



Western Australia

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday **16th November 2012**, 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 9:45am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Elected Members:**

Councillor S A Broad, Shire President
 Councillor M W Halleen,
 Councillor B M Seaman
 Councillor P R Squires

Staff:

Mrs Jenny Goodbourn, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

Gallery:

Mr Bill Mitchell

Leave of Absence:

Councillor R Foulkes-Taylor

Apologies:

Councillor D A McTaggart

The Shire President thanked Cr Halleen for attending today's meeting as he had planned to attend a funeral but was aware that we would not have sufficient numbers for the meeting had he gone. His decision is appreciated.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.1 Standing Orders***Council Decision:***

Moved: Councillor Halleen

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

For: 3

Against: 1

5. NEXT MEETING

This is scheduled for Thursday 20th December 2012.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None.

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 19th October 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 19th October, 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Seaman	Seconded: Councillor Squires	
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 19 th October 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Shire President welcomed Bill Mitchell in his capacity as consultant to the Shire and announced that we were expecting a visit from Steve Douglas of the M.W.D.C; Penny Griffin of the Department of Commerce and Tim Glenister from Main Roads. They were due to arrive in Murchison around 10:30 am.

10. ACTION LIST

No.	Item	Action	Action
1.	CEO Residence	Decorative front fence – need input from new CEO	Ongoing
2.	Kalli Road roadworks Aboriginal Heritage Act	Letter sent to Aboriginal Corporation	Still awaiting reply – If no reply in new year will follow up to try and close off
3.	Improve shade house south of Road House	Per MSDC meeting and September Council meeting – RLCIP funding	Incomplete – still trying to get quotes
4.	Low level wall Sports Club	Brick wall erected. Uprights in place Crosslands funding transferred	Final completion under way
5.	Concrete front of motel units	Council staff to do	Incomplete
6.	Two way Radio communications	Letter sent to CSIRO – Dr Storey wants to organise further meeting	Ongoing – needs follow up
7.	Beringarra-Pindar Road New Road Agreement	Draft agreement sent to James Abbott – acknowledged but no action	Continuing
8.	Provision for open fires at Caravan Park	Investigate – get quotes	Incomplete
9.	Investigate Replacement Patient Transport Vehicle	Approval from Dept of Transport. Awaiting suitable vehicle to become available	2-3 months to completion
10.	28 Kms unsealed Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd	Quote for Shire to do work provided – no response but road has been graded by CGG	Still no formal reply
11.	Sponsorship of TV Programme 'Tracks of Ernie Dingo'	Letter written advising \$1,000 available subject to confirmation of productions and reasonable coverage for Murchison	Went to Air 3 rd November- Completed

12.	CSIRO Tender process	Letter sent Requesting CSIRO participation in the notification	Completed – including Shire in tender notifications
13.	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
14.	Kalli Road classification as a road of regional significance	Matter raised at Murchison Regional Road Group Meeting on the 26 th September	Deferred to November meeting
15.	Bitumen and Sealing works Carnarvon-Mullewa Road	Shire to call tenders – call quotes under WALGA preferred suppliers	Quotes close 15 th November
16.	Stripping of Road south of settlement	Report received – Greenfields served notice of non-conformance. Bitumen Spraying disputing.	Ongoing
17.	MSDC – Variation to grant and plans for laundry	Variation to grant approved. Laundry plans being worked on	Roller shutters ordered. Quotes for laundry being chased up
18.	Radio Transmitters	Letter to CSIRO and obtain current GPS Co-ordinates	Letter to CSIRO – Michelle Storey would like another meeting.
19.	Ballinyoo Bridge	Business case draft received. Tim Glenister and Steve Douglas working on.	Attending November meeting.

There was discussion on the action list:-

Point 18 - Council was advised that Michelle Storey had advised that CSIRO would not object to the proposed upgrade/repairs to the transmitters and that they would look at any problems further down the track. Advice by phone 15/11/2012 – awaiting written confirmation.

