



Western Australia

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On **Thursday 21st August 2014**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:		
8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches		
8.3 Duration of speeches		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 19th September 2014.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Item 22.1 – Consideration of a matter affecting an employee LGA s.5.23 (2) (a).

(2) If a meeting is being held by a council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1)(b), the council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following —

(a) a matter affecting an employee or employees;

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 18th July 2014

Background:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18th July 2014 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
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Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

11. ACTION LIST

No	Item	Action	Status
1.	Classification of Pindar Beringarra Road	Pindar – Beringarra programme of works being established.	Ongoing
2.	Establishment of Working Group for Accident Prevention	Following Annual Electors Meeting 2013 – community wished to set up an accident prevention group to help work towards road safety and reduced RTA's. 4 people volunteered but as yet no action. Had been envisaged this would be a community group to provide suggestions/ideas to Council but the CEO will call an inaugural meeting and help with initial set up to get it going.	Inaugural meeting being scheduled.
3.	Community Project Officer	Community or Council to investigate the options for moving towards having a Community project Officer. Working group needed to nut out the definitions of the position in order to progress it.	Inaugural meeting being scheduled.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:			
Moved: Councillor		Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost		For:	Against:

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 Monthly Plant Report – Works Supervisor

July 2014		Hours						YTD	
				Start	End	Total		Operating Costs	
Plant Item	Year	Rego	1 July '14	Hrs/kms	Hrs/km	Month	YTD	Plant	Fuel
Cat Grader 12H P.02	2005	MU 141	11288	11288	11437	149	149	729.94	4040.68
Cat Grader 12M P.03	2008	MU 51	7398	7398	7523	125	125	3950.40	2219.18
Volvo Loader P.27	2006	MU 65	6386	6386	6496	110	110	2696.44	545.63
Komatsu Dozer P.11	1997		8208		not used		8208	1575.00	1313.87

Bomag Padfoot P.68	2013	1EIG124	345	345	400	55	55	264.00	1137.42
JD Grader P.01	2011	MU 121	4650	4650	4804	154	154	729.01	4048.82
Bomag Roller P.43	2012	1DVH736	1757	1757	1830	73	73	332.80	571.42
Cat 938G Loader P.41	2004	MU 193	4389	4389	4405	16	16	0.00	276.89
Kenworth P/Mover P.61	2004	MU 000	31510	31510	31668	158	158	0.00	2946.70
Iveco P/Mover P.09	2003	1AGW988	283980	283980	284310	330	330	523.32	207.67
Nissan UD P.07	2009	000 MU	167522	167522	168284	762	762	290.05	1197.14
Iveco Tipper Conv P.10	2004	MU 00	168987	168987	169838	851	851	0.00	3115.00
Generator 1-110kva	2011		13642	13642	13704	62	62	1956.62	11333.45
Generator 2-110kva	2011		9340	9340	9999	659	659		
Maintenance Gen P.33			3460	3460	3819	359	359	29.98	950.11
Construction Gen P.32			17605	17605	18204	599	599	29.99	889.05
Kubota 6kva Gen P.66	2012		4567	4567	0	0	0	0.00	695.15
Mitsubishi Canter P.06	2010	01 MU	111110	111110	114604	3494	3494	520.00	360.10
Isuzu Construction P.64	2013	MU 140	30477	30477	33874	3397	3397	0.00	1102.12
Toyota Prado P.55	2012	MU 0	22827	22827	23597	770	770	0.00	0.00
RAV4 P.63	2013	MU 1011	19904	19904	20637	733	733	268.28	40.69
Great Wall P.57	2012	MU 167	26939	26939	28490	1551	1551	0.00	401.76
Isuzu Dmax P.28	2009	MU 300	174896	174896	177300	2404	2404	0.00	287.75
Toyota Hilux P.40	2011	MU 1018	134119	134119	136393	2274	2274	186.24	526.63
Isuzu T/Top P.54	2005	MU 1002	140946	140946	143000	2054	2054	248.73	604.00
Mercedes PTV P.60	2004	MU 1009	98834	98834	98992	158	158	58.50	50.22
Side Tipper P.18	2001	MU2010	45770	45770	47822	2052	2052	0.00	n/a
Side Tipper P.17	2001	MU 662	79971	79971	81810	1839	1839	0.00	n/a
Roadwest S/Tipper P.67	2013	1TOQ427	14745	14745	16754	2009	2625	23.87	n/a
Tri-Axle L/L Float P.13	2008	MU 663	13502	13502	15082	1580	1580	0.00	n/a
45ft Flat Top P.59	1978	1THH060	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	n/a
No. 2 Float P.14	2001	MU 2004	46143	46143	48018	1875	1875	0.00	n/a
30000L W/Tanker P.24	2005	MU 2024	37646	37646	38497	851	851	0.00	n/a
Dog Fuel Trailer P.48	1979	MU 2026					n/a	0.00	n/a
Dog Fuel Trailer P. 49	1972	MU 2005					n/a	0.00	n/a
Dolly 1-Red P.05	2001	MU 2003	30526	30526	32491	1965	1965	0.00	n/a
Dolly 2-Black P.08	2000	MU 2009	18377	18377	20305	1928	1928	0.00	n/a
New/H Ford Tractor	2006	MU 380	1719	1719	1737	18	18	0.00	69.22
Forklift			12037	12037	12062	25	25	0.00	57.01
Caravans							n/a	75.10	n/a
JD Ride on Mower			460.3	460.3	463.3	3	3	n/a	n/a
Generator Perkins P.34		H/Maint	0		swap			19.03	0.00
Generator 9KVA P.65	2013	Mechanic	1423		swap		1423	0.00	0.00
Heavy Maint Trailer P.62		MU 446			n/a		n/a	0.00	n/a

