



Western Australia

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

Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On **Tuesday 17 May 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 10.00am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members:

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

Staff:

Mr M C Sully, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs J Sully, Administration Officer (Minutes)

Apologies:

Nil.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 OC Standing Orders

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:

- 7.1 Use of official titles
- 8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches
- 8.3 Duration of speeches

CARRIED 6/0

5. NEXT MEETING

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is 17 June 2011.

Note: Councillor Seaman left the Chambers at 10.27am.

Note: President Broad requested that the July meeting be held on the fourth Friday ie 22 July 2011. All agreed.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

21.1.160511 Matter of a Confidential Nature
21.1.150511 Chief Executive Officer – 6 month review

8. CONFIRMATION OF FLYING MINUTES

Nil.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 15 April 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 Halleen

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 15 April 2011 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 5/0

Note: Councillor Seaman returned to the Chambers at 10.30am.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

11. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

12.1 President

- President Broad asked that Councillors be mindful that we are a small Shire and there can only be one spokesperson. For day to day issues please refer all calls to the Chief Executive Officer.
- Took part in an aerial survey with the MidWest Planning Committee on 28 April 2011. We flew from Geraldton to Meekatharra via Oakajee, Mullewa, MRO and Jack Hills. On arrival in Meekatharra met with Shires from the Murchison Country Zone and heard the planning issues concerning them.
- Flew from Meekatharra to Morawa via Cue, Mt Magnet, Golden Grove and Karara. On arrival in Morawa met with Shires from the Northern Country Zone on their planning issues.
- Attended MidWest Development Commission meeting in Carnamah on 29 April.
- Received a comprehensive report from Shire President Merle Isbister and CEI Bill Atkinson (report provided).
- People who nominated to go on the Board have not been notified yet re the Board staying the same until the review has been finalized.

- The Commission Chair and CEO hosted WA Regional Development Trust Chair, Mr Andrew Murray for a 2 day tour through the MidWest beginning in Wiluna and ending in Geraldton. He also met with key stake holders in Geraldton.
- Following a number of discussions with the Office of Energy, MWDC has called for Tenders to prepare stage 2 of the Midwest Energy Plan.
- Commission liaised with Acting DG of the Department of Water to clarify the Commission's concerns re the Water Supply Plan.
- The key point is that Department of Water is now actively engaging MWDC on this Plan – a good result at this point. The Board will be kept advised as the plan develops.
- Attended Cue Parliament. Chair of the Northern Country Zone, Moira Girando, visits other Zones to see how they might make theirs better. I believe that ours is the most informative, best run Zone. We are able to attract the right people such as Norman Moore, Barry Haase (who was absent this year), Vince Catania, Ken Basten, FESA, the Police, Education, Health and Water Departments. There needs to be work on the Agenda. Given the dates of meetings there is a lack of time to give a report to State Council. If the facts were available they may need to change direction.
- Will attend State Council Meeting on 1 June 2011.

12.2 Councillors

Councillor Seaman

- RSVP's for the pre budget luncheon in Geraldton are due today. Councillor Seaman will be attending.
- Attended my first Cue Parliament as an observer. There were really interesting, great presentations. Council asked Commissioner Paul Omodei to give a rundown regarding what is happening in Cue. The Commissioner made a few comments and said a decision had been made not to re elect at this stage as it is probable that the same types of personality issues would arise. He also made it very clear that smaller Councils in Regional areas are no different to Councils in large areas.
- There has been suggestion that training for new Councillors and longer term ones should become mandatory.
- Moira Girando from the Northern Zone advised that she attends training over and over with new Councillors and there is always something new to learn.
- A teleconference Astrofest meeting last week was productive and Astrofest is on track. There was previously some contention regarding Welcome to Country. This has now been resolved and President Broad will, on behalf of the Shire of Murchison welcome past, present and future custodians of the land. Council to work on exact wording to be used.
- Concerned re phone network in the Shire especially on overcast or wet days. We need to write to Telstra regarding the issues.