Point 16 – latest update re discussions between Bitumen Surfacing, Shire and Greenfields- Bitumen Surfacing coming to do repairs thanks to negotiations done by Greenfields.

Point 22 – Main Road doing inspection 14th November and will get report on classifications through to us.

Point 7 – Advice from Civic Legal advising against new agreement and saying stick to previous one received yesterday. Will advise James Abbott. James in Murchison 21st – 23rd. Bill Mitchell will try to organise a meeting to discuss.

Point 10- Road is in a poor condition despite being graded. Suggest people put complaints in writing so we can pass them on and maybe have a comments box at the roadhouse.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

That the Action List be accepted.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

11. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 Monthly Plant Report – Works Supervisor

HEAVY PLANT							
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Start Hours	End Hours/km	Total	Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	8750	8916	166		
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	4806	4961	155		
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	4600	4711.6	111.6		
Komatsu Dozer	1997			In town for repairs			
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	892	975.5	83.5		
John Deere Grader	2011	MU 121	1814.6	1950.8	136.2		
Bomag M/Tyre Roller			516	626	110		
Cat 938G Loader	2004		3476.2	3527	50.8		

Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	255164	257597	2433		
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	121500	126144	4644		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	157675	Speedo broken			

Generator 2-110kva	2011		3725.0	4105.6	380.6		
Generator 1-110kva	2011		3982.7	4275.6	292.9		
Maintenance Genset			17771.8	18151	379.2		
Construction Genset			7856	8334	478		

Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU	57149	59340	2191		
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	137845	139900	2055		
Toyota Prado	2010	MU 0	55695	56044	349		
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	157544	158129	585		
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300	131122	131389	267		
Toyota Hilux	2011	MU 1018	61550	66549	4999		
Isuzu T/Top	2005	MU1002	97168	99515	2347		
Toyota P/T Vehicle	1986	MU 1017	21162	21162	Not used		
Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	9092	12259	3167		
Side Tipper – Evertran	2009	MU 662	53182	54522	1340		
Tri-Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663	38664		Not used		
No. 2 float	2001	MU 2004	17713	20581	2868		
30000lt Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	16485	18139	1654		
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	1501	1514.6	13.60		
Forklift			11741.6	11752	10.4		
Caravans							
Various small plant							
Ride on Mower - JD			163	175.4	12.4		

12.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

The construction of road works on the Carnarvon Mullewa road is going along OK. We have between 3.5km – 4km of gravel carted and spread with Polycom added (south of Billabalong) and a further 1.4km of gravel carted in readiness for spreading.

Gravel supply around this area has been a bit scarce and we have found it difficult to meet the quota required for the job. We are now at our third pit and we hope to get about 3km - 4km from this site.

All cement for floodway's has been ordered in and stockpiled in the hangar at the Billabalong camp site.

Jeremy handed in his notice on Monday 22nd October due to ongoing family problems with the isolation. This was effective immediately and left me in a hot spot so I have had to jump on the grader for the past two weeks to keep the construction works in progress. I have since employed Barry Panting (Peta's husband) as

our new Construction Leading Hand. He commenced work Monday 12th November which should free me up to resume my normal duties.

Maintenance Crew

John and Glen are progressing well on the Pindar-Beringarra road and are currently between Pia and Boolardy (12.11.2012). They will do a full grade to MRO turn off then patch grade to Beringarra, Byro and then onto Innouendy.

Flood Damage

Paul Squire's crew have started on Butchers Track spreading gravel. When they have finished they will commence maintenance grade on Carnarvon Mullewa Road, north boundary to settlement and then from Ballinyoo bridge to south boundary.

Grids

Rosco has completed the second grid at Beringarra on the Byro Beringarra road. Dirt has been placed at the grid and 6 loads of gravel carted and stock piled in readiness for spreading when the maintenance crew are next working in the area. Works on the third grid is under way on the Boolardy Kalli road.

Plant/Repairs

At this time the bulldozer is still in town undergoing repairs. Bob and Pai have continued to help us out with our maintenance and plant repairs whilst we are without a permanent mechanic/fitter. We have now employed a new mechanic who will commence work on 1st December.

