



Western Australia

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday **19th October 2012**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence:

Cr McTaggart

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Standing Orders

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

5. NEXT MEETING

This is scheduled for Friday 16th November 2012.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 21st September 2012

Background:

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

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 21st September, 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 21 st September 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**10. ACTION LIST**

No.	Item	Action	Action
1.	Emergency Management Plan	LEMA adopted September Meeting LEMC meeting held 28 th September	Completed
2.	CEO Residence	Decorative front fence – need input from new CEO	Ongoing
3.	Kalli Road roadworks Aboriginal Heritage Act	Letter sent to Aboriginal Corporation	Still awaiting reply
4.	Improve shade house south of Road House	Per MSDC meeting and September council meeting – RLCIP funding	Incomplete
5.	Low level wall Sports Club	Brick wall erected. Uprights in place Crosslands funding transferred	Final completion of additional shade needs action
6.	Concrete front of motel units	Council staff to do	Incomplete
7.	Shire 'slogan/tagline'	Competition closed and judged – back to community for further input.	Results for consideration at this meeting
8.	Two way Radio communications	Letter sent to CSIRO – Dr Storey wants to organise further meeting	Ongoing
9.	Beringarra-Pindar Road New Road Agreement	Draft agreement with Civic Legal for overview before sending to CSIRO	Continuing
10.	Provision for open fires at Caravan Park	Investigate	Incomplete
11.	Investigate Replacement Patient Transport Vehicle	Letter sent to Michael Jack re 2 nd hand vehicle	Awaiting further reply
12.	28 kms unsealed Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd	Letter written to CGG	Acknowledged – full reply to follow.
13.	Sponsorship of TV Programme 'Tracks of Ernie Dingo'	Letter written advising \$1,000 available subject to confirmation of productions and reasonable coverage for Murchison	Filming carried out 24 th September
14.	CSIRO Tender process	Letter sent Requesting CSIRO participation in the notification	Awaiting response
15.	Murchison Freight Service	Pick up points decided and advised and accepted by Keros. Trying to establish a drop off point within Geraldton	Drop-off point to be established

From September Meeting of Council

No.	Item	Action	Action
16.	Kalli Road classification as a road of regional significance	Matter raised at Murchison Regional Road Group Meeting on the 26 th September	Application to be made to MRWA for amendment
17.	Bitumen and Sealing works Carnarvon-Mullewa Road	Shire to call tenders	Tenders called
18.	Pindar-Beringarra Road	Letter re position on road to be sent to CSIRO, federal and state politicians and interested parties and departments	Completed
19.	Stripping of Road south of settlement	Independent report on cause of problem and repairs to be undertaken	Report being done. Bitumen surfacing arranging repairs

20.	MSDC – Variation to grant and plans for laundry	Variation to grant approved. Laundry plans being worked on	Projects underway
21.	Bush Fire Brigade	BFB approved – FESA informed	Meeting of BFB to be held 26 th October
22.	Radio Transmitters	Letter to CSIRO and obtain current GPS Co-ordinates	Letter to CSIRO – Michelle Storey would like another meeting.
23.	Ballinyoo Bridge	Letter sent to MRWA.	Teleconference to be held 16 th October.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the Action List be accepted.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

11. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 Monthly Plant Report - Works Supervisor

HEAVY PLANT			Start	End	Total		
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Hours	Hours/km	Total	Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	8594	8750	156		
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	4644	4806	162		
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	4429	4600	171		
Komatsu Dozer	1997		7924	In town for repairs			
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	791	892	101		
John Deere Grader	2011	MU 121	1667	1814.6	147.6		
Bomag M/Tyre Roller			472	516	44		
Cat 938G Loader	2004		3369.7	3476.2	106.5		

Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	252984	255164	2180		
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	118722	121500	2778		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	157633	157675	42		

