



Western Australia

Confirmed Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday **18 November 2011**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 11.15am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members:

Councillor S A Broad, Shire President
Councillor R E Foulkes-Taylor, Deputy Shire President
Councillor B M Seaman
Councillor D A McTaggart
Councillor P R Squires

Staff:

Mr M C Sully, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs J Sully, Admin Officer (Minutes)
Mr B Wundenberg, Works Supervisor

Apologies:

Councillor M W Halleen

Note: President, Councillor Broad acknowledged the attendance of Mr Barry Turner from CSIRO at the Forum prior to this meeting.

Note: President, Councillor Broad announced a variation in the Agenda. Item 18.2.38.11.11 to be brought forward to follow Item 4.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Standing Orders

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Squires

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 5/0

Note: Councillor Seaman left Chambers at 11.26am and returned at 11.29am.

Note: Mrs Sully left Chambers at 11.34am and returned at 11.35am.

Note: Mrs Sully left chambers at 12.14am and returned at 12.15pm.

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 Monthly Plant Report

HEAVY PLANT			Start	End	MTD		Total
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Hours	Hours	Total	Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	7363.2	7484	120.8		
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	3475	3615	140		
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	3660				
Komatsu Dozer	1997		7362	7401	9		
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	205.9				
John Deere Grader	2011	MU 121	524	640	116		

TRUCKS

Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU000	229175	230612	1437		
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	93067	94089	1022		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	144369	146627	2258		

GENERATORS

Generator 2-100KVA	2005				xxxxxxxxxx		
Generator 1-83KVA	2005						
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005						
Maintenance Genset			15892				
Construction Genset			4274				

Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU	22706	26532	3826		
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	105947	108671	2724		
Toyota Prado	2010	MU0					
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	142210	143850	1640		
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300	106380	107338	958		
Toyota Hilux	2011	MU 1018	7112	10670	3558		
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017					

TRAILERS & TIPPERS

Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	188659	189263.6	604.6		
Side Tipper – Evertran	2009	MU 662	35486	36966.68	1480.68		
Tri-Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663	27122				
No. 2 float	2001			4410			
30lt Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	5257	5701	444		
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005					
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003	2634	3964	1330		
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009					

New Holland	2006	MU 380					
Forklift			1157.6	1159.7	2.1		
Caravans							
Various small plant							
Cobra Multi Tyre Roller			Not used				
Ford Tractor			1304.5		25.5		
Ride on Mower				Metre	broken		
Patient Transfer Vehicle				Not used	20939		

15.2 Works Supervisor Report - October - November 2011

Construction Crew

The construction crew have completed the ground work at the Pine Grove intersection which included earthworks and replacing of grid. Bituminising of the approaches to the grids (including the one at Bullardoo homestead) will be incorporated with the works being completed by Western Stabilisers.

The approaches of the remaining grids from south of the settlement to the south boundary (potholes) have been patched.

Signs and guide posts are in the process of being replaced on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road south of the settlement.

The two abandoned cars have now been removed. One just north of Pine Grove homestead and one at the Woolgorong north boundary.

Maintenance Crew

John and Paul have finished grading the Muggon road and have completed a light grade of the first bypass at Curbur. From Curbur homestead a full maintenance grade has been completed to the settlement (except where sheeting and flood damage needs to be addressed). This full maintenance grade includes double batters and road graded over and back. All drains cleaned out and some double battered as necessary.

Erabiddy Bluff road has been graded.

The Meeberrie to Wooleen road has had the same treatment as the Carnarvon Mullewa road with an extra few drains put in here and there. The access into Wooleen homestead has been graded.

The maintenance crew are now working on the Wooleen/Mt Wittenoom road and once this road has been completed they will start on the Boolardy/Wooleen road. From here they will check the Boolardy Kalli road then start from top shed and continue north with a full maintenance grade.

Flood Damage

Northcoast are now on break and due to return on Monday 14th ready to recommence on Tuesday the 15th.

The crew are still at Byro homestead which includes the use of the shire's three construction caravans.

They will complete one more swing which totals approx 21 days. In this time we hope to have the Carnarvon Mullewa road completed as far as Curbur and possibly a little further. The Byro Woodleigh road should also be completed in this swing.

This will take them up to 6th December and will be the final swing for flood damage works for this year.