13.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

14th – 16th July crew performed mid-year maintenance of their caravans and plant before moving up to Tin Hut Mill on the Carnarvon Mullewa road and setting up camp. From here they commenced 4km of reforming road and gravel sheeting to the Woodleigh-Byro intersection.

As of the 14/08/2014 all gravel has been carted with just the last section of gravel spreading and boxing out and replacement of flood-ways and new drains remaining to be completed.

Maintenance Crew

Glenn and Neil performed a full maintenance grade on the Manfred Road and then moved onto the Beringarra-Pindar Road from the MRO turn off heading north to Beringarra. Crew then commenced work from Beringarra on the Beringarra Byro road and are currently 10km west of Milly Milly.

Flood Damage Road Repairs

With the commencement of the flood damage repairs by contractors of roads in the north of the shire starting on Tuesday 12th August, I have been up at Beringarra for most of this week. The flood repair works started on the Erong road and as of the 15/08/2014 only 600m of the 1.7km of sheeting of this road remain to be completed. Crew will then move on up to commence works on the Yunda Road.

I can elaborate further on this report if required at the council meeting 21st August 2014.

ROADS GRADED 12/07/2014 – 16/08/2014

Name	Length of Road	SLK's Graded this month	Heavy-Road Maintenance/Repairs Loader-truck	Comments
Beringarra /Pindar	319.80km	95km		
Erong	63.12km			
Beringarra/Byro	90.89km	48km		
Twin-Peaks/Wooleen	47.65km			
Boolarly/Kalli	57.30km			
Byro/Woodleigh	71.00km			
New Forrest/Yallalong	36.18km			
M ^c Nabb/Twin-peaks	49.75km			
Yallalong-West	34.46km			
Mileura/Nookawarra	49.08km			
Muggon	38.75km			
Manfred	34.55km	34.5		
Beringarra/Mt Gould	34.80km			
Tardie/Yuin	13.20km			
Innouendy	9.30km			
Boolarly Homestead	2.00km			
Yunda Homestead	32.80km			
Meeberrie Woolleen	25.22km			
Mt Wittenoom	37.55km			
Woolleen/Mt Wittenoom	33.85km			
Beringarra Cue	109.82km			
Boolarly Wooleen	19.08km			
Kalli Cue East	21.87km			
Coodardy Noondie	19.92km			
Butchers Track	64.54km			
Butchers Muggon	23.80km			
Murchison Settlement	2.00km			
Pinegrove Yallalong	-----			
Carnarvon-Mullewa	278.63km			
Woolgorong-South	15.00km			
Nookawarra homestead				
Errabiddy-Bluff	12km			
Air strip Graded				

Total of roads graded this month – 177.5 km

Recommendation:

That the Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

14.1 Shire President

14.2 Councillors

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

15.1 Wild Dog Control Working group Meeting

A meeting of the Wild Dog Control Working group was held on the 25th July. There was discussion on the bounty scheme and meat held for baits and how the take up had been since its' inception last November.