Staff

As mentioned above our Construction Leading Hand - Jeremy Clayton resigned on the 22nd October. Jeremy was a hard and conscientious worker and a good team player. I wish him well in his future employment. Barry Panting commenced work as our new Construction Leading Hand on 12th November and I welcome him and thank him for making himself available at short notice.

I would also like to welcome Trevor Barndon who joins us as our new mechanic/fitter and will commence work as mentioned above on the 1st December. Trevor is a qualified mechanic as well as being experienced in operating numerous plant. He will be a great asset to the team.

ROADS GRADED OCT/NOV 19/10/2012 - 16/11/2012

NAME	Length of Road	SLK Graded this month	ROAD MAINTENANCE REPAIRS Loader--truck	COMMENTS
Beringarra /Pindar	319.80km	63km-190km=127km		* light grade plus drains
Erong	63.12km			
Beringarra/Byro	90.89km			
Twin-Peaks/Wooleen	47.65km			
Boolardy/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			
Boolardy Homestead	2.00km			
Yunda Homestead	32.80km			
Meeberrie Woolleen	25.22km			
Mt Wittenoorn	37.55km	0.00-37.55km =37.55km		*Patch graded
Woolleen/Mt Wittenoorn	33.85km			
Beringarra Cue	109.82km			
Boolardy Wooleen	19.08km	0.00-19.08km =19.08km		*Full grade
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			
Woolgorong-South	15.00km			
Errabiddy-Bluff				
Air strip Graded				

* These roads light grade (4 cuts over then 4/5 cuts back) plus drains.

Total this month = 183.63km

Plus 3 days spreading of gravel and rolling in at new grid 20km north of Yuin.

There was discussion on the works supervisors report:-

The bulldozer is being repaired but the cross bar that supports the engine is no good and needs to be replaced. Komatsu will only sell the whole frame so we need to get a replacement bar manufactured. Cr Halleen queried whether using a non standard part would affect our insurance. Brian will check this. Cr Seaman enquired whether the Shire could withhold wages if staff did not give the required period of notice. The Shire is able to do this under the Local Government Employees Award but looks at each case on an individual basis and has not decided to take this action so far.

Cr Squires wanted to note that Jeremy had been a good worker and the crew all liked him and had enjoyed working with him. It is a shame that he has left.

Squires contracting have commenced a maintenance grade of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road and approx. 40Kms has been done so far. The work is going well and of a high standard.

Cr Seaman enquired when the odometer readings were taken and was informed that it was at the end of each month.

Discussion was held regarding the quotes called for the bitumen seal jobs on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. At the September meeting it was decided not to use Greenfields and for the Shire to call for tenders. The administration called for quotes under the WALGA preferred suppliers program, but the quotes received have been unrealistic. We need to investigate options of another engineering company although it may be hard to find someone relevant to this area. It was decided that we use Greenfields for this tender but then call for Expressions of Interest to see if there are any other companies that would like to offer to supply engineering services for the next 12 months,

Recommendation:

That the Work’s Supervisor’s report be accepted

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Seaman	Seconded: Councillor Squires	
That the Works Supervisor’s report be accepted.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

13.1 Shire President

The President advised that he had attended the MWDC Board meeting on the 26th October at Sandstone, who are now calling themselves the ‘Oasis of the Murchison’. Noted that it was nice to get back to Sandstone and that it is a very pretty little town.

The MWDC Board are very supportive of the Shire of Murchison and our issues with CSIRO and Murray Criddle has offered to set up a meeting with Minister Day to discuss the matter.

The President, with Cr Seaman and the CEO had attended the Murchison Zone of WALGA meeting at Cue on the 9th November. Ian Fletcher, Executive Chairman of the Regional Development Council, had done a presentation that had a couple of very relevant things in it. The most important is that for any proposal that is being considered we have to ensure that a business case has been done and is ready to go. There is \$220m of funding – no business case – no chance of accessing funding.