Generator 2-110kva	2011		3306.5	3725.0	418.53		
Generator 1-110kva	2011		3587.5	3982.7	395.2		
Maintenance Genset			17626.8	17771.8	145		
Construction Genset			7290.3	7856	565.7		

Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU	55211	57149	1938		
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	135344	137845	2051		
Toyota Prado	2010	MU 0	55430	55695	265		
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	155914	157544	1630		
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300	128747	131122	2375		
Toyota Hilux	2011	MU 1018	55621	61550	5929		
Isuzu T/Top	2005	MU1002	97168				
Toyota P/T Vehicle	1986	MU 1017	21152	21162	10		

Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	6921	9092	2171		
Side Tipper – Evertran	2009	MU 662	51575	53182	1607		
Tri-Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663	38664	38664	Not used		
No. 2 float	2001	MU 2004	16197	17713	1516		
30000lt Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	14713	16485	1772		
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005					
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003		19601			
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009					

New Holland Ford Tractor	2006	MU 380	1485	1501	16		
Forklift			11728	11741.6	13.6		
Caravans							
Various small plant							
Ride on Mower - JD			150	163	13		

12.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

Construction works on the Carnarvon Mullewa road are progressing well. I have spent some time camping at Billabalong with the works crew this month operating the grader (just to keep my eye in) and to give Jeremy a spell. The first 7km (to grid 3km north of Billabalong Station) has all earth works completed and just needs final shave for sealing. All floodway's have had cement mix and compacted.

The next 3km to grid 500m south of Billabalong needs floodways to be put in place. (cement added to gravel and compacted)

The 10 km section south of Billabalong is now under way. This section will only require calcrete carted in on about a 2km section and will require shape up to 3% crown and cross-fall in floodway. Gravel will then need to be carted in at 150mm thick for sub-grade. A 1.2m culvert and end wall is also required.

Maintenance Crew

John and Glen are working on the Pindar-Beringarra road, working from south boundary to Boolardy Station. Whilst on this road John will spread out gravel that was carted for the approach to new grid which Rossco put in 20 km north of Yuin Station.

When the maintenance crew have finished grading to Boolardy then they will finish off maintenance of Murgoo-Butchers and Murgoo road. They will then commence a run around of all roads prior to Christmas, patch grading the worst areas, a light grade on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road south to boundary then run up to north boundary.

Grids

Rossco has finished 2 grid replacements, one 20 km north of Yuin on the Pindar Beringarra road (24ft wide), the second at Beringarra on the Byro-Beringarra road (18ft wide). Photo's are provided of the first grid 20 km north of Yuin

Plant/Repairs

The Dozer has been sent to town for repairs and will have a complete overhaul whilst in there. Bob Fabling with the assistance of Pai has been doing a great job catching up on our plant maintenance works for the last couple of weeks.

Staff

On a sad note, Ross (Jock's) our fitter has resigned from the Shire and returned to Glenburgh Station. The mechanic/fitter position has been advertised in the Geraldton Guardian, West Australian and is also on the Shire website.

Neil Combe has taken a week's leave to visit his new grand-daughter in Geraldton.

General Notes

I have been speaking to Dave Pollock from Wooleen Station about the corner on the road ½ km east of his driveway. He has given the OK to get gravel and also to put a bore down. He has also suggested the possibility of moving the corner. I would like to discuss this further with Council to go over the different options.

Road Stripping – South of Settlement Carnarvon Mullewa Road

Mark Salt for MRD Geraldton came out and had a look at the stripping section of road 10-20 km south of the settlement on the 28th September. He will be compiling a report and will send to me once completed.