When Northcoast return in the new year they will consist of a smaller crew and will be based at the settlement. This will free up our construction caravans which will enable Shire crew to complete works put on hold whilst vans were unavailable.

Jobs completed by Northcoast this month consist of the Byro Beringarra road and the road north of the Byro homestead. They are now on the road south of the Byro homestead.

Western Stabilisers will commence work on the damaged flood ways south of the settlement on Tuesday 15th November. Work will involve the use of a profiler for mixing of cement with existing floodway materials to a depth of 200 mm which will then be resealed.

Once the floodways have been completed, Western Stabilisers will then reseal the grid approaches at Pine Grove and Bullardoo.

Staff

Glen Pinnegar has been employed in the roll of plant operator which was the position advertised to replace Stuart.

All other staff have returned from leave and we are now back to having a full works crew. This means we will no longer have to call on Sandy to fill in and he can now relax and enjoy his retirement.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That the Work's Supervisor Report be accepted.

CARRIED 5/0

15.3 Greenfields Report – Carnarvon Mullewa Road, SLK 83,40-104.00

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That Council pursue the avenue of 4.1 to lift the existing Carnarvon Mullewa Road formation and apply for a Betterment Claim.

CARRIED 4/1

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.2.38.11.11 Contract Grader Operator - Tender

File:
 Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: Nil.
 Date: 14 November 2011
 Attachments: Draft contract

Matter for Consideration:

This report recommends that considering the current financial position of the Shire, Council does not proceed with a tender for the provision of road grading services throughout the Shire of Murchison.

Background:

Following an expression of interest from a contract grader operator to provide road grading services throughout the Shire, Council has requested that other interested parties be offered an opportunity to provide a quote.

Comment:

The proposal to invite tenders for the provision of a contract grading service is not supported due to the uncertainty of Council's financial position at this time. The Corruption and Crime Commission's investigation into the financial affairs of Council will not be concluded until sometime in early 2012.

At the conclusion of the CCC investigation Council's finances will need to undergo a full audit before the Shire's actual financial position is known. It is the author's belief that it would be unwise for Council to commit to expenditure of approximately \$400,000 during the next 12 months in the current climate of financial uncertainty.

However, if Council decides to proceed with tendering for contract grading services against this advice, a draft contract is provided as an attachment for Council's review.

Consultation:

Elected Members Shire of Murchison

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) (Section 3.57) and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 - Part 4 Tenders for providing goods and services

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

See Comment.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve not to invite tenders at this time for the provision of road maintenance and construction grading services throughout the Shire.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

That the motion Lay on the Table and that the CEO review the electronic recording of the September 2011 Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

18.1.37.11.11 Road Plant - Purchase

File:

Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: Nil.

Date: 15 November 2011

Attachments:

Matter for Consideration:

This report recommends that Council endorse the Plant Committee's recommendation that Council purchase a used 2007 CAT 938G Series II Loader from Waltons (Greenline Ag. Pty Ltd.) and a new 2011 BOMAG BW 25RH Multi Tyred Roller from Tutt Bryant Pty. Ltd..

Background:

Council's Works Supervisor has requested that Council purchase an additional Loader and a replacement Multi Tyred Roller to provide the Construction and Maintenance Work Crews with the ability to access a full range of essential equipment as and when required.

The preferred additional loader has a smaller load capacity than Council's current VOLVO Loader; however it is capable of performing a full range of necessary activities. The purchase of an additional Loader would remove the cost incurred by having to relocate the existing loader between jobs and the possibility of work delays while crews wait for the equipment to be relocated.

Council's existing Multi Tyred Roller is in need of extensive repairs and the Works Supervisor has been advised that the Roller is in poor condition and to repair the machine would be a waste of money and time.

Comment:

Council's Plant Committee members met via phone linkup on 15 November 2011 and discussed the selection of available machines. The committee recommendations are outlined in the Plant Committee Minutes.

There are only a limited number of used Loaders available for sale in Western Australia. The committee's preferred Loader is available for \$163,500 (Ex GST) from Waltons (Greenline Ag.) The Committee requested that the Shire's Works Supervisor negotiate a Powertrain warranty including all seals, and that an autolube system be purchased and fitted for an additional \$12,900.