Councillor McTaggart

- Astrofest is gaining momentum, but exact numbers are not known yet.

The Chief Executive Officer requested that Council give approval for the 'Big House' to be used by six CSIRO people on the Astrofest weekend. Permission was granted.

Councillor Squires

- Nil.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

- Nil.

Councillor Halleen

Cue parliament

Was very tame this time as there was only one motion, from Yalgoo, and you will see we have as an agenda item.

Wendy Duncan spoke about CLGF funding. In the 08-09 funding round there was \$95 million put out in the areas for projects and in the present round there have been 99 projects approved and another 52 project submitted.

The Rangeland's Tenure Options are out for comment. The closing dates for comments have been extended to the 11 May and the tenure options are on the RDL website if you wish to make comment.

Regional Grant Schemes can be up to a million dollars: Paul Omodei (Commissioner for Cue) put forward a suggestion that we ask the State Government to earmark some of the R4R monies, for Forward Regional Projects and invest it into a fund in case we have a change of Government and lose the R4R funding.

There is R4R funding for mobile phone towers, as the police only have 3G network in their vehicles.

Jim McNamara has applied to FESA for two ex Landcruiser tankers from other fire units, which have been upgraded, with low kilometres on the speedometers, for the Murchison Shire. He is having a little bit of trouble convincing the people higher up the chain, but he is confident we will get them.

Our State Government will not let the FAG grants come straight to us, so WALGA is fighting this issue.

Planning for Change Forum

The CEO and I attended the Planning for Change Forum in Perth last Thursday 12 May, where we had two Keynote Speakers, who spoke on growth in WA.

The first speaker was Brian Haratsis who is Managing Director, Chief Economist of Macroplan Australia; his topic was "Population and Housing". Brian was saying that WA State Government is under-estimating the population growth, mainly due to mining; the State Government is only allowing for a 1/3 population growth when by 2050 WA could be up to 35.9 million people.

At the moment we are at 2.2% population growth and the recent labour peak is at 3.4% which will account for 47,000 labourers per annum.

Brian was also very critical of the cost of housing as the developers were outpricing the value of the land that they were developing, which was putting houses out of reach of potential buyers.

The example Brian gave was – if it was a rural area of 200 hectares with a value of \$10,000 per hectare and a portion was divided into 2 hectare lots, with only a boundary fence and no water or other amenities added, it was then sold at over \$100,000+.

So with the State Government under-estimating the growth of WA, Local Government will carry the financial burden of supporting the increased population.

The other speaker was Tim Shanahan who is the Director of the Energy and Minerals Institute at the University of WA. Tim was saying that there is \$200 billion invested in WA mineral projects and a lot more

earmarked for projects that are ready to go. The Midwest is the second biggest mineral growth region, behind the Pilbara, and catching up fast; so Oakajee Port and Rail must go ahead at all costs.

With the mining alone, WA will need 30-50,000 people per year and by 10 years we will need a work force of 400,000 people. We need to deregulate the labour market so that we can bring in more overseas skilled labour.

Water is going to be the biggest issue, as already in the SW of our state they require 30% more water than they collect.

Both speakers were Perth based. As we already know, Perth has 75% of WA's population and the speakers concentrated on most of the infrastructure growth being centred around Perth. So they were challenged at question time, when it was pointed out that there was a bigger State than just Perth and that fly-in, fly-out mining could develop our major country centres.

The facilitator for the day was Professor Janette Hartz-Karp, Professor of Sustainability, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute.

There were 121 Shires represented at the Forum and people were seated around 32 tables; after lunch about 1/3 of participants left and following afternoon tea there would have only been 1/3 of the original 121 Shires remaining.

We were asked;

What are our main challenges?

Finance was the main issue –

- Capping of rates and not being able to rate some agencies.
- Being able to borrow (within reason) anywhere just as any business can.
- Being able to buy and sell land as a developer and all Leaseholds around a town should be invested in the local Shires to sell, and or, develop.