With reference to the interpretive/cultural centre Council has been discussing it is imperative that we go to the public for comment and then get something done. We can incorporate the telescope and star gazing, we are

close to Geraldton for access and need to make the most of the opportunity to be first with the idea and have some firm plans in place.

Only other thing to mention was that there were a few less at the meeting than usual. Barry Haase was not there. Norman Moore, Vince Catania and Ken Baston were and also the new Liberal candidate Tami Maitre. Barry Turner had given a good informed update of the ASKAP project.

All motions presented to the meeting were passed and Doray Minerals had given a presentation on the new 150 man camp being established at Meekatharra and their keenness to work with the community as it is developed.

13.2 Councillors

Councillor Seaman:

Attended the WALGA Zone meeting (Cue Parliament) on the 9th November. Ian Fletchers presentation – all projects need to mesh together to develop the region.

Barry Turners address – Cr Seaman feels that the directions are being changed. ASKAP had always been said to be a standalone project but now that the SKA decision has been made this is being changed and it is being presented as having just been the front runner to the bigger project.

Kathryn Flower of the Mid West Chamber of Minerals and Energy had done a presentation and Cr Seaman asked for their position on mine camp mess facilities and the interaction with wild dogs – i.e. getting in the rubbish and living on the food scraps. Kathryn hadn't been asked this before and was going to look into it and get back to us.

Cr Halleen said he was glad this had been brought up at Cue Parliament as he has raised it at the meetings in Carnarvon and there were also issues with camps close to town where the policing came under the local ranger. Kathryn Flower was going to meet with Ashley Dowden in his role as Rangelands representative about it.

Cr Seaman had also attended the Bush Fire Brigade meeting on the 26th October- the meeting had been well attended by members of the Murchison Community.

Cr Seaman had attended the Building Management Committee meeting held this morning.

Councillor Squires:

Cr Squires agreed with the President's comments on the interpretive centre and that we need to move on getting some details nitted out and a business case underway.

Cr Squires had also attended the Bush Fire Brigade meeting on the 26th October and felt it was well attended and a well constructed meeting. After the meeting we had got the chance to try out the fire truck and see how to use it and find out any problems.

Council broke at 10:50 am for morning tea

Council resumed at 11.12 am

Dianne Daniels – Deputy CEO joined the meeting at 11:12 am

14. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

The President welcomed Steve Douglas of the MWDC, Tim Glenister from Main Roads and Bill Mitchell in his capacity as consultant for the Shire of Murchison.

There was an apology from Penny Griffin, Department of Commerce, who had been unable to attend the meeting as she had planned.

14.1 Ballinyoo Bridge Business Case Proposal

Tim Glenister presented the Business Case and supporting documents. The document highlights the need for the bridge to be replaced so we can maintain at least as good a service to the area as has been in place for the last 80+ years. The current bridge is now in such a poor state with the concrete so highly carbonised that it can no longer be load tested. Without a load rating the bridge cannot be allowed to remain open for much longer. The low level crossing can be out for 2-3 months following heavy rain and this is unacceptable as trucks are not able to use the bridge in its' current condition.

Cr Seaman said this was a sort of catch 22 situation. We can't rate the bridge, so we can't let trucks use it, but we can't close it. Is it safe to use?

The draft business case doesn't include Gascoyne Junction or pastoralists or Wool Wagon Pathway, mining or connection through to Carnarvon.

Tim Glenister advised that is just the first draft and ours to expand and alter as we wish.

The funding break-up shows the project as being fully funded by Royalties for Regions, this is not the case.