The preferred BOMAG Multi Tyred Roller is available from TUTT BRYANT EQUIPMENT for a cost of \$165,000 (Ex GST) less \$15,000 trade in for Council's existing Roller, ie a net cost of \$150,000. A spare tyre and wheel is available for \$2,300 (Ex GST) and it is recommended that Council purchase the spare wheel and tyre if the purchase of a Roller is approved.

Consultation:

Shire of Murchison Plant Committee
 Ross McDonald WesTrac CAT
 Jon Willett TUTT BRYANT EQUIPMENT
 Hal Walton Walton (Greenline Ag)

Statutory Environment:

WesTrac CAT, BT Equipment Pty Ltd. (trading as TUTT BRYANT EQUIPMENT) and Waltons are listed as preferred suppliers through WALGA and Council can purchase equipment direct without calling for Tenders as per the requirement in the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Strategic Implications:

Council will be able to reduce operating costs for roadworks by reducing equipment transportation needs and reducing employee down time by have greater versatility of machinery options.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

There is \$1,112,468.63 in Council’s Plant Reserve Account. Recommended expenditure is:

	COST (Ex GST)
Used 2007 CAT 938 GII Loader	\$148,750.00
Plus Autolude	\$ 12,900.00
Plus; sign writing, 2xflashing beacons, UHF radio and fire extinguishers	\$ 1,400.00
Warranty (If agreed)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	\$168,500.00
New 2011 BOMAG BW 25RH Multi Tyred Roller	\$165,000.00
Less Trade in	-\$ 15,000.00
Spare tyre and wheel	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>
	\$152,300.00
Total expenditure up to:	\$320,800.00 (Ex GST)

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor Seconded: Councillor McTaggart

That Council endorse the Plant Committee recommendations that Council purchase the following equipment:

1. A used 2007 CAT 938 GII Loader, including Auto Lube, sign writing, UHF radio, 2 x flashing beacons and fire extinguishers from Greenline Ag at a cost of up to \$163,500 (ex GST), subject to the Shire Works Supervisor negotiating a warranty with the supplier for the power train and all seals at an additional cost of up to \$7,350 for a 24 month Plan F Warranty.

CARRIED 3/2

Note: The meeting broke for lunch at 1.00pm.

Note: Part 2 of the Recommendation for Item 18.1.37.11.11 will be dealt with following lunch.

Note: The meeting resumed at 2.10 pm

Note: The CEO left the meeting at 2.12pm and returned at 2.15pm

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That Council endorse the Plant Committee recommendations that Council purchase the following equipment:

2. A new 2011 BOMAG BW 25RH Multi Tyred Roller, including spare tyre and wheel from TUTT BRYANT EQUIPMENT at a cost of \$152,300.00, (ex GST) (Inc. trade in of Shire's current roller at \$15,000)

CARRIED 5/0

Note: The Works Supervisor left the meeting at 2.35pm.

5. NEXT MEETING

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 12 December 2011.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

21.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse - Lease

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – October 2011

Background:

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

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 25 October 2011 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 5/0

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

President, Councillor Broad announced that he has received a letter of resignation from the Chief Executive Officer.

10. ACTION LIST

Item No	Originator	Action	Officer/Councillor	Schedule	Status
1	MSC June 2011 Council meeting	Establish Settlement Development Committee	CEO	ASAP	Advertised for members closed 28/10/11 No new members 3 only
2	MSC August 2011	Prepare Tender for Contract for Grader Operator	CEO	ASAP	In Nov 2011 Agenda
3	MSC Nov 2010 Council meeting	Prepare report on implications of changing road hierarchy from Mt Wittenoom/Meka Rd to Boolardy - Kalli Rd	CEO	Feb 2012	In Progress. Will be followed up as part of Butchers Track development
4	MSC June 2011	Review Emergency M/ment plan	CEO	February 2012	
5	MSC October 2011	Update Road Closure Policy	CEO/ELECTED MEMBERS	Agenda item for December 2011	Prepare for Dec 2011 meeting
6	MSC May 2011	Bush Fire Brigade – all units to be serviced and operational	CEO/MEMBERS	ASAP	FESA contacted and will arrange training day
7	MSC October 2011	Tender for Pindar Beringarra Road	CEO	ASAP	CSIRO to detail work required at Nov 2011 meeting
8	MSC September 2011	Engage a locksmith to rekey all Shire premises.	CEO	ASAP	Waiting for quote from Locksmith
9.	MSC September 2011	Research parameters for conducting alcohol/drug testing for employees.	CEO	Agenda item for December 2011	Draft policy prepared, arrange employee meeting Dec 2011
10.	MSC November 2011	Empty and dry out turkey's nest at Cockney Bill during Christmas break.	Cr Squires	Christmas Break	

