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Western Australia

Unconfirmed Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,

Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday 17 July 2009, commencing at 9.30 am.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President opened the meeting at 9.45 am

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS

Cr S A Broad, Shire President
Cr M W Halleen, Deputy Shire President
Cr P M Walsh
Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor
Cr D J Pollock (from 10.34am)
Cr P R Squires
Cr W McL Mitchell

STAFF

Mr R J Adams, Chief Executive Officer

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

NIL

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

Stand Down Local Law Standing Orders

OC090701 Standing Orders

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr P M Walsh

That the Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down

Motion put and carried 6/0

5. NEXT MEETING

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 21 August 2009

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OC090702 LOA- Cr W McL Mitchell

Moved Cr P M Walsh, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

That Cr W McL Mitchell be granted a leave of absence for the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

Motion put and carried 6/0

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA

Council to discuss letter from C.Harvey & Co

8. Confirmation Flying Minutes

BACKGROUND

Flying Minute 230609 was conducted by Council and has previously been circulated to all Councillors. See minute below

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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OC090703 Confirmation of Flying Minute

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr P M Walsh

That the Minutes of the Flying Minute 230609 be confirmed

Motion put and carried 6/0

230609 FLYING MINUTE-Flood Damage-Cyclone Dominic

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 23 June 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider engaging a contract team to complete flood damage works

BACKGROUND

Cyclone Dominic occurred in January 2009 with a rainfall of approximately 175mm in the north eastern part of the Shire.

Expressions of Interest were called for regarding the proposed flood damage repairs. An advertisement was placed in the Geraldton Guardian and West Australian Newspapers.

There were twenty three (23) expressions received. There was an extreme amount of interest via the telephone. Due to the economic climate, there seems to be a lot of machinery around doing very little.

Three companies have been selected to tender on the scope of works. These companies are;

- Northcoast Contractors
- C.Harvey & Co
- Squires Resources

All other expressions have been notified of the result.

The three companies have been asked to formalise their expression, this may not be available for the Ordinary Meeting on Friday 19 June.

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 19 June 2009, Council endorsed to award the contract by flying minute, to give the selected tenderer time to prepare their submissions.

Squires Resources have chosen not to complete the tendering process.

The two tenderer were asked to express a daily rate of the overall cost to supply machinery and labour, both tenders have visited the road works and assessed the required scope of works.

Northcoast Contractors tendered a price of \$7200 + GST per day

C Harvey & Co tendered a price of \$7450 + GST per day

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

s 3.57(1)(2)) Provision for tendering for goods and services and reference to regulations about tendering.

Functions & General Regulations 1996

r 11(1) Provides for the procedures in tendering for goods and services.

r 11(2)(f) if the local government has good reason to believe that, because of the unique nature of the goods or services required or for any other reason, it is unlikely that there is more than one potential supplier.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 1.7 Local Preference Policy- provides for on major contracts i.e. above \$2000 in value “Council is to clearly indicate its preference to use local contractors and subcontractors will accept a price of not more than 5% above the best price obtainable outside the district and subject to issues of availability, expertise and equipment availability and other relevant issues being considered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs for the repair work to be covered by flood damage claim

CONSULTATION

Craig Harvey C.Harvey & Co
Noel Ducas Northcoast Group
Paul Squires Squires Resources

COMMENT

The local contractors quoted price is within the allowable 5% as expressed in Council Policy

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council appoint C.Harvey & Co at the contract rate of \$7450 +GST per day to complete the scope of works.

The flying minute was sent via email to all Councillors 23 June 2009, all Councillors responses were received;

A Declaration of Interest was received from Cr Broad, the nature being that his wife has tendered to one of the contractors for the supply of accommodation and meals. Cr Broad took no further part in the item before Council.

Cr Halleen presided

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council appoint C.Harvey & Co at the contract rate of \$7450 +GST per day to complete the scope of works.

Reviewed confirmation from all other councillors

Record of Vote

Motion put and LOST 2/4

COUNCIL DECISION

Flying minute sent via email to councillors on 25 June 2009, all Councillors responses were received;

Council appoint Northcoast Contractors at the contract rate of \$7200 + GST per day to complete the scope of works

Motion put and Carried 4/2

Reason: Council believe it would be advantageous to utilise Northcoast Contractors, as Council is happy with previous completed works and their machinery is in the area.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor requested his vote be recorded

Cr Squires requested all votes be recorded

For

Cr W McL Mitchell

Cr M W Halleen

Cr P M Walsh

Cr D J Pollock

Against

Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

Cr P R Squires

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING –19 June 2009

BACKGROUND

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 June 2009 be confirmed.