What do we do well?

- Work with our communities.

What do we have to do differently?

- Think outside the square in regards to developing a more sustainable environment for our communities and regions.

In conclusion, I felt that our Minister received a very clear message and that was –

- **Cut the red tape**, so that we can run our Shires as a business where we can develop as an enterprise.
- Most Shires are sharing resources or amalgamating where possible already.

A full report will put out by the Minister's office.

13. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Item 18.1.120511	Councillor Halleen	Perception of Impartiality
Item 21.1.150511	Mike Sully	Financial Interest
Item 21.1.150511	Joyce Sully	Financial Interest

Note: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.00am and resumed at 11.20am.

Note: Works Supervisor, Brian Wundenberg joined the meeting at 11.20am to present his report.

14. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil.

15. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

15.1 Monthly Plant Report

File:
 Author: Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date: 15 May 2011
 Attachments:

Matter for Consideration:

To view the plant operation for the month of April 2011 and an update on works carried out.

Background:

HEAVY PLANT			Start	End	MTD	Total
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Hours	Hours	Total	Service Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141			6705	
Cat Grader 12H	2003	MU 121			2952	
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51				
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65			3212	
Komatsu Dozer	1997				7077	
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177			9.7hrs	

TRUCKS

Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000				
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU			85,920	
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00			138,714km	

GENERATORS

Generator 2-100KVA	2005				xxxxxxx	
Generator 1-83KVA	2005				40608hrs	
Generator 13KVA (Const)	2005					

LIGHT VEHICLES

Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU			4624	
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140				
Toyota Prado	2009	MU 0				
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167			131409km	
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300			87,300	
Toyota PTV	1986	MU 1017			20938km	

TRAILERS & TANKERS

Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010			02761,796	
Side Tipper- Evertran	2009	MU 662			181,6125k	
Tri Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663			21,817km	
Tri Axle Low Loader	2001	MU 2004				
30K Water Tank	2005	MU 2024			002592	
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658				
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005				
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003				
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009				

TRACTORS

New Holland Forklift Caravans Various Small Plant Cobra Multi Tyre Roller	2006	MU 380			11806hrs 11512hrs		
		MU 510			561.8		

15.2 Works Supervisor Report – April/May 2011

Floods

Since the last report flood damage crew (Craig Harvey and Northcoast) have relocated works to the Pindar Beringarra Road north of Boolardy Station. This was necessary as a priority to get the road to a reasonable standard so that CSIRO can start their infrastructure at Boolardy Station.

Just to bring you up to speed on what plant is being used for the flood damage repairs by Northcoast and Craig Harvey:

Plant

- 3 x graders
- 3 x semi water carts (30,000lt each)
- 1 x pad foot roller
- 1 x 23 ton rubber tyred roller
- 1 x D7 dozer
- 1 x Case loader
- 2 x roadtrain side tippers

Additional Light Vehicles/Equipment

- 1 x service truck
- 1 x light vehicle
- 1 x Supervisors vehicle
- 1 x Diamond Rio fuel truck
- 1 x 6x4 box trailer for pumps
- 1 x 20 seater bus

Equipment Provided by Shire

- 3 x 4 inch pumps
- 1 x Genset
- 1 x submersible bore pump
- 1 x 1 ½ inch Davey pump
- 1 x Works Supervisor + Admin Assistant + Supervisor ute
- Shire is providing cutting edges, ripping tips and fuel for all plant

Additional Flood Damage Repairs – Paul Squires

- 1 x grader
- 1 x 30,000lt water cart
- 1 x 23 ton roller
- 1 x loader

Construction Work

Leading Hand, Neil Coombe and the works crew, with the assistance of Tommy Cross are still working south of the settlement on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road. This is earmarked for sealing on 20 May and running on schedule to date.

Maintenance Crew

Grader Operator, Paul Smart, with the assistance of Steve Mahoney has graded the Carnarvon Mullewa Road south to the boundary. Paul is now doing a full maintenance on the New Forrest-Yallalong Road. From there he will do a quick open up cut on the Byro-Woodleigh Road. He will then head to Yuin Station and grade south to the boundary.