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council appoint Mrs Natalie Broad, Mrs Jo Squires, Ms Frances Jones and Mr Brian Wundenberg as Settlement Development Committee members.

CARRIED 5/0

COUNCIL DECISION:**Moved: Councillor Seaman****Seconded: Councillor Squires**

That the Action List be accepted.

CARRIED 5/0**11. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Mr Shane Hill JP had asked to make a presentation to Council at 11.30am, however notified on the day that he was unable to attend.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED**12.1 President**

- Attended Murchison Zone meeting in Cue where FESA requested that all Station Airstrips be brought up to the required standard. The President asked the Works Supervisor to grade strips when in the vicinity, but to discuss with Station owners first.
- There are currently six vacancies on State Council.

12.2 Councillors**Councillor Seaman****Murchison Country Zone Meeting. 11/11/2011. “Lest we forget”**

Cr Seaman and Cr Broad attended the Murchison Country Zone meeting held in Cue.

The meeting was formally opened by The Hon Norman Moore MLC who again spoke of the importance of “Cue Parliament” and how important these meetings are to the sector. Norman also indicated that this may be his last meeting, and this was his 59th cue parliament attended.

There were presentations throughout the day from many people within the sector.

James McGowan - WALGA was standing in for the WALGA president Cr Troy Pickard. There was a motion within the Agenda relating to the Zone and Flying minutes. Simon took the opportunity to question James about the legality of flying minutes within council. He advised that flying minutes were not legal as a council, but as WALGA has its own constitution, their standing orders allow flying minutes. State Council and Zone meetings are under the banner of WALGA and are able utilize this method.

Vince Catania mentioned there are proposed legislative changes coming before parliament <http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/LG/LGReform/ProposedLegislativeChanges.aspx> very soon and he suggested that councils write about our concerns in regard to flying minutes and whether the changes could include flying minutes.

Jenny Law – Dept of Local Gov. Jenny presented the Director Generals Report for November 2011. Within this report was notification of a workshop in Perth for new Mayors, Presidents and Deputies to be held on the 9th of December. To register, ring Vanya at the Department on 65521429.

Cr Simon Broad- Murchison Zone Rep State Council. Simon gave his report and also indicated that 4 very good state councillors did not seek re election and there were now 4 vacancies.

Simon took the opportunity to thank **Steve Douglas – CEO MWDA** who will be retiring from the commission. Steve has done a fantastic job for the Midwest region since he has been with the commission and everyone in the room showed their appreciation for his dedication and tenacity.

Barry Turner –Manager MRO. Barry presented a number of images showing the progress so far with the ASKAP project also mentioning that so far 14 Antennas have been erected. The images showed the dishes being installed and the work being done on site by the Chinese. He said it is going to be very interesting when the 2011 Census information is correlated and they find that the shire of Murchison’s population has increased by ¼ and all of them being Chinese!

Hon Wendy Duncan MLC – Minister Regional Development, Lands. Wendy was very pleased to present the Summary of Responses to the Rangelands Tenure Options dated September 2011. Wendy mentioned the change in the lease renewal process ie: do nothing and your lease will be renewed. Also, if government decides on exclusions etc, pastoralists will be entitled to adequate compensation. There was much discussion from the floor in relation to Native Title and how it would be triggered if a pastoralist sought a permit to diversify. As Native Title is a Federal issue, **Barry Hasse** was asked by Vince Catania if he would put in a private members bill to change the legislation in regard to Native Title. Barry indicated it would be like peeing in the ocean...government will never change this policy and we need to work around this issue.

Barry Hasse MP-Member for Durack. Barry spoke at length about the current fly in fly out difficulties and also the “house of Reps” standing committee investigation on FIFO. He noted that it is here to stay and communities need to strike a balance.