OC090704 Confirmation of Minutes for 19 June 2009

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr W McL Mitchell

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 June 2009

Motion put and carried 6/0

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

NIL

11. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

NIL

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

12.1 PRESIDENT

Community Consultation Day

- Exceptional number of people turned up
- Lack of Councillors
- Facilitator Jo Burgess – excellent work
- Community response to Upper Gascoyne was pleasing
- Facilitator Robyn Williams- well facilitated
- Bridge Issues

Midwest Development Commission

- No nominations from the Murchison Zone
- Robyn Parsons, Gary Collins Term has expires
- Simon Broad to stay on board until replacement can be found
- DVD presentation of the Murchison Shire to the Commission was well received
- \$145,000 Grant from R4R for CBD Development

12.2 COUNCILLORS

Cr Halleen

Polocrosse

- Exceptional help from the shire workers
- 23 teams over 3 grounds
- RFDS was used
- Thank you to all other volunteers

Midwest Development Commission

- ASKAP & SKA push

NRM

- Briefing putting projects together.
- David Pollock is now on NRM
- Jim C is the new chairman
- Roderick-Wooramel Project into Conservation.....

Cr Foulkes-Taylor

General

- Did a tour around the northern Murchison/Gascoyne
- Water boring at Nookawarra
- Landed on the new airstrip

Community Consultation Day

- Jo Burgess from WALGA did a good job
- Robyn Williams was a bit cumbersome
- DVD was good

Midwest Development Commission

- Attended the dinner at Wooleen

Road Network

- Taken a turn for the better

Cr Walsh

Community Consultation Day

- Apologies for not attending

Road Network

- Carnarvon Mullewa Road in reasonable shape, graders doing a good job

Polocrosse

- Was enjoyable
- Lian assisted with patient and RFDS
- Catering- Natalie did an excellent job raising funds for Revise of approx. \$3000
- Patrick Walsh has claimed the first landing on the new strip. (Note: RFDS claimed the first take off, Keanu Abbott claimed the first evacuation)
- RFDS kit to be updated and signage to Medical Room, and investigate "Pari Pack"
- Trolley in Ambulance needs servicing

Cue Beringarra Road

- A lot of single lane stretches (10) to be sealed
- More work has been done

Midwest Development Commission

- Attended dinner at Wooleen

Cr Squires

Community Consultation Day

- Apologies for not being in attendance

Tourism

- Council to explore more tourism opportunities

Polocrosse

- Jo's comment was it went well

General

- Council to investigate the GPS tracking system

Cr Mitchell

General

- Roadhouse visitors are up with increase in service
- Road budget figures are nearly out, therefore an increase in direct funding
- Various issue with Federal Government paying money directly to LG
- All councils have received their checklists back
- Waste bill –will end up as a state-wide tax
- DEC- issues with Muggon & Woolgorong not being managed

Cr Pollock

Road Network

- Roads after the polocrosse are pretty good

Polocrosse

- Well done to the club

Museum

- AL is happy

NRM

- I am now in it

Community Consultation Day

- Apologies for not attending

10.34 Cr D J Pollock entered the meeting

11.15 Adjournment of meeting for morning tea

11.24 Meeting reconvened with all those present before in attendance

13. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

NIL

14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

NIL

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 WORKS

15.1.1 Monthly Plant & Works Progress Report

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 12 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To view the plant operation for the month of May-June 2009 and an update on works carried out