Paul Squires' side tipper and loader will be used to assist with repairs and to cart in gravel for floodways damaged by storms. Paul Smart will be absent for medical reasons from 20 May and it is hoped to get Mick Wall from Mullewa to fill in during Paul's absence.

Extra Staff

Chris Graham has been engaged to make and repair all grids around the Shire. Grid foundations have been purchased from Wiluna (concrete moulds) and the inserts (the grid) will be built by Chris as the manufactured ones from Wiluna are only seven rails and very noisy. Chris will be adding an extra rail.

Ross Collins (junior) will be assisting Stuart Broad in doing general works needing to be completed around the Shire.

- Removal and replacement of grids as required.
- Grid wings (the sheet of tin) to be cut to an angle to allow wide load vehicles to travel through without damage to wings (the existing narrow grids only)
- Carting gravel to grids to minimize elevation before and after grids.
- Replacing depth marker signs in creek crossings (ie Cockney Bill Creek).
- Erecting/replacing signs and guide posts throughout the Shire.
- Repair of low level crossing at Ballinyoo Bridge.

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

That the Works Supervisor's report be accepted.

CARRIED 6/0

Note: Works Supervisor, Brian Wundenberg left the meeting at 12.26pm

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

That Item 20 – Urgent Business be brought forward to allow Councillor McTaggart to participate prior to leaving at 1pm.

CARRIED 6/0

Note: Councillor McTaggart left the Chambers at 12.50pm and returned at 12.51pm.

Note: Councillor Squires left the Chambers at 12.53 pm.

21. URGENT BUSINESS

21.1 Road Agreement

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor McTaggart

That the Draft Road Agreement be accepted.

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

CARRIED 5/0

Note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.00pm and reconvened at 2.05pm, all listed people present with the exception of Councillor McTaggart.

21.2 Request for Horse Yards

Council were provided with a written request (attached) from some of the Murchison Settlement residents to upgrade the current facilities for horses on the northern side of the Settlement.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Halleen

That approval is given to the group of residents to upgrade the current horse facilities at the northern side of the Settlement as outlined in the attached request.

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

CARRIED 5/0

21.3 Training of Elected Members

Councillor Seaman suggested that if all Elected Members attend Local Government Week they undertake some training during that week. She believes that there should be mandatory training for all Councillors regarding their roles and responsibilities and that the Local Government Convention provides an ideal opportunity for this to happen. It was also suggested that this become Shire of Murchison Policy. There is training available during that week, but it may not be relevant to the current need. The CEO advised that if there were sufficient numbers it might be possible to organise specific training to take place.

Note: Councillor Squires left the meeting at 2.35pm

16. FINANCE

16.1 Financial Activity Statements April 2011.

File:
 Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
 Date:
 Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for April 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 April 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 Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

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

CARRIED 4/0

16.2 Accounts Paid during the period April 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 April 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 April 2011 as per attached schedule.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Halleen**Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That the following accounts for payment be passed by Council.

CARRIED 4/0**17. DEVELOPMENT****17.1.110511 Development Assessment Panels – Shire of Murchison Representatives**

File:

Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: Nil.

Date: 4 May 2011

Attachments: Letter from Department of Planning

Matter for Consideration:

Development Assessment Panels will commence operation on 1 July 2011, and Council is asked to elect two representatives and two deputies.

Background:

Over the next few weeks a number of steps will occur towards the implementation of DAPs. The following milestones are relevant:

Date	Milestone
24 March 2011	Part 11A of the <i>Planning & Development Act 1995</i> takes effect, including the heads of power for creating DAPs.
24 March 2011	<i>Planning & Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011</i> commence operation.
24 March 2011	<i>Planning & Development Regulations 2009</i> commence. Local Governments can no longer determine applications above the DAP threshold.
March 2011	Planning Bulletin 106/2011 published.
4 April 2011	Appointment of Specialist Members of DAP
2 May 2011	Ministerial Order formally creating 15 DAPs will be gazetted.
3 May 2011	Training of Local Government DAP delegates to commence
13 June 2011	Last day for Local Governments to submit DAP nominations
15 June 2011	Minister and Cabinet expected to approve local government nominations.
1 July 2011	DAPs commence operation.