Mr Garry Snook-Chamber of Mineral and Energy. Garry (who has the best maintained beard I have ever seen) reported on the many challenges they are facing. These being the Mineral Resource Rent Tax, the Carbon reduction legislation and also the Diesel Fuel rebate reduction.
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/mining-energy/cut-in-diesel-fuel-rebate-will-hurt-junior-miners/story-e6frg9df-1226091905316>

Vincent Catania MLA- Member for the North West. Vince thanked Norman Moore for his many years of service and mentioned that they have 2 things in common. The day Norman was elected was the day Vince was born.

Vince talked about FIFO and how councils could negotiate with mining companies by asking them to use the town’s services. He stressed that, prior to signing any approvals, councils should make sure that there are community benefits.

There was also another discussion in regard to the Native Title issue for pastoralists. Did we know that with the Mining resource tax there is the possibility of 7 billion dollars leaving the state and only 2 billion returning to the regions.

Ben Hayward-OPR Project Manager. Ben showed a presentation in regard to the OPR Port and Rail project. He indicated that approvals are progressing slowly and that the capital cost has been set at 5.3 Billion. A map was displayed showing the shires in which the rail line will be, and also where the construction camps would be situated. I asked Ben wether OPR had considered the cost involved to bring the local roads up to spec to take the extra traffic. **Eric Englund-OPR Engineering Manager** indicated that there will be a “built for purpose” road running along the rail corridor, but the supply of the construction camps would be using local roads.

Simon and I met with Ben and Eric after the meeting to outline our concerns and that they consider all the shires infrastructure when they are implementing their studies. Both Simon and I were not surprised that the issue of road use had not been considered.

Steve Douglas- CEO, MWDC. Steve detailed the projects within the Midwest investment plan and stressed that all councils *must* think strategically to achieve common outcomes that benefit all.

Steve reported on the last WARAG meeting, stressing that the Shire of Murchison and CSIRO have to move along with our Emergency Management Plans, due to the high fuel loads on the ground and the potential for devastating fires.

Andrew Klein-WA Country Health Service Midwest. Andrew gave a brief report on the Southern Inland Health initiative that is currently being initiated. He also mentioned that GRAMS now have a full time nurse in Mt Magnet to deal with the Chronic Health Program.

Cr Greg Scott of Mr Magnet asked Andrew whether, in his opinion, one fulltime nurse was adequate for the town of Mt Magnet. The following discussion was very enlightening, indicating the enormous workload that a single practitioner is under, especially when they are expected to deal with the large amount of after hrs emergencies. The current Nurse has resigned due to this situation and the bureaucracy involved with GRAMS.

Jim McNamara-RDA Pastoral FESA. Jim gave a briefing on the importance of being vigilant during this fire season. He stressed that if anyone sees smoke, report fires immediately to FESA. Jim noted that FESA have the ability to see fires via a satellite, but sometimes the information is not current as the satellites only pass once every 4 hrs.

<http://sentinel.ga.gov.au/acres/sentinel/index.shtml>

http://firewatch.dli.wa.gov.au/landgate_firewatch_public.asp

And out of interest

<http://www.ga.gov.au/earthquakes/>

Richard Malacari-Department of Sport and Recreation. Richard presented Delegates with a package “Kidsport-Because every WA kid deserves a fair go”. Eligible youth aged 5-18 years can access financial assistance to contribute towards club costs. Andrew was looking for advice from the Zone, knowing that there are not many youth sporting clubs in the region.

Discussion followed where council representatives asked how this was going to be administered...but ultimately it seems that this program is going to bound up in bureaucracy due to it only being available to families on a health care card.

Cr Dowden wished the department luck.

Meeting

1. That the practice of the Executive Officer distributing WALGA items by flying minute be continued.

CARRIED

☑ Advice was taken from James GcGowan, WALGA Governance.

2. That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA request WALGA to urge the State Government to adopt a policy that Health Centres in regional and remote locations in Western Australia have a minimum of at least two nurses available at these locations.

CARRIED

3. This Zone advise WALGA that all information signs associated with State and Federal Government funded programs be removed at the end of that elected term of Government.

CARRIED

☑ Cr Dowden spoke for this motion indicating that many local projects are part funded by various State and Federal Government Departments and Programs. Most now require the erection of signs acknowledging their financial involvement.