ROADS GRADED SEPT/OCT 2012

NAME	Length of Road	SLK Graded this month	ROAD MAINTENANCE REPAIRS Loader/Truck	COMMENTS
Beringarra /Pindar	319.80km	0.00 - 63km = 63km		*Light grade plus drains
Erong	63.12km			
Beringarra/Byro	90.89km			
Twin-Peaks/Wooleen	47.65km	0.00 – 39km = 39 km		Light grade plus drains where required.
Boolarly/Kalli	57.30km			
Byro/Woodleigh	71.00km			
New Forrest/Yallalong	16.36km			
M ^c Nabb/Twin-peaks	49.75km			
Yallalong-West	16.72km			
Mileura/Nookawarra	49.08km			
Muggon	38.75km			
Manfred	34.55km			
Beringarra/Mt Gould	34.80km			
Tardie/Yuin	13.20km			
Innouendy	9.30km			
Boolarly Hsd	2.00km			
Yunda Hsd	32.80km			
Meeberrie Woolleen	25.22km			
Mt Wittenoom	37.55km			
Woolleen/Mt Wittenoom	33.85km	0.00 – 12km = 12km		
Beringarra Cue	109.82km			
Boolarly Wooleen	19.08km			
Kalli Cue East	21.87km			
Coodardy Noondie	19.92km			
Butchers Track	64.54km			
Butchers Muggon	23.80			
Murchison Settlement	2.00km			
Pinegrove Yallalong	-----			
Carnarvon-Mullewa	278.63km	85km – 133km =48km		Murchison River to the south boundary. Light grade plus drains.
Woolgorong-South	15.00km			
Ebabiddy-Bluff				
Air strip Graded				

*This road light grade (4 cuts over then 4-5 cuts back) plus drains

Recommendation:

That the Work’s Supervisor’s report be accepted

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the Works Supervisor’s report be accepted.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

13. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

14.1 Shire President

14.2 Councillors

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15.1 Local Emergency Management Committee held on 28th September 2012

Minutes have been emailed to Councillors.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting of 28th September, 2012 be received and Council note the items for Council decision as follows:-

MAPS:

Following discussion on the necessity of good maps in an emergency it was resolved that the LEMC send a letter to pastoralists in the Shire of Murchison explaining that we would like to get a current station map from the Ag Department for use in emergency situations. We would ask for their input regarding names of wells, windmills and access roads.

ACCESS ROADS:

There was discussion on the possibility of funding for each station to be able to maintain a central track for access in case of fire or emergency. This matter needs to be taken to the next BFB meeting which is being organised for the 26th October.

Carried/Lost

For:

Against:

15.2 Plant Committee Meeting 11th October 2012

Minutes have been emailed to Councillors.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

That the Minutes of the Plant Committee meeting of 11th October, 2012 be received.

Carried/Lost

For:

Against:

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

That the recommendation of the Plant Committee meeting held on 11th October, 2012 to Council that they proceed with the purchase of a new Toyota Prado subject to the quotes received being within the budgeted parameters be adopted.

Carried/Lost

For:

Against:

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

That the recommendation of the Plant Committee meeting held on 11th October, 2012 to Council that they proceed with the purchase of a Great Wall V200 single cab 4x4 Diesel Ute at \$22,990 less trade in be adopted.

Carried/Lost

For:

Against

16. FINANCE

16.1 Financial Activity Statements 30th September, 2012

File:	
Author:	Dianne Daniels – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	16 October 2012
Attachments:	Financial Activity Statements for three months to 30 th September, 2012 Balance Sheet Income Statement Summary Income Statement Detail Income Statement by Nature & Type

Matter for Consideration

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for two months to 30th September, 2012.

Background

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

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
- (e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

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

Summary of Financial Results September 2012

The Current Position at 30 September 2012 is a surplus of \$2,291,757, which is up on budget by \$424K, as summarised below:

Opening Funding Surplus up by \$27.4K
 Operating Revenues down by \$189K
 Income from Rates Arrears lower than expected by \$37.6K
 Operating Expenditure down on budget by a total of \$390K
 Depreciation down by \$48.9K
 Capital Expenditure down on budget by \$288.6

Refer to Notes 9, 12 and 14 in the Financial Report for comments and explanations.