10 x 20Kg boxes of roo sausage meat had been purchased from Geraldton Pet Meats in December and had been held in the freezer at the community freight shed. Reg said that from the 3 boxes he had, he had made around 1,900 baits. Most of the meat had been good but some of it was a bit too soft to make into a decent bait. Reg had found you need to cut it up when still frozen so that it doesn't get too messy. It would probably be better to get boxes of actual meat – roo, horse or donkey and use this rather than the rolled stuff. So far 7 boxes have been used and there are three left.

Suggest we look at getting 12 x 20kg boxes of chopped meat at an estimated cost of \$5 per Kg.

This meat to be accessible to any pastoralist within the shire who needs it and also to the two doggers operating in the shire. By allowing the two doggers to use the meat this would mean we would be getting baits on the ground in a more consistent and wider area and would give time to the doggers to be out trapping/monitoring etc. rather than sourcing meat. There has not been a great uptake of the meat and this would continue to be additional to the aerial baiting programmes being carried out.

All were in support of this. Sandy had a meeting with the AWI and advised that there may be funds available to cover the cost of a separate chiller (freezer) to be housed in the freight shed to store the meat for baiting. He will investigate this further and get back with some details. This would enable the meat to be stored separately.

The dog bounty has seen payment for 27 scalps so far. These have come from several properties, including Mt Narryer, Ballythunna, Nookawarra, Byro, Billabalong, Boolardy, Beringarra and the Murchison Settlement. There are other scalps known of that people haven't claimed for so we need to advertise/encourage people to take up the payments but it has been a good start for the first eight months.

Funding has been allocated in the budget again this year and there was discussion on the best way to utilise it.

The working group recommends to council that we keep the bounty payment going for up to \$10,000. This would equate to 100 scalps at \$100 per scalp.

An allocation for roo meat for baiting be made and this be available to the two doggers operating in the shire as well as any other pastoralist that needs it.

There is a total allocation of \$20,000 in the budget this year for vermin/wild dog control but this includes a provision of \$10,000 for the CRBA contribution, if and when the CRBA are operational again. Council may want to restrict the allocation to the wild dog initiatives of bounty payment and meat provision to \$10,000 until later in the year when the CRBA situation is clarified.

Recommendation:

That council support the recommendation of the wild dog control working group to:

- Keep the bounty payment going for up to \$xxx at a payment of \$100 per scalp
- Allocate an amount of \$xxx to purchase roo meat for baiting and this meat be available to the two doggers operating in the shire as well as other pastoralists that need it.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
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Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

15.2 Plant Working Group

A meeting of the Plant Working Group was held by teleconference on the 30th July 2014.

A copy of the minutes of the working group meeting and quotes for replacement vehicles was circulated to all councillors on the 1st August.

The PWG met to discuss the replacement of the works supervisors ute. Quotes had been obtained for a range of different vehicles including a Ford Ranger, Nissan Navarra, Hilux, Landcruiser and Nissan Patrol.

Trade-in prices had been obtained from Midwest Auto and Geraldton Toyota for the current vehicle.

There was discussion on the best vehicle for the job and whether we should upgrade from a Hilux to a Landcruiser. It basically came down to whether we went with another Hilux or moved up to a Landcruiser.

There was discussion for and against the change based on towing capacity of the Hilux (2,500Kgs) compared to the Landcruiser (3,500kgs), durability of the vehicles, overall safety of the vehicles and the amount of mileage which the works supervisor does as part of his job – often travelling in the early morning or evenings and in poor weather conditions.

At the end of this discussion the PWG voted on a recommendation

Recommendation moved by Cr Squires and seconded by CEO Mrs. Goodbourn

That the PWG recommend to council that they proceed with the purchase of a Toyota Landcruiser to replace the Works Supervisors current vehicle.

Carried

For: 3

Against: 2

Recommendation:

That council supports the recommendation of the Plant Working Group and proceeds with the purchase of a Toyota Landcruiser and trade-in of the existing Hilux to replace the Works Supervisors current vehicle.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
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Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

16. FINANCE

16.1 Financial Activity Statements July

File:	2.2
Author:	Candice Smith – Senior Finance Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	Financial Activity Statements for 1 month to 31st July 2014 Balance Sheet Income Statement by Program Summary Income Statement by Nature & Type Income Statement by Program Detailed

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider adopting the Monthly Financial Statements for July 2014.

