATTWELL  
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BOSTOCK**

**THAT these Notices of Motion be held over to the June 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED 12-0**

**Councillor's Reason:**

This item was laid on the table by resolution of Council at the OCM 17 July 2012, to give the proponents the opportunity to further investigate options.

This item is listed in Appendix A of our Agenda, with an update reading ***“the Proponent has refused to prepare and submit development plans”***. It was not a condition of Council's resolution that the Proponents were to lodge development plans before we would reconsider this application.

However, Council has been advised since January 2013 that the Proponent's report has been received and there appears to be no further action being taken to bring the matter forward in order that Council may assess the merits, or otherwise, of both the Proponent's report or the original information provided to Council in 2012.

Heritage is important to a town like Albany, but we must be realistic if we are to be taken seriously. We cannot save every building, especially on privately held land. The owners have had this property for many decades and need to be able to utilize this property to their needs and financial ability.

Society is not prepared to contribute to the costs to maintain an old cottage that was built with “scraps” over a pre war period as a holiday cottage for a wheat belt family, and the public will never have an interest in the cottage. The report commissioned by the Proponents clearly indicates that the building does not hold sufficient significance to justify Council delaying this application.

Council has required that this item be given attention as soon as possible and I consider that enough time has gone by and we now need to make a decision on this application.

**Officer’s Response (D Putland):**

It is recommended that a review of the Municipal Heritage Inventory (MHI) listing be considered to determine whether the house should remain on the MHI.

The MHI Review Working Group has been requested to review the listing applied to this property as a matter of priority. Full documentation has been prepared for each member of the Working Group including the current listing, the Heritage Assessment prepared by H+H Architects and photographs taken by officers of both the interior and exterior of the building.

Members of the Working Group will be encouraged to view the site from the street in addition to assessing the documentation. A site visit will also be scheduled should the Working Group members find this advantageous. Councillors will be invited to join with the Working Group members to inspect the property if a site visit can be organised with the owners of the property.

The Working Group’s review of the listing of 45 Seymour Street will be presented to Council at the June 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting. Council may then consider whether the house should be retained on the MHI or removed.

**XVI. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**

Nil

**XVII. REQUEST FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.**

Nil

**XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**ITEM 18.1: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BOSTOCK**

**THAT the City of Albany rates on all categories of property for the 2013-14 financial year be increased by no more than inflation over those set in 2012-13.**

**Councillor's Reason:**

To increase rates by more than inflation every year is clearly unsustainable in the long term. That the financial climate has deteriorated is recognised by both Federal and State governments and many people who do not enjoy the benefits of annual, inflation busting wage pay rises are already struggling to cope. These include pensioners, small retailers, estate agents, farmers and property developers and to add their financial burden at this time can only make matters worse.

It has been suggested that if rates are not increased on a regular basis the City will be unable to provide those services which the people have come to expect, which may be true, but they have to understand that much of our extra expenditure is a direct result of State policies and we must make a determined effort to cut our suit according to our cloth.

**XIX. ITEMS DEALT WITH WHILE THE MEETING IS CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**XX. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING DATE**

6.00pm 18 June 2013

**ITEM 21.0: RESOLUTION**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR HOLDEN**

**SECONDED: COUNCILLOR DUFTY**

**THAT Standing Order 3.1 be RESUMED to stop recording of proceedings.**

**CARRIED 12-0**

**XXI. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

[6:56:02 PM](#) There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

*(Unconfirmed Minutes)*

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Dennis W Wellington  
**MAYOR**

**STATUS REPORT ON DEFERRED ITEMS  
FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Details/Status</b>
16/11/2010	2.6	Surrender Lease over Hangar Site 2 at Albany Airport. Council resolved that further consideration by Council pending the completion of the Airport Masterplan/Business Plan.  <b>Update:</b> The Airport Masterplan/Business Plan has not been finalised.
20/11/2012	2.5	Precinct Plan-Special Site S46-Spencer Park Neighbourhood Centre Precinct.  <b>Update:</b> Laid on the table at the November 2012 OCM. Waiting on commitment from the Department of Housing to contribute to necessary infrastructure upgrades and potential traffic hazards.

**TABLED DOCUMENTS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>FILE</b>
Mr Tony Stanton	Disability Fees at ALAC	GO.COM.3

**TABLED DOCUMENTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>FILE</b>
	Nil.	

**TABLED DOCUMENTS BY STAFF**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>FILE</b>
	Nil.	

TABLED ADDRESS BY MR TONY STANTON

Speech to Council  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2013

Tony Stanton  
Little Grove

Mr Mayor Councillors,

If you had to choose between 2 lives, poor but healthy, or, rich with honours in a wheelchair, like Steven Hawking, which would you take?

When you approved ALAC's 150% fee increase for special needs did you consider them equal to other people?

Initially, arguments were couched in financial terms; all ALAC fees below industry benchmarks, the disabled abuse the system, an unsustainable 50% cost recovery, the old price is historically flawed, the Education Department is responsible to teach them & WADSA wants all fees the same. Later, these morphed into higher operating costs from a lack of teacher qualifications, paying for teacher's courses, which result in pressure on wages.

Now the argument has become one of "Equity" where unless the City charges the same price for all instruction it will need to means test all in its classes to avoid discrimination charges.

There is not time here for me to argue against the forgoing, but I have put the case against, in this history of the last 10 months. I ask you, please, read it & consider. The time is convenient to make a change with minimum of fuss & effort, because you can apply it to the new budget, in exactly the way higher fees were introduced to the current budget.

There is another side that appears forgotten – what it means for the dozen or so who need 1:1 attention.

I teach swimming to a 14 yo with cerebral palsy. He can walk unaided but has an awkward gait & holds one hand up to his shoulder. He can't speak & with his mouth being open, may breathe in water. He has learnt backstroke & now swims 25 m laps. I said "don't hit your head on the end wall, for if you break a tile, I have to pay". He puts his twisted arm back over his head to touch & bursts into laughter, giving his mother, who is so proud of his new found achievements, the "thumbs up".

I take a 20 yo sailing. He arrives in a van fitted with a wheelchair hoist. Another hoist gets him onboard & he lays in a beanbag. I have made him the radio operator. His twisted hands can't hold the radio button down but when we leave the marina I do this for him, asking him to do the check. In a high voice he says "Watch keeper, Watch keeper, this is Gypsy Doctor, radio check please". When the reply comes back "Gypsy Doctor this is Watch keeper, reading you loud & clear" he laughs & is as proud as a Yeoman of Signals on the Admiral's battleship. When his mother saw him so happy, she held one of his pitifully twisted hands & pressed her cheek against his, for she too was happy. He turned & softly buried his face in her neck & his laughter changed to tears as the reality of his ever present cloud of limitations returned.

We are all, only an accident or stroke away from a wheel chair.

See the big picture, not the miniscule \$2500 cost or scare tactics, help them live some of those fleeting moments. *of their life's highlights,*