Accounts Receivables have been steady for the three month period, with no improvement on Rate Arrears during September. 2012 – 2013 Rates are scheduled to be run in the week ending 20/10/2012. Apart from Rates, two of the larger Debtors which make up 47% of the outstandings have been addressed in September. One of the debts is for \$11,183.70 to DEC for Contractor Services at Muggon and Woolgorong for 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11. It would appear that the MOU for these services was never signed and it has now passed its expiry date, so DEC consider it would be inappropriate to backdate the agreement. Further investigation is underway, but we may be in a position that this debt will need to be written off in the near future.

We have been steadily working through historic issues on the Accounts Payable ledger and now have only four creditors that need investigation in over 90 days for minor amounts.

On the Audit front, Funding Acquittals have been completed by the Auditors for CLGF 10-11 Individual, 10-11 Group and 11-12 Individual, with the R2R 11-12 Acquittal currently with the Auditor.

Once again, Capital Expenditure has been limited to construction on the Mullewa Carnarvon Road SLK 199-206, but we are in the process of organising quotes for several projects including the purchase of the CEO vehicle and gardeners ute, the installation of the new air-conditioners/internet/Foxtel to staff houses and motel units and the purchase of the Works Supervisors new computer. These projects should be underway by the end of October or early November.

Recommendations:

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30th September, 2012, as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30th September, 2012, as attached.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

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

File:	
Author:	Dianne Daniels Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	16 October 2012
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for September 2012

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of September 2012.

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 September, 2012 as per attached schedule.

Recommendation:

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,040,675.17 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,040,675.17 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

17. DEVELOPMENT

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1 Classification of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road

File:	12.19
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	10 th October, 2012
Attachments:	Permit and Additional Conditions

Matter for Consideration:

The classification of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road and the current unauthorised use by vehicles outside of the classification specifications.

Background:

The Carnarvon-Mullewa Road is currently a RAV network 7 through the Murchison Shire. This allows for a 36.5 metre long B-double and Dog combination (i.e. a 3 trailer combination) but only up to a maximum 36.5 metre length. RAV Network 9 – up to 53.5m – are allowed to the Murchison boundary only from the south (to accommodate Tallering Peak Mine).

Comment:

There are currently several freight companies operating vehicles over the 36.5m limit transporting stock from stations, and this has been happening for quite some time. If there was an accident and the Shire was aware

that oversize trucks were using the road and had done nothing about it then it could open up a serious liability issue.

I have contacted Main Roads WA to see what we can do to address the matter.

They have advised that there is no permit available to allow trucks over 36.5m to travel on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road. There are currently some Temporary Special Assistance Permits that have been issued after request by the Minister for Agriculture that are being used by trucks heading north out of Geraldton but these were issued as part of the drought assistance scheme. The permits have just been extended to the 30th November but will not be permanent.

To make any changes to the road it would need to be assessed by Main Roads and if found suitable they could apply a condition that all operators must obtain written approval from the Local Government to use the road. This is additional condition CA07 – see attached. This would then allow the Shire to control the number and type of vehicles that travel on the road.

Statutory Environment:

s3.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 and s55(2) of the Land Administration Act 1997. The local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control and management of the road.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

TBA

Consultation:

Rod Gillis – MRWA
Rich Bain – MRWA

Recommendation:

That the Shire requests Main Roads to assess the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road for it's' suitability to allow access to larger class vehicles than currently allowed.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/lost	For:	Against;

18.2 Nookawarra Airstrip

File:	12.14
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	16 th October 2012
Attachments:	Nookawarra Map

Matter for Consideration:

Issue of the Nookawarra Airstrip crossing the Beringarra-Pindar Road.

Background:

This has been an ongoing issue for some years. The airstrip at Nookawarra crosses the Pindar Beringarra Road and this could cause a serious problem should a plane be taking off or landing at the same time as a vehicle is travelling along the road. There have been some near misses in the past.