☑ Mr Roy McClymont, shire of Meekatharra indicated that there is a timeframe on how long the signs need to be in place.

4. That Peter Money be confirmed as delegate and 3 councillors from Yalgoo be appointed as proxy delegates to the Midwest Strategic Infrastructure Group.

CARRIED

☑ Peter Money spoke and clarified that there were many inaccuracies within the letter that was presented within the Agenda.

Elections

Murchison Zone President-Cr Beth Walton
Murchison Zone Vice President-Cr Bridget Seaman
Zone Delegate to WALGA-Cr Simon Broad
Zone Deputy Delegate -Cr Terry Iterbide
Author
Cr Bridget Seaman

Councillor McTaggart

- Congratulated Councillor Seaman on her appointment as Murchison Zone Vice President.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

- Thanked Councillor Seaman for her report on the Murchison Zone meeting.
- Provided an overview of the Roadhouse lease negotiations that took place between himself, the CEO and Rex & Jeanette Hook.

Councillor Squires

- Nothing to report.

13. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**Minutes of the Murchison Shire - Plant Committee,
Held Via Phone Conference
On Tuesday 15 November 2011, Commencing at 7:00 pm**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Presiding Member opened the meeting at 7:05 pm

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present for phone conference:

Cr Rosco Foulkes-Taylor
Cr Mark Halleen
Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor
Mike Sully – Chief Executive Officer

Apologies:

Cr Paul Squires

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to Committee from Cr Seaman:

*Cr Rosasco Foulkes Taylor
Chair
Murchison Plant Committee*

Hello Rosasco

Firstly, I would like to thank you and the rest of the plant committee for the work that you put into gathering information for council when we have to make decisions about the purchase of capital items.

At our last council meeting I was surprised and annoyed, as was everyone else, when we received the late item for the road plant purchase.

I am concerned about the purchase of the CAT Loader and my concern is of a financial nature.

Currently, Council seems to be in a very difficult situation where we are not entirely sure where we stand financially in regard to the current CCC investigation and the ramifications when we are made fully aware of the findings. My concern is the total monetary loss that the Shire of Murchison has endured.

This being the case, I would like to ask that the plant committee request from our Works Foreman a full cost benefit analysis on the purchase of this machine.

I would like to see the analysis of the cost effectiveness of different alternatives in order to see whether the benefits outweigh the costs.

I look forward to this detailed document from Brian so that I can make a more informed decision.

*Regards
Bridget.*

Committee Resolution;

That the correspondence from Cr Seaman be noted.

5. MOTIONS

Purchase of new Multi Tyred Roller

The Committee discussed the positives and negatives of both roller options.

Moved: Cr Halleen

Seconded: Brian Wundenberg

That the Committee recommend that Council purchase a new Bomag Rubber Tyred Roller BW 25 RH including spare wheel from Tutt Bryant Equipment at the following cost:

Roller	\$165,000 (Ex GST)
Less trade in	-\$ 15,000
Spare wheel	<u>\$ 2,300</u>
Total cost	\$152,300 (Ex GST)

CARRIED 4/0

Purchase of Used Loader

The Committee discussed the positives and negatives of both Loader options

Moved: Brian Wundenberg

Seconded: Mike Sully

That the Committee recommend that Council purchase a used 2007 CAT Loader 938G Series II at up to the following cost, subject to outcome of discussion on warranty option:

Loader (Inc. Auto Greaser)	\$163,500 (Ex GST)
Warranty# (If available)	\$ 5,000
Total cost up to:	\$168,500 (Ex GST)

CARRIED 4/0

Warranty to include Powertrain and all seals

The Committee agreed that the cost of a warranty should not exceed \$5,000

6. MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked committee members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7:28 pm.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That the Minutes of the Plant Committee meeting held on 15 November 2011 be accepted.

CARRIED 5/0

16. FINANCE

16.1 Financial Activity Statements – October 2011.

File:

Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date:

Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for October 2011

Balance Sheet

Income Statement Detail

Income Statement by Nature & Type

Income Statement Summary

Matter for Consideration

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for October 2011.