Local Governments are encouraged to nominate delegates as soon as possible. The DAP will consist of 3 specialist members (including the presiding member) and two local government members. Council is required to nominate two members and two deputy members. Members cannot sit on a DAP until they have completed training.

Members will be entitled to a sitting fee of \$400 per day and will also be paid this fee on completion of mandatory training. Members who are public employees will not be entitled to the fee.

Many Local Governments and the Local Government industry participated in sector wide consultation on the introduction of DAPs in 2010 and agreed that except for excluded applications, DAPs will determine:

- All applications for development with a constructed value of over \$7 Million;
- Applications with a value of more than \$3 Million and less than \$7 Million where the proponent opts for the matter to be considered by the DAP; and
- Applications with a value of more than \$3 Million and less than \$7 Million where the proponent has not opted for the matter to be considered by the DAP; but the Local Government decides to delegate its authority to the DAP.

Comment:

While Councils have until 13 June 2011 to finalise nominations the Department of Planning is encouraging Local Governments to make their nominations as soon as possible.

The fee for a DAP application will vary between \$3,376 and \$6,320 and is in addition to the application fee payable to the Local Government. Where the Local Government chooses to delegate an application to the DAP the Local Government will incur the DAP fee.

Consultation:

The Shire of Murchison was provided with ongoing information during the consultation process.

Statutory Environment:

On 24 March 2011:

- *Planning and Development Act 2005* - Part 11A commenced operation.
- *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011* took effect
- Amendments to the *Planning and Development Regulations 2009* took effect.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

DAPs will consider applications that would otherwise be considered by Local Governments. As the threshold value is \$7 Million for automatic applications, and \$3 Million for optional applications, the most likely applications will be for mining infrastructure.

Financial Implications:

The fees payable to Local Governments are not affected and are in addition to fees payable to Local Governments. The Shire is required to provide advice to the DAP, which may involve use of a Town Planning Consultant.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council nominates the following Shire of Murchison Councillors to be DAP Members and Deputy Members:

Members; Councillor Halleen Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Deputy Members: President Broad Councillor Seaman

CARRIED 4/0

Note: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.17pm and resumed at 3.24pm.

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1.120511 Boolardy Shearers’ Quarters Building - Relocation

File:
 Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: Nil
 Date: 5 May 2011
 Attachments: Nil.

Matter for Consideration:

This report recommends that Council agree to relocate the Boolardy Shearers’ Quarters Building to a site located within the Murchison Settlement, subject to funding being available.

Background:

Council has conducted a number of intensive community consultations regarding the relocation of the Boolardy Shearers’ Quarters Building to the Murchison Settlement. The result has been that the community would prefer that the shed is relocated to the Settlement for preservation and display of a building of regional significance. It is also very clear that the community prefer that the building is not positioned along the Carnarvon- Mullewa road frontage.

Comment:

The Federal Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government has advised that if it does agree to extend the funding timeframe, the funding will only be available until 30 June 2011 and that the building must be relocated before that date. There would be a very short time available to undertake the relocation if Council wants the building to be relocated.

Council is aware of the location that the community do not want the building and that no firm suggestions have been forthcoming as to where the community believe it should be located. To meet the timeframe it is imperative that Council make a decision at this meeting on if it wants the building relocated and the location of the building within the settlement.

Consultation:

Funding Officers - Federal Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government
 Community members - Shire of Murchison

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Council's Strategic Plan encourages the conservation of buildings of regional significance.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Funding of \$30,000 may be available from the Federal Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government. CSIRO has also agreed to provide up to \$5,000.