Originally the Shire contacted the lease holder to advise that they would need to stop the airstrip crossing the road and proposed to rip the area concerned within the road reserve. They also offered to extend the Western End of the strip to make up for the loss on the other end.

The lease holder said he did not want the Shire to do the airstrip extension and that he had arranged for a local contractor to do the extension. This was in October 2006.

Since then the Shire has put off ripping the airstrip and agreed to a barrier fence to be erected to separate the road from the airstrip.

As no fence was put up by the pastoralist the Shire put up airstrip cones but these have been removed and no extension of the western end of the strip has been undertaken.

Comment:

Council needs to consider the problem again and decide how to resolve the situation as it continues to cause a significant liability risk.

Statutory Environment:

s3.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 and s55(2) of the Land Administration Act 1997. The local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control and management of the road.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Civic Legal (2006)

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to stop the air strip crossing the Beringarra-Pindar Road and give notice to the lease holder that they will be ripping the air strip within the road reserve area to prevent its' use.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

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

18.3 Kalli Road to be road of Regional Significance

File:	12.2
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15th October 2012
Attachments:	Roads of Regional Significance

Matter for Consideration:

Alteration to the roads of Regional Significance to include the Kalli Road.

Background:

This item has been ongoing for some considerable time. Council had been considering altering the hierarchy of the roads to nominate the Boolardy-Kalli Road rather than the Wittenoorn/Meka Road as a road of regional significance.

Comment:

This matter was raised at the recent Murchison Sub-Group Regional Road Group meeting and Robyn Duncan has sent through information on how to proceed.

Only Roads of Regional Significance formally approved by the Regional Road Group are eligible for funding under the Regional Road Group scheme. The funding is also subject to other minimum requirements such as road counts. If more traffic is using the Boolardy-Kalli Road it would be beneficial for the road to be nominated as a Road of Regional Significance as it may help us to obtain increased funding

Statutory Environment:

s3.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 and s55(2) of the Land Administration Act 1997. The local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control and management of the road.

Strategic Implications:

Improved chance of obtaining grant funding.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Robyn Duncan – MRWA

Recommendation:

That Council requests a variation to Roads of Regional Significance to include the Boolardy-Kalli Road rather than the Wittenoom-Meka Road

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

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

18.4 Internet Fees

File:	13.10
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th October 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

The introduction of internet fees for public internet access at the Roadhouse and the provision of a pc for the public to use.

Background:

Currently the Shire does not charge any fees for people to access the internet point at the roadhouse. There is currently no computer provided, just a connection for people to use their own laptops, however the monthly bill has been getting increasingly expensive. The bill which used to be about \$250 a month had gone up to \$800 last month. This is mainly due to the fact that we have no control over data downloads and people have been accessing it excessively. The easiest way to control this is for the Shire to provide a pc for people to use and install the appropriate software to prevent excessive downloads.

Comment:

Quotes have been obtained for: A suitable PC - \$1,574.00
 Kiosk software - \$300.00
 K9 web protection – Free

There was a budget allocation of \$3,500 for a laptop computer for Ross, as the mechanic, and the public internet computer could be funded from this if Council wished, with the budget allocation being amended to reflect the change.

If the Shire was to provide a computer then it would be prudent to charge a fee to people wishing to use it to help recoup some of the cost involved.

A review of surrounding shires shows:-

Mt Magnet - \$2.00 per 15 minutes; Cue \$6.00 per hour or \$3.50 for ½ hour, Sandstone 0.50c per 15 minutes.

I would suggest that we set our fees at \$5.00 per hour with minimum charge of \$2.50 or ½ hour.