Background

Amendments to the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 that were gazetted on 20 June 2008 and became effective from 1 July 2008 have resulted in regulations 34 and 35 relating to monthly financial reports and quarterly/triennial financial reports being repealed and substituted with a new regulation 34. The new regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported with the intention of establishing a minimum standard across the industry.

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.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

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

Consultation

UHY Haines Norton

Comment

Nil.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31 October 2011, as attached.

CARRIED 5/0

16.2 Accounts Paid during the period 1 to 30 October 2011.

File:

Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date:

Attachments: EFT & Cheque Detail for

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of October 2011.

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 October 2011 as per attached schedule.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule be passed by Council.

CARRIED 5/0

17. DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

18. ADMINISTRATION

Items dealt with earlier in the meeting.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

- 27.10.11 Conducted interviews with Lydia Highfield for Snr Finance Officer position. Dianne Daniels preferred applicant. Dianne will commence with the Shire on 29.10.11. Dianne is a very experienced Finance Officer with previous Local Government experience.
- 28.10.11 Met with a Geraldton locksmith at the settlement to assess the rekeying requirements.
- 31.10.11 Met with the CCC in Perth.
- 02/04.11.11 LGMA Annual Conference in Fremantle.
- 05.11.11 CLGF/LGMA meeting in Fremantle.
- 07.11.11 Meeting with Deputy President Foulkes-Taylor, Rex and Jeanette Hook to carry out lease negotiations for the Roadhouse.
- 09.11.11 Road inspection with Works Supervisor – assisted with grid works on Carnarvon Mullewa Road.
- 10.11.11 Road inspection with Works Supervisor, Beringarra Pindar Road, Carnarvon Mullewa Road.

- 15.11.11 Teleconference meeting with Plant Committee.
- 16.11.11 Meeting with MWDC at Murchison.

Report from Barry Turner CSIRO to CEO Shire of Murchison – 13.11.11

Hi Mike,

I thought you'd be interested in some photos of how the cattle grid on the Kalli Cue Rd was when I found it before I rang you on Friday. I noted the detour etc around the grid on my way back from Cue. I've notified our contractors that the grid is out of action and a detour is in place.

As mentioned on Friday there were a couple of other items to cover. The first was the message board at Pindar. You'd have seen my emails yesterday about that. I'm not completely convinced that it has been quite as good as I'd have liked. I think the concept is a good one, but in the long term it needs to be a fixed sign that can't blow around in the wind or be moved by passersby, as I'm sure has happened.

I think that a permanent sign would also be a more cost effective long term option. I've asked my electronics technician to see what the options are. Given his current work load, he will probably not get to this until the new year at this stage. I'll pass on such info as we find out.

Pindar Beringarra Rd.

I inspected the road last weekend noting that the road is generally in excellent condition from the MRO to Pindar. There were two exceptions; The first being the section from just south of the Pia Community to Boolardy Homestead. This section was in need of a light maintenance grade due to the developing corrugations.

I inspected that section of road again this morning. I note the grader has been on it during the week. I note this maintenance grading work has now been completed.

The second section requiring a light grade and completion of laying gravel at some developing bull dust holes was north of the Roderick River and along the red mud sections in the same area where the road had cut up a little during the storms of the last couple of weeks. As usual the short section where the truck went over earlier in the year became slippery again for a day or two with a storm that passed through the area and one quite deep bog hole had developed a few km north of there. That hole has been backfilled with gravel and is now drying out well, although one side of the road remains a bit soft.

I note that gravel has been carted for the truck roll over section and the worst of the red mud sections north of the river. I'm not sure of the works program but it looks like that work will be finished very shortly as well.

Per my email to Brian of 7th October, GNC finished up their concrete aggregate cartage that week. The bulk of the concrete work at the MRO being done by GNC and In-Situ Concreting was finished around two weeks later and both companies have demobilised their concrete batching equipment. We will have a concrete company back on site to do the causeway at the MRO-Pindar Rd turn off in a few days, however the aggregate for that and one or two other minor works is already on site.

The schedule for the heavy transports delivering the MRO building modules had been delayed slightly from that I supplied in early October. However, two modules arrived this week and the last module is due this coming Thursday with around 6 truckloads of ancillary materials to arrive between today and Thursday. Along with two truck movements and two crane movements for CSIRO this week we will have a busy week on the road.