A quote for relocation including new site preparation of \$30,000 has been provided by R A Pomery & Co.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council:

1. Agree to relocate the Boolardy Shearers' Quarters Building to a site located within the Murchison Settlement, subject to funding being available and;
2. Select the following site within Murchison Settlement for the building's location;

East of the Number 1 Polocrosse field.

CARRIED 4/0

18.1.130511 Appointment of Dog Officers

File:

Author: Joyce Sully, Administration Officer

Interest Declared: Nil

Date: 5 May 2011

Attachments: Nil

Matter for Consideration:

This report recommends that Council update its appointments of Authorised and Registration Officers under the provisions of the Dog Act 1976.

Background:

Officers with delegated authority to act under the provisions of the Dog Act 1976 (the Act) are required to be appointed by Council and gazetted accordingly.

Administration staff processing dog registrations are required to be appointed by Council and gazetted as Registration Officers under the provisions of the Dog Act 1976.

Comment:

Recent staff changes have necessitated the revision of appointments under the Act.

Consultation:

Chief Executive Officer
Dog Act 1976

Statutory Environment:

Dog Act 1976

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Voting Requirements:

1 & 2 Absolute majority.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor
That Council,

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

1. Appoint the following persons as Authorised and Registration Officers for the Shire of Murchison under the provisions of the Dog Act 1976:

Authorised Officers
Michael Charles Sully
Brian Wundenberg
Trevor James Hipper
Peter Smith

Registration Officers
Joyce Sully

2. Revoke all previous appointments for the Shire of Murchison previously made under the Dog Act 1976.

CARRIED 4/0

18.1.140511 Murchison Country Zone – Involvement in WALGA State Council

File:
 Author: Mike Sully, Chief Executive Officer
 Interest Declared: Nil
 Date: 10 May 2011
 Attachments: Nil.

Matter for Consideration:

Council is requested to decide on a preference for commenting on WALGA agenda items.

Background:

At the Murchison Country Zone (MCZ) Meeting held in Cue on Friday 6 May 2011 discussion took place on a greater Zone involvement in WALGA affairs via the MCZ meeting agenda. One of the suggestions how the member Councils of the MCZ could comment on WALGA agenda items was for Councils to be involved in a phone conference which could be held just prior to State Council meetings.

There was further discussion but the delegates at the MCZ could not decide on the most favourable method of obtaining comments from individual Councils. Delegates decided to seek comment from their individual Councils.

Comment:

There are numerous options to consider, two options have been suggested by the MCZ:

1. *Via Telephone conference (Minutes to be kept)*
2. *Via a Response (comment) Sheet (Where individual Councils could comment on State Council agenda items and forward their comments to the MCZ Executive Officer for collation and forwarding to WALGA.*

Consultation:

Delegates for the Murchison Country Zone

Statutory Environment:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Zone representatives could gain a clearer understanding of the opinions and preferences of Councils within the Murchison Country Zone and State Council Representatives of WALGA could gain a clearer understanding of issues that affect Country Councils.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Telephone Conferences have a cost; there may be an increase in Zone fees to cover the expense.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

That Council advise the Murchison Country Zone Executive Officer that its preferred option of communication regarding comment on State Council agenda items is via a Response (comment) Sheet (Where individual Councils could comment on State Council agenda items and forward their comments to the MCZ Executive Officer for collation and forwarding to WALGA.

CARRIED 4/0

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Seaman Policy Elected Member training

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

20.1 CEO Meetings attended

- Cue Parliament – reports already presented by Elected Members.
- Minister’s Change Forum, Perth – report already presented.
- Finance Training – WALGA
- ANZAC Day Ceremony
- FESA – to discuss Bush Fire Brigade
- Astrofest

Moved: Councillor Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That the Chief Executive Officer’s Report be accepted.

CARRIED 4/0

Moved: Councillor Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That Council move behind closed doors for the next two items.

CARRIED 4/0

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

21.1.160511 Matter of a confidential nature

Note: Councillor Seaman left the Chambers at 4.21pm and returned at 4.25pm.