A Shire can impose /amend fees and charges during the course of a year subject to giving local public notice of the fee and charge to be imposed.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 s6.16 Imposition of fees and charges and s6.19 Local Government to give notice of fees and charges.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Dianne Daniels – Deputy CEO

Matt Gill – 2VNET

Recommendation:

That Council:-

- Authorise the purchase of a suitable pc and software for installation as a public internet access point at the road house at quoted costs of \$1,874.00.
- That the budget provision of \$3,500 for workshop internet access be amended to reflect the purchase of the above pc.
- That Council sets a fee of \$5.00 per hour or \$2.50 per ½ hour for public internet use and advertises its' intentions to impose these fees in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

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

18.5 Slogan Competition

File:	
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th October 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Further consideration of the new slogan for the Shire of Murchison

Background:

At the September meeting of Council the entrants in the ‘new slogan competition’ were judged and two favourites were chosen. It was then decided to go back to the community with these two finalists, *isolation to innovation*, and *red dirt and radio quiet* to get further input, a third option of no change and remaining with *the shire with no town* was also offered. The community has been contacted with an invitation to participate in a ‘Doodle Poll’.

Comment:

At the time of preparing this Agenda 16 out of 31 invitees had voted in the poll. There has also been an option to come into the Shire or the roadhouse to vote and today an email was sent out to everyone reminding them to vote so that the results could be assessed at the October meeting. Full details of votes will be available at the meeting for consideration.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

TBA – dependent on results of voting

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

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

18.6 Christmas Shutdown Period and associated functions

File:	
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th October 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

For Council to consider the annual Christmas shutdown period, date of the December Council meeting and date for the staff/councillor Christmas Function.

Background:

In previous years Council has closed the Office during the Christmas/New year period. There has also been a staff/councillor Christmas Function and it might be a good idea to amend the date of the December Council meeting to coincide with this function.

Comment:

Most of the outside crew will be on break from Friday the 21st December. The December meeting is currently scheduled for that day. If we were to hold the staff/ councillors Christmas Function on the preceding

26 th September	Meeting with myself, Deputy CEO and Jeanette Hook regarding issues at the roadhouse. Meeting had been requested by Jeanette and Rex but only Jeanette was able to attend
26 th September	Along with Councillor Halleen I attended the Regional Road Group Murchison Sub Group Meeting. This was held via teleconference and discussed matters that were then taken to the Regional Road Group meeting held the following week. Raised the issue of including the Kalli Road as a road of regional significance.
28 th September	Attended the LEMC meeting with Councillor Seaman. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated to Council.
29 th September	Attended the sports club AFL Grand Final event and BBQ. Great afternoon with lots of lovely food – thanks to Trevor and Leanne for organising the event and for the great food.
2 nd October	Boolarly Wool Wagon was delivered to the settlement – Thanks to Robbie Foulkes-Taylor for his assistance in arranging the transportation from Geraldton. The wagon has been placed next to the tennis courts and covered until a permanent shelter can be established.
3 rd October	Met with Jox who had decided he was unable to return to the Shire and tendered his resignation. Resignation regretfully accepted but understandable decision in view of the circumstances. Jox wanted to pass on his thanks for the support given to him by the Shire over the past few months.
5 th October	Attended the Official ASKAP opening ceremony with members of Council. Previous Acting CEO, Neil Warne, came up for the opening and enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in the culmination of a project which he had been involved in when it first commenced with site selection several years ago.
11 th October	Plant Committee Meeting – Held via teleconference with Cr's Halleen (Chairperson), Squires, Foulkes-Taylor and Brian Wundenberg.
15 th October	Kim Boulton - Senior Consultant, Records, Archives and Historical Management, commenced at Shire of Murchison to work on our archiving and records management.
15 th October	Meeting with Barry Turner CSIRO. Update on what is happening following the official opening. Members of SKA board visiting the site on the 16 th . Wanted to follow up on relocation of shed from Boolardy to settlement and interpretive display at roadhouse.
16 th October	Teleconference with Bernie Miller (MRWA), Brent Hamblin(MRWA), Peter Coughlan (BG&E) scheduled for 3.30pm today to discuss Ballinyoo Bridge project.

Recommendation:

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

21. URGENT BUSINESS

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

23. MEETING CLOSURE