



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

LATE CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2007

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Parkes Shire Council will be held at the Peak Hill Services Club, Caswell Street, Peak Hill commencing at 1:30 pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

GENERAL MANAGER: Alan McCormack

Ordinary Meeting Late Confidential Agenda

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Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Code of Meeting Practice, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

Executive Summary

The lease for the Court Street Medical Centre is due to expire in July, 2007. Discussions recently held with a representative of the Court Street Medical Practice disclosed that they are no closer to acquiring/developing new premises.

Background Information

The Court Street Doctors have been exploring the development/acquisition of new premises in Parkes in order to secure their future in the town. The existing Court Street Medical Rooms are considered too small and are of poor design.

A recent proposal to acquire and refurbish premises in Currajong Street has been dropped due to an estimated cost of \$530,000.

The owner of the Court Street premises is overseas and there is some uncertainty as to whether the lease of these premises may be extended

Legislative, Policy & Management Planning Implications

Nil.

Budget & Financial Aspects

Nil.

Recommendation

1. For Council's consideration.
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Report

The Court Street Doctors have been exploring the development/acquisition of new premises in Parkes in order to secure their future in the town. The existing Court Street Medical Rooms are considered too small and are of poor design. The lease on this facility is due to expire in July, 2007.

Council's Economic Development Officer and Planners have been involved in discussions with representatives of this practice, the Central West Division of General Practice and Central West Community Consultative Committee. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss opportunities to secure the future of both practices for the community.

A recent proposal to acquire and refurbish premises in Currajong Street has been dropped due to an estimated cost of \$530,000. There appears to be little financial assistance available for the development of such private facilities.

The owner of the Court Street premises is overseas and there is some uncertainty as to whether the lease of these premises may be extended.

The options suggested for consideration are as follows:

1. Negotiate an extension of the lease on the Court Street premises, although too small and of poor design.
2. Approach Council to construct a Medical Centre on land in Currajong Street, Parkes. (former 'Leilani' site).
3. Possible locations in Caledonia Street.
4. Redevelopment of the former State Bank building.
5. Purchase of Department of Community services building in Welcome Street.
6. Lease of current Centrelink offices.

The proposal by Dr Draper to leave the Clarinda Street Practice, one of the Court Street Doctors being overseas on personal matters and the loss of two Medical Registrars is of further concern.

Attachments

Nil.