BACKGROUND

Monthly Plant usage and status Report

HEAVY PLANT			Start	End	Total	MTD	Total
Plant Item	Year	Rego	Hours	Hours		Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	4850	5038		1174	30831
Cat Grader 12H	2003	MU 121	9742	14737		1959	85261
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	718	812		237	3033
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	1566	1683		998	13045
Komatsu Dozer	1997		6359	6381		2416	163204
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	2675	2703		1345	16153
TRUCKS							
Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	159672	163432		1576	46914
Nissan UD	2009		5604	10682		1176	1770
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	93644	98034		6015	55862
GENERATORS							
Generator 2-100KVA	2005		14107				
Generator 1-83KVA	2005		35838				
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005			10102			
LIGHT VEHICLES							
Toyota Landcruiser	2005	01 MU				382	11123
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	3928	5999			
Toyota Prado	2005	MU 0	34356	39997	5641	1812	1981
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	72000	70783		141	1783
Mazda Bravo	2006	MU 300	55080			375	3073
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017	17802				2478
TRAILERS & TANKERS							
Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	149425	153422		573	16304
Side Tipper-Evertran	1993	1TKB837	0	3059		2880	4860
Tri Axle Low Loader	2008	ITJH801	4146			4526	8406
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	MU2004				368	47384
30K Water Tank	2005	MU 2024		46877		475	9312
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					1775
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU2005				535	535
Dolly 1	2001	MU 2003					6240
Dolly 2	2000	MU 2009				5512	10558
Dolly 3	1983	MU 2031					
Tractors							
New Holland	2006	MU 380	501	635	0	134	2383

NOTE- WILL HAVE UPDATED LIST ON FRIDAY

15.1.2 Works Supervisors Report

Construction Report

Erong-Mt Gould: Completed an inspection with Cr Broad on the Erong Road to scope the works required

Airstrip- Sealing completed Wednesday 9 July. Drainage to be completed when dried out

Bridge 837- the development of a bypass for the bridge is taking shape,

McNabbs-Twin Peaks Road- Expected to commence dozer work in the next two weeks

Maintenance Report

Carnarvon - Mullewa road: - Was graded for polocrosse, and then has 50mm of rain, currently graders cleaning the road up. Heading north

Berringara - Pindar road: - Contractor engaged to start at Pindar end through to Mc nabbs Road

Erong Road-

Byro-Berringara Road- to be graded after Carnarvon Mullewa Road

Butchers Track- has been graded full length

Settlement- all roads graded

Maintenance Grids

Grid south of settlement SLK 35, has been repaired and is back in service

Vehicles and Equipment

MU121 12H Grader- problem with blade, is being attended to

Staffing

Peter Jeffries engaged as supervisor for bridge bypass-(Bridge)

Mick Wall engaged as a casual concreter/labourer (borrowed from Mullewa Shire)-Bridge

Calvin Wall engaged as labourer (Indigenous wage subsidy) - Bridge

Preston Wall- engaged labourer (Indigenous wage subsidy) construction crew

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090705 Works Foreman Report

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

Receive the Works Foreman's status report

Motion put and carried 7/0

15.2 Lighting of Aircraft Landing Area

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 12 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To purchase a lighting system for the air craft landing area

BACKGROUND

The aircraft landing area project commenced in late May 2009. It was discovered early in the project that there was not enough funding to complete the works, as reported to council in June.

An application for additional funding was made to RADS for the additional funding requirements. The Shire has been granted \$155,000 for sealing, lighting and line marking.

The complete construction works to date has cost \$383,766 and approximately \$35,000 to be invoiced. This will make the total construction amount to be approximately \$418,766.

The sealing cost is to be approximately \$110,000.

Avlite Systems have quoted \$43,938 for all lighting and lighted windsock, and the pilot activated controller.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1.1.1 Sealing the Settlement Airstrip

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Lighting to be financed by RADS grant 2010, confirmed \$155,000

CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

As the project has crossed to the next financial year and the budget has not yet been adopted, then an absolute majority vote is required

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090706 Lighting of Aircraft Landing Area

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr P R Squires

That Council:

- 1. Purchase the AV Lite system to complete the aircraft landing area and taxi way for the amount of \$43938 + GST**
- 2. Note that there will be a small overrun to complete line marking and installation of approximately \$10,000 and that this be reported to council for endorsement.**

Motion put and carried by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

16. FINANCE

16.1.1 Accounts Paid during the period June-July 2009

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 12 May 2009
 Attachments: EFT & Cheque Detail for June-July 2009

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of June-July 2009, authorisation of account to be paid up to February 2009

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.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Payment from Council’s Municipal Account

CONSULTATION

None

COMMENT

Payments made during the month of April May 2009 as per attached schedule.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090707 Accounts Paid and to be Paid

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr P M Walsh

That Council;

1. Accounts Paid between 24 June 2009 – 17 July 2009;

TYPE	Voucher	PAYMENT	STATUS	AMOUNT
EFT	1-3, 45-49	Payroll	Paid	\$4386.38
Cheque	8780-8783, 8997-8803	Creditor	Paid	\$15633.50
EFT	4-43,50	Creditor	Paid	\$764,309.00
Cheque	8784-8789, 8790-8796	Payroll	Paid	\$4889.64