However, that will essentially bring to an end the heavy haulage to the MRO for the year. Apart from fuel delivery, possible demobilisation of some cable laying equipment, and one or two other trucks with general freight our heavy transport movements should be very minimal for the remainder of the year.

Both CSIRO and MacDow will be taking their staff off site for Christmas and New Year during the week beginning the 18th December. The earliest anyone will return will be the 3rd of January, with the 9th January being the more probable date. During the Christmas New Year break there will be no requirement for

maintenance work on the Pindar Rd for the works at the MRO. From around the 9th I expect to see demobilisation of the MacDow construction camp.

I envisage that our road usage will mean minimal wear to the Pindar Rd from the end of the week, and because we are no longer hauling concrete aggregate or other heavy loads our impact on the road should be greatly reduced from now through to the end of January at least. The volume of heavy transport next year should be very significantly less than this year. I will try to provide some projections for 2012 once our works program for the year is clearer.

The strategy of placing gravel along the road this year to control the propagation of bull dust holes has worked very well and reduced significantly the need for continual water cartage along extended sections of the road. A permanent cure rather than repeated patch ups. Along with the flood remediation works Council has been doing, the road is now standing up to heavy traffic well and, as seen during the latest storms, the road closure was minimal and the road recovered in half a day after the rain. A significant improvement for all road users. I appreciated Councillor Seaman's positive comments to the assembly at Cue Parliament on Friday about the way the road agreement has worked out for MSC and CSIRO and users of the road.

I note that the dust suppression watering past the Pia community is continuing – it had been done this morning. This will also not be needed as far as our works are concerned over the Christmas New Year break.

With the work done so far, the much improved condition of the road and our reduced load on the road from the end of this week, I envisage that we will now be very much in light maintenance grade operations for the rest of the year and into next year. It would be useful if Brian and I (and Paul Squires) could inspect the road together again on the 12th of December for the final inspection for 2011.

Per our telephone conversation, I plan to be at the Council meeting on Friday the 18th, always presuming the Murchison River is crossable, of course. If there are any outstanding items we need to cover off about the road or other project matters please let me know so I can bring any relevant information. I'll bring the pictures I showed to the group at Cue on Friday with me and can give a wrap up of the year for council.

Regards,
Barry.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

CARRIED 5/0

21. URGENT BUSINESS

- Dam at Cockney Bill is leaking badly which is a waste of water. Can we fix the leak? Cr Squires to organise emptying and drying out during Christmas break. Cr Foulkes-Taylor advised that the flood of 2006 destroyed the liners in the dam and that there are now no liners to prevent leakage.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council make funds available for Councillor Seaman and Councillor McTaggart to attend an Aboriginal Conference at UWA in Perth.

Seconded: Councillor Squires

CARRIED 5/0

Note: Councillor Squires left Chambers at 3.50pm as he has a Financial Interest in the matter to be discussed.

Note: Councillor Squires was asked to return to the meeting at 4.04pm to provide information. Councillor Squires left Chambers at 4.05pm.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

That council allow \$45,000 for pushing up and carting of gravel on the MRO Boolardy Road.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

Note: Councillor Squires returned to Chambers at 4.10pm and was advised Council's Decision by President Broad.

- The CEO outlined the process relating to Committee/Council decisions.

Note: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor left Chambers at 4.31pm and returned at 4.34pm

- Request from Shane Hill to conduct a Book Launch at the Settlement on 14 December 2011. Discussion ensued.
- Councillor McTaggart requested assistance to name the access road to his property Tyson Road and advised that the Roman II programme has a record of all gazetted roads within the Shire. The CEO will probably be too busy to take on this project during his notice period.
- Repeater station at Twin Peaks.

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That the meeting move behind closed doors at 5.16pm to discuss matters of a confidential nature.

CARRIED 5/0

22.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse - Lease

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council endorse part one of the Officer's Recommendation.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council endorse part two of the Officer's Recommendation.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor McTaggart

That Council endorse part three of the Officer's Recommendation.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

Note: The CEO and Mrs Sully left Chambers at 5.26pm to allow Council to discuss issues related to the CEO's resignation.

22.2 Issues related to CEO's Resignation

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council moved from behind closed doors at 5.40pm.

CARRIED 5/0

23. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.41pm.