There will hopefully be some funding from the MWIP and the shires regional component of the CLGF funding for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 but this will leave about a 0.5 million shortfall. We had thought this was being

supported by MRWA but Tim advised that a funding submission would need to be made and all funds are committed until 2014/2015. Steve Douglas advised that the MWIP was a way to support and leverage additional funds but would not fully fund a project. The submission will need to include funding from other sources such as Main Roads or Shire. The project could be looked at over two to three years with the work being undertaken in stages – support beams first, bridge second and roadworks third. The Shire will look into funding availability with the possibility of using R2R money as we feel that to extend the project to 2014/2015 may cause issues with the approval from CLGF for the regional funds for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

14.2 CSIRO Issues

Steve Douglas went over some points from the last WARAG meeting. Hosting agreements are still to be finalised setting out who does what etc and an MOU is being negotiated between the state and commonwealth covering power, roads etc. The commonwealth is responsible for land access and the science aspects. The Department of Commerce is the lead agency – they have no funds allocated to them as such but are the agency to liaise and co-ordinate things between the various departments involved.

The feeling of Council is that the planning for the road should have been done a long time ago. Steve Douglas said we needed to ascertain the purpose of the road, construction traffic and volumes and then ongoing use of the road and look at the opportunities to add value such as tourist options including maybe a new outback pathway from Mullewa to Murchison.

Cr Halleen said that certain parts of a letter received from Bernie Miller were incorrect when it stated that there is less traffic over the last 30kms of the route when this is in fact the section from Boolardy Homestead to the MRO turn off which has more daily traffic on it than the rest of the route. Currently around 147 vehicles a week.

Cr Squires asked what benefits would the community see from having SKA in the area.

Cr Seaman said that she was very disappointed with ASKAP and the way the Shire has been treated. It feels that the road issue is not being given enough weight, the Shire is stuck with the problem and maybe we shouldn't do anything more with the road until they can give some firm commitment.

Steve Douglas advised that they are pushing hard for a discussion with Minister Day and Murray Criddle is working on this in support of the Shire.

Murray Criddle is working with Simon on 1) representation on regional group, 2) road issues and 3) regional issues.

Steve Douglas said another issue was the actual route but he was advised that the preferred route has always been Mullewa - Murchison – Meeberrie. Bill Mitchell says it feels as though the Shire is being shut out and that any major project has to come up with an access plan at the beginning. All project models have to show power, water, site access etc and a major state agreement such as the SKA should have such a plan. CSIRO are saying it is not their responsibility but it is not the Shire's either, but it is in our interest to work together to resolve the issues.

Horizon Power will be constructing the power station out there for ASKAP and the road will be used to bring materials and workers to the site.

Cr Squires noted that when speaking to a South African representative at the ASKAP opening they advised that South Africa had built the road first to ensure safety and access.

It is felt that CSIRO are doing things the opposite way round and it was only after the road became unusable in the construction stage that they spoke to the Shire regarding repairs. They are being re-active rather pro-active.

Steve Douglas again re-iterated this is why we need a meeting with the minister to sort all these issues out.

Tim Glenister suggested that as the Shire is doing such a good job on the seal of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road that it might be preferable for us to continue as it is more cost effective.

It was raised that there had been rumours that CSIRO might be considering putting their own access road in north of the settlement so that access could be restricted.

Tim Glenister advised that the cost feasibility of a new road would be more than the cost of sealing the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.

Tim Glenister said that the roads are the Shires and we should be putting in a funding submission but it is hard to put in a funding submission when there are no details available as to who it should go to.

Mr Mitchell said that the Shire needs to set out its requirements e.g. seal, permitted truck size etc.

Cr Seaman asked whether we can close the road and for how long. Tim Glenister advised that as with all roads we can close the road if it is impassable or unsafe and we can close it to certain classes of traffic for up to a maximum of 28 days.

Whilst the preferred route is via the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road to Meeberrie the Pindar-Beringarra road will still be used.

Mr Mitchell said that the agency (CSIRO) has to take notice of stakeholder interest as to which road to use. They can stipulate to employees and contractors which roads to use and under duty of OS&H and risk exposure have to abide by this.

There was then discussion on the existing road agreement in relation to the ASKAP/MRO site. The main problem is that at the conclusion of the agreement for the construction phase the road from Boolardy to the

MRO turn off was not brought back to pre construction standard and this has been a stumbling block in working out the new agreement. Also the responsibility has changed from the site manager (Barry Turner) to the CSIRO properties manager (James Abbott).