2. Salaries and Wages paid between June –July of \$42,623.23; is received

Motion put and carried 6/0

12.20 Cr P M Walsh left the meeting
12.24 Cr P M Walsh entered the meeting

16.1.2 Draft Annual Budget 2009/10

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to declare
Date: 30 June 2009
Attachments: Draft Annual Budget

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Review of the draft budget for the 2009/10 financial year

BACKGROUND

Preliminary DRAFT BUDGET for 2009-10

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995
Section 6.2–Requires a local government to prepare an annual budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget outlines planned expenditure and revenue for 2009/10

CONSULTATION

The draft budget outline includes items and projects suggested by councillors, staff and the community.

COMMENT

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Governance

Nil

Administration

Staff Training Expense -5% of Salaries
Inclusion of costing for a Senior Administration Officer

General Purpose Income

Rates- as per Ordinary Council Meeting May 2009-06-30

Grants Commission- decrease in funding from previous years due to the government paying the first instalment in 2008/09, therefore increase in unrestricted funds carried forward. No net difference.

Law Order and Public Safety

Nil

Health

Nil

Community Amenities

Cemetery- allowance to finish plaques, map board and benches- will ultimately end up in capital when completed.

Recreation & Culture

Nil

Transport

Roads- Various road construction jobs, mainly from road inspection report and the “old main roads”

Aerodrome- received \$155,000 from RADS to complete sealing and lighting

Economic Services

Nil

Other Property

Staff Training outside Staff- 5% of wages

CAPITAL PURCHASES

Housing

Pool Cover	\$1,500
Zircon CEO House	\$3,500
Repairs to Staff Housing	\$20,000
Depot- Air con	\$ 3,500
Law Order and Public Safety	
Mosquito fogger	\$ 4,000

Town Planning

Development District Planning Scheme	\$22,000
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Recreation & Culture

Sporting Complex-paint meeting room	\$2,000
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Transport

Roads

- Airstrip-lighting & seal \$155,000
- McNabbs –Twin peaks Bunding \$52,500
- Berringara-Pinar near Murgoo \$100,000
- Mt Gould Erong rd \$86,140
- 20km Seal Carnarvon Mullewa Rd \$541,590
- Ballinyoo Bridge R4R \$912,836
- Ballinyoo Bridge R2R \$280,676
- Replace 4 Grids \$60,000
- Construction generator \$17,000
- Multi tyre Roller \$140,000

- Dolly \$26,000
- Used Caravan \$50,000
- Maintenance Generator \$17,000
- Sundry Equipment \$ 15,000
- Convert bowl tipper to Water Cart \$45,000

Economic Services

CBD Development	\$490,520
Public Works Overheads	
Works Foreman’s Ute	\$40,000
CEO Vehicle	\$55,000

Reserve Transfers OUT

Ballinyoo Bridge R4R	\$912,836
Ballinyoo Bridge R2R	\$280,676
Plant Reserve	\$88,500
CBD Development	\$345,520

Reserve Transfers IN

Long Service Leave Reserve	\$1952
Plant Reserve	\$361,850
Building Reserve	\$15,000
CBD Development	\$150,000
Road Reseals Reserve	\$30,000
Grid Replacement Program	\$60,000

VOTING REQUIREMENTS
Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090708 Draft Annual Budget 2009/10

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

That Council;

- 1. The Plant Committee to investigate Plant Replacements**
- 2. Photocopier to be investigated for lease options**
- 3. Minor adjustments be made prior to presentation for adoption**

Motion put and carried 7/0

- 12.20 The meeting adjourned for lunch
- 1.06 The meeting reconvened with all those present before in attendance

17. DEVELOPMENT

17. CBD DEVELOPMENT

17.1.1 Roadhouse Construction

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 12 July 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Various issues with new roadhouse

BACKGROUND

Council has a reserve for the replacement of the existing roadhouse. Council has applied for and received a grant from the Midwest Development Commission for \$145,000 for the completion of a CBD area in the settlement.

A community consultation day was conducted on the 6 July. Many questions were asked and designs and style were discussed.