Background:

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported.

Comment:

The Current Position at 31 July 2014 is a surplus of \$(171,109)

Add Operating Revenues down	(20,506)
Add Operating Expenditure down	(14,193)
Less Funding Balance Adjustment	463
Less Capital Revenue down	0
Add Capital Expenditure down	(136,873)
Less Rate Revenue down	0
	<u>(171,109)</u>

Refer pages 18 and 19 of the attachment for the status of Capital Disposals and Acquisitions against Budget and to pages 25 to 27 for details of major variances against budget. Most of the variances are due to timing issues

In accordance with Council Policy 5.2.1, authorising the CEO to invest funds surplus to immediate operating needs and Regulation 19c of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, the following details Term held as at 31st July 2014.

Beringarra-Cue Road Reserve TD	\$3,500,000.00	@ 3.56% Maturity 27/09/2014
Crossland MCF Term Deposit	\$ 300,000.00	@ 3.53% Maturity 27/08/2014
Ballinyoo Bridge	\$3,500,000.00	@ 3.53% Maturity 27/08/2014

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4–Specifies that a local government is to prepare “such other financial reports” as is prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 34 states:

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d) for that month in the following detail:

- (a) Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c);
- (b) Budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;
- (c) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
- (d) Material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c);
- (e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

UHY Haines Norton

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31st July 2014 as attached.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

16.2 Accounts Paid during the period since the last list was adopted/endorsed by Council

File:	
Author:	Candice Smith – Senior Finance Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for July 2014

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of July 2014.

Background:

Accounts paid are required to be submitted each month.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Reg 13(1)–Requires that where the Chief Executive Officer has delegated power to make payments from the Municipal or Trust funds a list of accounts paid is to be prepared each month.

Comment:

Payments made during the month of July as per attached schedule

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Budget/Financial Implications:

Payment from the Municipal and Trust Bank Accounts.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

Haines Norton

Recommendation:

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,761,434 which includes \$1,569,428 of intra account transfers, be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

17. DEVELOPMENT

17.1 Tender Supply of Freight Services to Murchison Settlement

File:	14.13
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	14 th August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Shire to call tender for supply of freight services to Murchison Settlement.

Background:

The current freight contract was for a period of two years and is due to expire on the 31st August 2014. A new tender needs to be called for freight service provision with effect from 1st September 2014.

Comment:

At the July meeting of council it was resolved;

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Squires	Seconded: Councillor Williams	
That Council calls a tender for the provision of a weekly freight service to the Murchison Settlement for a period of two years commencing from the 1 st September 2014.		
Carried	For: 6	Against: 0

A tender was advertised which closes on Wednesday 20th August 2014. Details of tenders received will be available at the meeting for councils’ consideration and determination.

Statutory Environment:

S3.57 Local Government Act 1995.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

In line with Shire of Murchison Purchasing Policy

Financial Implications:

A provision of \$90,000 for freight has been included in the 2014/2015 budget.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

To be determined

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor		Seconded: Councillor
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

17.2 Verandah – New Staff Residence

File:	9.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	14 th August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Quotes for verandah, carport and decking to new staff residence.

Background:

Following a meeting of the SBWG in May 2014 a request for quote was sent out for concrete works for the verandah at the new staff residence. At the time we were requesting for a retaining wall to be built around the residence and a slab for the verandah and carport at a raised height to take it up to the level of the house. Two quotes were received – one of \$42,880 and one of \$48,380. In view of these quotes we decided it might be best to call for a quote for the verandah structure to be built first with a deck rather than a concrete slab. This would negate the need for a retaining wall. The CEO waited for the structural engineer to draw up the plans and during this time he advised that due to the construction of the house the verandah would need to be self-supporting and not attached to the house. The engineered plans were received on the

18th July and a request for quotes was advertised on the 25th July. The request asked for quotes for the supply and erection of a verandah carport and decking on the new house.

Comments:

At the time of writing three quotes have been received:

Supplier	Verandah & Carport	Decking	Total
Shoreline Outdoor World	\$36,181.20	\$56,621.00	\$92,802.20
Hoseys' Contracting	\$64,957.05	\$35,760.15	\$100,717.20
Coral Coast Homes			\$134,635.00

The Shoreline Outdoor World quote is not per the engineers design supplied but to their standard engineering specifications for this area. The decking they have quoted is Ali wood slats (aluminium). Hoseys' Contracting quote is based on the engineering specifications. The decking is using ACQ reeded pine decking.