Again there was emphasis on meeting with the minister and then deciding where to go from there.

Steve Douglas said that the ASKAP opening had been very good and that Simon had done a fantastic job with his speech. There was general consensus that it had been an exceptional event.

With that the presentations concluded and the president thanked Tim Glenister, Steve Douglas and Bill Mitchell for joining Council to discuss these issues.

Council Broke for lunch at 12.45 pm

Council resumed 2:15 pm

Cr Seaman left the meeting at 2:24 pm

Cr Seaman returned at 2:26 pm

14.3 LEMC Presentation

Council welcomed Tex McPherson from FESA who gave a presentation to Council on the role of the Local Emergency Management Committee and where it fits into the role of local government. Tex presented an informative slide show on the roles and responsibilities including legislative requirements, policy, the Emergency Management Act 2005, LEMA's, Recovery and annual exercises.

At the conclusion of the presentation Council thanked Tex, who is retiring, for all his help over the past years and wished him all the best with his future endeavours.

Cr Seaman left the meeting at 2:42 pm

Cr Seaman returned to the meeting at 2:44 pm

Tex McPherson left the meeting at 2:48 pm

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15.1 Bush Fire Brigade Meeting 26th October 2012

Minutes have been emailed to Councillors

There were several items which the BFB resolved to present to Council for their consideration:-

- **Resolved:** to contact stations and ask for permission to get maps from Ag Dept and to ask them to supply copies of any maps they currently have that could be used.
- **Resolved:** that the Fire Captains phone bill should be paid for during the fire season – 1st November – 31st March.
- **Resolved:** that the BFB request Council to include a budget allocation for cost reimbursement for local planes in their next budget preparation.
- **Resolved** that we investigate available machine, costs and implications and discuss the matter further before any final decision is made.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Brigade Meeting of 26th October 2012 be received.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Squires

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

That the recommendation of the Bush Fire Brigade to contact stations and ask for permission to get maps from the Ag Dept and to ask them to supply copies of any maps they currently have that could be used be adopted.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Halleen	Seconded: Councillor Squires	
That the recommendation of the Bush Fire Brigade to reimburse the Fire Captains phone bills for calls relating to fire and emergency issues during the fire season – 1 st November -31 st March be adopted.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0
<i>Cr Seaman Declared an interest Cr Halleen Declared an interest</i>		
Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the recommendation of the Bush Fire Brigade that Council include a budget allocation for cost reimbursement for local planes be included in the next budget preparation be adopted.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:
<i>The motion lapsed for lack of a quorum</i>		
Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Squires	Seconded: Councillor Halleen	
That regarding the purchase of an old 12E grader the recommendation of the Bush Fire Brigade to investigate an available machine, its' costs and implications and discuss the matter further be adopted.		
Lost	For: 0	Against: 4

15.2 Building Management Committee Meeting 16th November 2012

Attachment: inspection of 10A Kurara and 14 Mulga document and Inspection of Murchison Oasis Roadhouse document.

The Building Management Committee met at 8:00 am on the 16th November and the report was available verbally at the meeting. There was discussion on the report and what needed to be done on the properties. The decisions made by the committee were as follows:-

Committee Decision:		
Moved Cr Seaman	Seconded: Cr Broad	
1) That the property reports prepared by the CEO and Deputy CEO be confirmed as a thorough list of the works required and be accepted by the Building Committee.		
2) That the Building Committee recommend to Council that they proceed with the works listed including cleaning and repainting, subject to the painting quotes being realistic.		
3) That as the replacement of the stove is technically an unbudgeted capital item; it will need to be passed by absolute majority.		
Carried	For: 3	Against: 0

Committee Decision:		
Moved Cr Seaman	Seconded: Cr Broad	
That the Building Committee recommends to Council that they approve an alternative to the shade area for the expenditure of the RLCIP funding and proceed with the purchase of 2 of the 'Seaside Shelters' and 2 of the 'Hudson 2 - Sider' seat and table settings.		
Carried	For: 3	Against: 0

Following further discussion Council made the following decisions:-

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Seaman****Seconded: Councillor Halleen**

That the Building Management Committee report, as read by the CEO, be received.