Having investigated transportable and rammed earth options, at this stage the possibility of having rammed earth building built look to be advantageous for the shire.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1.2 Continue to enhance and develop community facilities according to community needs

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project is to be funded by grants and Shire of Murchison Funding

CONSULTATION

As per community consultation day

SOM July UNCONFIRMED MINUTES A

COMMENT

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090709 Roadhouse Construction

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr W McL Mitchell

That Council;

- 1. Project Manage the construction of a new road house**
- 2. Form a “Project Committee” to progress the project to the next stage, with final decisions to be endorsed by full council.**
- 3. Authorise the CEO to expend up to \$10,000 for drafting and quantities survey for project.**
- 4. The new building to be built where existing laundry is, i.e. North of existing Roadhouse**
- 5. A committee consisting of the CEO, Cr Walsh, to arrange two community members to join committee.**

Motion put and carried 7/0

- 2.20 Cr P M Walsh left the meeting
2.25 Cr P M Walsh entered the meeting

18. ADMINISTRATION

18. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

18.1.1 Local Government Convention Reporting

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 12 June 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To make a policy addition requiring councillors to produce a written report from Local Government Week.

BACKGROUND

Cr Foulkes Taylor has requested that.

Those councillors representing the Murchison Shire at the annual Local Government Week present a written report to the council at the following ordinary meeting, and that these reports are put on the public record.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090710 Local Government Convention Reporting

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

That Council;

It was agreed that all councillors attending Local Government Convention will produce a written report on activities and meetings

Motion put and carried 6/0

2.20 Cr P M Walsh left the meeting

18.1.2 Policy 1.7 Local Preference Policy

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 12 June 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To review Policy 1.7

BACKGROUND

Cr Halleen has requested that the following policy be amended or deleted

1.7 Local Preference Policy- provides for on major contracts i.e. above \$2000 in value “Council is to clearly indicate its preference to use local contractors and subcontractors will accept a price of not more than 5% above the best price obtainable outside the district and subject to issues of availability, expertise and equipment availability and other relevant issues being considered.

Cr Halleen comment;

1. take it out all together because of the bigger option we have now plus as a council we will always make a decision in what is best for the shire, the way it reads now is we have to always use local as long as it is inside of the 5%
2. we change the wording so that this dot point is not so direct

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

1.7 Local Preference Policy- provides for on major contracts i.e. above \$2000 in value “Council is to clearly indicate its preference to use local contractors and subcontractors will accept a price of not more than 5% above the best price obtainable outside the district and subject to issues of availability, expertise and equipment availability and other relevant issues being

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090711 Policy 1.7 Local Preference Policy

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr D J Pollock

That Council;

Continue to utilise a Local Preference Policy when considering contracts

Procedural Motion

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

That Council:

Lay Item 18.1.2 Policy 1.7 Local Preference Policy on the table until all policies are reviewed.

Motion put and carried 6/0

19. Structural Reform

File:
 Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 12 July 2009
 Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Structural Reform issues

BACKGROUND

Council conducted a community consultation day on 6 July for the purpose of informing and discussing with the community various structural reform issues. This day was extremely well attended by thirty residents. The following report by facilitator Joanne Burges from WALGA was received;

Shire of Murchison
 Community Meeting Report
 6 July 2009

30 members of the community gathered at the Murchison Sports/Community Centre to discuss Structural Reform as part of a community consultation day held by the shire. After viewing the 'Murchison DVD' to showcase the beauty, abundance and community spirit of the district attendees were guided to the contents of the information that had been distributed prior to the day. The background and status of the Structural Reform process as requested by the Minister was outlined; participants were then asked to comment on how they saw their future. The following captures the feedback of the session.

- Roughly the same; maybe with some boundary changes
- We like it the way it is; if it ain't broke why fix it?
- We value our uniqueness ... we don't have a town and we like it
- Without a 'town' we might be disabling ourselves ... we may need to increase our numbers
- Do we need a 'town' to do things such as purchase land? i.e. lease hold
- The tyranny of distance makes things like resource sharing difficult
- We are well represented by great local knowledge
- There is appropriate funding
- Will the current funding get us where we want to go? Does growth = more money?
- We have strategic roads ... convenient to Murchison; essential to road system
- What is the future of pastoralism? Will there be a Murchison? E.g. CALM taking over North of Southern Cross
- Are the young people staying? Some are definitely keen to
- It would be nice to be able to buy land
 - This is possible although it would take a 3-5 year process to achieve freehold blocks
 - We have a district Development Scheme as opposed to a recognised Town Planning Scheme
- Who are the sorts of people we are trying to attract?
- Will pastoralist have to 'foot the bill'?
- The Shire relies on FAG's grants
- Problems may occur with inequity of representation
 - Murchison currently run under a 'Ward' system
- Do we need to have our administration here? It could be run from Perth with work crew 'in situ'
- Who is in our community of interest? Upper Gascoyne? Mullewa?
- We supply a significant service ... Weather reporting / Safety / Security to travellers
- The Shire is comfortable with us not changing
- How do you 'seriously' run something from Perth?
- Splitting up Shires has the potential to 'ruin' the outback
- We need a solution ... is it more people?

