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Letters

Cart is leading the horse

IN 1998, while a councillor, I proposed that council advertise for expressions of interest for the Wanliss Street jetty project, which had previously been approved in 1989, but never went ahead.

The successful tenderer was the Rockingham Beach Unit Trust, a group of local businessmen.

Whereas I am happy to see this development finally progressing, I am concerned how this progress is being made.

I was amazed that the

mayor, and not a council officer, had convened a meeting to discuss the proposal (*Courier*, July 20), although a planning application had not yet been received from the proponent.

It is usual practice for an application for a proposal to be put before council staff and then the councillors after the applicant has all aspects in place, including car parking.

These issues are usually discussed at officer level

with the proponent before going to council.

It seems the cart is leading the horse with respect to this application. I also hope that council is not considering covering the costs of relocating the tennis and bowling clubs at ratepayers' expense.

If it is, the council would want to have a very good argument why this should be so.

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