Coral Coast Homes say all structural steel to be hot dipped galvanised (does not include painting) and decking to be CCA pine. It would be an additional \$3,050 to use hardwood decking.

So far we have spent \$175,675.98 on the new house and we had a total budget allocation of \$300,000 for the project so there is \$124,324.02 left. We still have to get the plumbing and electrical works completed, put in floor coverings, blinds and do the fencing.

We may have to re-assess the size of the verandah or look at putting up the verandah but not a deck – maintaining the current ground level as it is.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

There is a budget allocation remaining of \$124,324.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

To be determined following discussion.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

17.3 ULP Tank at Roadhouse

File:	13.11
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Replacement of the underground ULP tank at the roadhouse.

Background:

A delivery of ULP was made on the 23rd July and when the tank was dipped on the following Friday it was discovered that there was a leak as most of it had gone. Further dips proved that the ULP tank was leaking as the fuel continued to reduce. We have had to stop using the tank and currently only have an emergency supply available at the depot for people that would be stranded here.

Comments:

We have a budget allocation of \$40,000 as we were looking at putting in a new larger diesel tank this year, similar to the one we put in at the depot last year. The CEO has been in contact with Petro Industrial who gave a quick quote of \$60,405 plus GST for the two tanks – there would of course be trenching, pipework, connection and freight on top of this.

The CEO also contacted FuelFix who are going to provide a quote for new tanks. FuelFix can provide a 4,500l temporary tank but we would still have to trench at least 8m as the tank has to be at least 8m from any electrical source (pumps) for safety reasons. The cost to set up the temporary tank would be \$5,764 plus GST and \$250 per week to hire the tank. In view of this it may be more cost effective to go straight for the purchase of the new tanks and get this done as soon as possible to minimise the disruption to the roadhouse. Petro Industrial would like to visit the site so they can do a full plan including the dangerous goods licence that will be required if we hold more than 5,000 litres of ULP. At the teleconference held on the 30th July the options were discussed and council wanted to proceed with the new tanks as soon as possible. The current budget allocation will not be enough but we could defer the handy hitch and attachments until next year. This would free up \$50,000 and we could use \$35,000 towards the tank giving us a budget of \$75,000 to cover the two tanks.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

There is a current budget allocation of \$40,000.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That council amend the budget to defer the purchase of the handy hitch (\$50,000) and use \$35,000 of these funds toward the purchase and installation of a new ULP and diesel tank at the roadhouse.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

17.4 Settlement Gen Sets

File:	10.5
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Repairs to the No1 gen set at the settlement.

Background:

There have been ongoing issues with the #1 gen set and the settlement has lost power several times in recent weeks.

JMG (who we previously had a dispute with following installation) have been assisting and talked through repairs to the power board the other day when power was down for 4-5 hours.

They have concluded that the Easy Gen controller has failed and have suggested proposed works to install a new controller and power board – subject to confirmation that this is the problem when they get on site. The automatic switch over has also never worked and they suggest this is due to the load placed on the generator being too great to allow the other one to start up. This could be fixed by installing load shedding contactors.

Comments:

The work for the controller and power board and assessment of the generators has been quoted at \$19,635 + GST and for the load shedding contactors \$3,600.

Whilst this is a lot of money – the supply of power is essential to the operation of the settlement and it is a specialized job to work on this set-up. We have had contractors from Geraldton who were out here look at it but they were not qualified to work on it and were unable to do anything.

Currently we have no read out from gen set 1 and cannot see what its' output is or if there are any error codes. As well as the power cuts we are experiencing problems such as electrical clocks running slow and one of the pumps at the gen set appears to be running backwards.

The CEO has advised the data logger people of the problems and they will wait until the repairs and upgrades are carried out as they have to match the logger to the system we have installed.

At the teleconference on the 30th July there was consensus that we engage JMG to come up and carry out the work quoted for.

We have a budget provision of \$10,000 for gen set maintenance and servicing. If council have decided to defer the handy hitch at item 17.3 there will be \$15,000 left from that which we could allocate to these repair works.

Once we have ascertained what has caused the problem with the gen set we will be able to see if it is an insurable event.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

There is a current budget allocation of \$10,000.