- What is our worst case scenario?
 - When the Minister says “these are the lines”
- Acknowledge that roads are core business, however other services exist
 - Health
 - Weather
 - School of the Air
 - Licensing
- Yalgoo Pastoral Rates are similar to ours i.e. 6-7 cents in the dollar
- Examples of forced amalgamations e.g. Geraldton –Greenough and the predatory nature towards Chapman Valley and Mullewa
- Need to look further across the country e.g. Vic / Qld / SA
- How does the community ‘feel’ with regard to the Upper Gascoyne i.e. having reform discussions regarding alignment? There is a joint interest in the Carnarvon - Mullewa Road
- What are the pros and the cons?
- We have to be careful about how we expand our boundaries e.g. the issues we are taking on and ‘how big’ to we want to get?
- We could ‘square up’ the Shire e.g. the gravel section of Mullewa- Carnarvon Road to the South, some bits to the East and bits to the North
- Do these other Shires want to keep their ‘dirt’
- Some discussions have been held and they all been amiable
- In the future is it possible to aim for a School and a teacher?
- We need some children and medical facilities
- Tourists are important
 - They need to feel safe and secure
 - This occurs through the volunteerism of the local community through their help and assistance

Attendees were asked if this is the kind of things that we wanted to say to the Minister as part of our Reform Submission was there anything missing and the following comments were provided:-

- We utilize all our resources – we have no wastage i.e.
 - Infrastructure
 - Machinery
 - Buildings
 - People
- We make use of specialists where required , a great example being the Air Strip project ... we are not cumbersome, and finally;
- **This is a really healthy environment to raise your children and to LIVE!**

The 4 Questions that appear in the documentation were then addressed and there was consensus that all present felt:-

- The current local government lent itself to a long term effective and efficient delivery of services and infrastructure
- The current local government provided an opportunity to be represented on the Council
- The community had an opportunity to participate in the decision making process
- A change in demography would change their consideration of the previous questions

The next phase of the reform process is to investigate our options with our neighbours. I have received verbal advice of the result of the first phase of the process. Murchison has been placed into Category 2, Upper Gascoyne and Yalgoo have been placed into Category 3. Peppermint Grove has been placed into Category 1.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC090712 Structural Reform

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr D J Pollock

That Council;

- 1. Arrange a meeting with Upper Gascoyne and Mullewa to discuss structural reform**

Motion put and carried 6/0

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

20.1.1 CEO Activity Report June July 2009

File:

Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 12 July 2008
Attachments: Nil

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

CEO's activity report

BACKGROUND

CEO Report for Period 16 June 2009 to 16 July 2009

GOVERNANCE

- Preparation of Annual Budget
- Councillor claims paid
- Preparation of Community Consultation Day

ADMINISTRATION

- Advertisement for Senior Administration Officer
- Audit for 2008-09

LAW and ORDER

- Visit by ranger to Pia

HOUSING

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

RECREATION & CULTURE

- Polocrosse assistance

TRANSPORT

- Completion of Flood Damage Tendering
- Inspection of works on Bridge Bypass
- Erong Road Inspection
- Meeting at Nookawarra re water bores
- Arranged photographic record of Ballinyoo Bridge
- Road inspections from rain
- Attend RFDS plane on new airstrip

ECONOMIC SERVICES

TOURISM

PRIVATE WORKS

Meetings Attended

- Presentation to Midwest Development Commission
- Community Consultation Day

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

OC0900713 CEO Report

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

That Council

1. **Note the CEO Activity Report**

Motion put and carried 6/0

21. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA

COUNCIL DECISION

OC0900714 Move into Camera

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor

Motion put and carried 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

OC0900715 Move out of Camera

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

Motion put and carried 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

OC0900716 Instruction to CEO

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr P R Squires

That council

Direct the CEO to send a letter to C.Harvey and Co

Motion put and carried 6/0

23. MEETING CLOSURE

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.25pm