Note: Mike Sully left the Chambers at 4.22pm having disclosed a Financial Interest in Item 21.1.160511.

Note: Joyce Sully left the Chambers at 4.22pm having disclosed a Financial Interest in Item 21.1.160511.

21.1.150511 Chief Executive Officer – Six Month Review

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved: Councillor Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

That the Chief Executive Officer’s cash salary component be increased to \$105,000 per annum and his Contract be increased to a 5 year term. The next Chief Executive Officer Review and Remuneration Review to be held in May 2012.

CARRIED 4/0

Note: Mike Sully and Joyce Sully returned to the Chambers at 4.40pm and President Broad read aloud Council's Decision.

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor Seconded: Councillor Seaman

That Council resume normal business and Local Law Standing Orders:

- 7.1 Use of official titles
- 8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches
- 8.3 Duration of speeches

CARRIED 4/0

23. MEETING CLOSURE

The President closed the meeting at 4.45pm.

ATTACHMENT

ITEM 21.2

RESIDENTS' REQUEST FOR UPGRADED HORSE FACILITIES

To the Council

Re: Request for construction of Horse Yards and paddocks for settlement resident.

There are currently a number of resident's within the Murchison settlement whose interest include riding and competing in the sport of Polocrosse and just enjoying riding horses in general.

Murchison Settlement has the ideal environment and ground structure to facilitate these requirements and already has a completed set of yards and paddock separate to the permanent Polocrosse Club yards.

The residents involved in this application would like the Council to note that this request is an important factor in their current lifestyle and having their horses available at all times would benefit their commitment to living and working within the Murchison Community.

This proposal is for additional yarding to be built within the already allocated area currently used or in an area suitable within the Settlement that Council and residents are both agreeable.

The application involves upgrading, and construction of more visibly attractive and certainly much safer facilities for the animals in question including a covered area for storing of feed and equipment. This would additionally provide a permanent structure available for emergency situations that could involve interstate stock movement etc.

The residents involved in this planning venture are prepared to undertake the project voluntarily on their own time and would use their own funding to begin construction.

The only request at this stage to Council is for the use of some of the Shire's machinery to help with the clearing of some of the dead and potentially dangerous plant life that currently abounds the area.

As this is a remote area and access to other sporting clubs and agistment facilities is unrealistic, it would certainly promote a lifestyle that would encourage community members to be actively involved in. They might even be tempted to increase their fitness levels which would certainly help their health all round.

Please consider this request as a functional and community based project which would benefit the Murchison Shire overall.

Kind regards

The Horse Riding Residents (which include their families) of the Murchison Settlement

ACTION LIST 2011

Item No	Originator	Action	Officer/Councillor	Schedule	Status
1	MSC Nov 10 Council meeting	Finalise CBD Development Committee meeting	CEO	ASAP	Final Grant Payment made by MWDC
2	MSC Dec 2010	Building maintenance work to be carried out	CEO	Feb/Mar 2011	Work underway Building repairs to 6 & 8 Kurara Way
3	MSC Nov 2010 Council meeting	Prepare report on implications of changing road hierarchy from Mt Wittenoom/Meka Rd to Kalli Rd	CEO	Feb 2011	In Progress
4	MSC Nov 2010	Review Emergency M/ment plan	CEO	ASAP	In Progress Met with FESA.
5	MSC March 2011	Gather information re Ballinyoo Bridge	CEO	ASAP	In progress
6	MSC April 2011	Prepare contract for Consultant Mr Bill Mitchell	CEO	ASAP	Contract being prepared by CivicLegal
7	MSC May 2011	Discuss possible relocation of stables and stock ramp from near community centre	CEO/ELECTED MEMBERS	May OC meeting	Item in May10 Agenda
8	MSC May 2011	Bush Fire Brigade – all units to be serviced and operational	CEO/MEMBERS	ASAP	
9	MSC May 2011	Contact Northampton Shire re Yallalong Road	CEO	ASAP	