Consultation:

JMG

Recommendation:

- That council ratifies the decision made via teleconference to carry out the repairs and upgrade to the gen sets.
- That council amend the budget to defer the purchase of the handy hitch (\$50,000) and use \$15,000 of these funds toward the repairs and upgrade to the settlement gen sets.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1 DFES – Community Fire Manager Pastoral

File:	5.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	Jingemarra Letter

Matter for Consideration:

Letter of support for retention of Position of Community Fire Manager – Pastoral

Background:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has said that the position of Community Fire Manager Pastoral is not going to be continued past October when the current contract expires. The position is currently occupied by Mr. Jim McNamarra.

Comments:

The attached letter was received from Mrs. Terry Iturbide of Jingemarra Station who has written to the minister for emergency services regarding the decision to no longer have this position. She has asked the shire to lend their support in requesting the minister to reconsider his decision.

Jim has been of great assistance to the shire and has helped us re-establish our Bush Fire Brigade and assisted with grant applications which have resulted in us getting a new fire tanker and fast attack unit this year.

Jim has also provided training and advice and been the first point of contact in fire situations. He has developed a strong rapport throughout the region and has got to know the people and the conditions we face.

It seems a strange decision to take away a position that is actually getting out into the community and achieving results and I think council should write in support of the position and ask the minister to reconsider his decision.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That council write to the Minister for Emergency Services and ask him to reconsider his decision to take away the position of Community Fire Manager Pastoral.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.2 Regional Manager (ASKAP)

File:	14.11
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Letter to CSIRO regarding their decision to make the Geraldton Regional Manager Position no longer required.

Background:

On the 22nd July the CEO was informed that the Regional Manager (ASKAP) Geraldton position was one of the jobs that CSIRO were losing due to budget cuts. Priscilla Clayton is currently in the role.

Comments:

Priscilla has been the main contact point for the shire when raising any issues with CSIRO and she has been the main point providing feedback with the development of the MRO and it has been very good to have someone based in Geraldton that we contact for reliable information and assistance. CSIRO is having to make some fairly drastic budget cuts but I don't know if they realise the importance of having a "go to" person in the region. We all know that it has been very hard to deal with the property division and other people in the head office and to take away the main local liaison person will only make things harder. I think that Council needs to write to CSIRO to voice their concerns and ask them to clarify what is happening with the organisational structure and who is now going to provide the information and support that was being provided by this position.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That council write to CSIRO to explain their concerns at the loss of the Geraldton Regional Manager position and ask them to clarify the organisational structure and who is now going to provide the information and support that was being provided by this position.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.3 Sale of Surplus Item

File:	4.53
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	Nil
Date:	15 th August 2014
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Disposal of the Apple IMAC Computer

Background:

At the March meeting, council considered a confidential item relating to goods returned to the Shire following conclusion of the CCC investigation into a former CEO.

Council decided to call a tender for the disposal of the Apple IMAC computer and Makita cordless radio.

Tenders were advertised on the 7th April and closed on the 2nd May. No tenders were received. At the May meeting council resolved: *That council auction off the surplus items at the 2014 Polocrosse event. Any money raised to be used for community sporting equipment.*

Comments:

Unfortunately at the recent 2014 Polocrosse event we forgot about the auction until late on the Saturday and it was too late to organise it.

Council now need to decide what they want to do with the items.

We could either call another tender to see if there is any interest or we could wait until we have another event such as the Christmas Tree and auction them off as we were going to at the Polocrosse.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

To be determined.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

21. URGENT BUSINESS

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Motion to close the meeting to the Public

Recommendation:

That the meeting move behind closed doors

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

The meeting was closed to the public at

Motion to open the meeting to the Public

Recommendation:

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded:	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

*Council moved out from behind closed doors at
Motions carried behind closed doors are recorded below:*

22.1 Annual Review of Performance of the Chief Executive Officer

*Confidential information not available to the public was supplied to councillors under separate cover.
The following decisions carried behind closed doors are recorded.*

Council Decision:		
Moved:	Seconded:	
That council endorses the annual review of the performance of Jenny Goodbourn, Chief Executive Officer, conducted on Thursday 21 st August 2014 by the Councillors and consultant John Phillips, and that the performance be deemed.....		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

Council to resolve one item pertaining to the CEO’s annual remuneration review behind closed doors. A copy of this item to be retained in the Shires ‘confidential items file’ under locked access via the CEO.

23. MEETING CLOSURE