Carried**For: 4****Against: 0****Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Squires****Seconded: Councillor Halleen**

That the CEO be authorised to organise and carry out the repairs and maintenance as listed in the building inspection reports up to a sum of \$40,000.

Carried**For: 4****Against: 0****Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Halleen****Seconded: Councillor Seaman**

That a new stove be purchased for the house at 14 Mulga Crescent and that an allocation of \$2,000 be made to cover this unbudgeted capital item.

Carried by Absolute Majority**For: 4****Against: 0****Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Seaman****Seconded: Councillor Squires**

That Council approve an alternative to the shade area for the expenditure of the RLCIP funding and proceed with the purchase of 3 of the 'Seaside Shelters' and 3 of the 'Hudson 2 - Sider' seat and table settings.

Carried**For: 4****Against: 0****16.1 Financial Activity Statements 31st October, 2012**

File:

Author: Dianne Daniels – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date:

Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for four months to 31st October, 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 31st October, 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 October 2012**

The Current Position at 31st October 2012 is a surplus of \$2,400,213 which is up on YTD Budget by \$727,994K, as summarised below:

- Opening Funding Surplus up by \$20.5K
- Add Operating Revenues up by \$104.4K
- Add Operating Expenditure down by \$502.3K
- Less Add Back Depreciation down by \$65.2K
- Less Revenue from Disposals down by \$59K
- Add Capital Expenditure down by \$225K

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

The 2012-2013 Rates were issued on October 23 with the first payment due on 30 November 2012. Some keen rate payers have already paid their full rates and we thank them for that.

On the Audit front, the R2R 11-12 Acquittal has been completed and sent through to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport prior to the 31 October deadline. 10-11 and 11-12 accounts are still sitting with the Auditor and we are hopeful that they will be finalised prior to the next report.

Capital Expenditure has been continuing on the Mullewa Carnarvon Road between SLK 199-206 and SLK 206-216 and is progressing well with \$1.1 million of the \$1.9 million budget left in kitty. The CEO and gardeners vehicles have been ordered as have the new computers for the Works Supervisor and Roadhouse. The Sports Club wall is nearing completion, with the steel framing in place ready for the roof, which will make community events that much more comfortable for all involved, especially during the hot summer months.

There was discussion on the financial statements and Dianne advised that we were still waiting payment from FESA following some additional queries on the recovery of costs of the fire truck and fast attack unit by Jim McNamara.

Brian advised he was getting quotes on the noise suppression generator wall and was looking into a crushed rubber alternative to the hay bale wall.

Cr Seaman enquired whether CSIRO pay rates on Boolardy Station. Dianne advised that as CSIRO is a Federal body they are exempt from paying rates so no charges can be raised. There was enquiry as to whether they could pay via an MOU as the DEC did for their properties, however the MOU with DEC has now expired and no payment has been received under it as it was never finalised properly.

Recommendations:

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31st October, 2012, as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31st October, 2012, as attached.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

Brian Wundenberg left the meeting at 3:44 pm

Brian Wundenberg returned to the meeting at 3:46 pm

Council felt the need for further discussion on a matter relating to a payment in connection with the Ballinyoo Bridge and asked for an urgent item to be introduced to enable a motion to be tabled.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That Council introduce an urgent item – item 21.2 to discuss a payment to NLD Transport.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

21.2 Payment to NLD Transport

File:	12.6
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	16 th November 2012
Attachments:	Ballinyoo Bridge – Payment to NLD Transport

Matter for Consideration:

During some recent research into costs and proposals with the Ballinyoo Bridge there were some payments made in 2009 which were in connection with a transportable bridge.

Background:

At that time Council was proposing to replace the old bridge with a new pre-fabricated one. The project never went ahead but it would appear that there was a payment of \$34,100.00 dating back to the 23rd June 2009 for “Transportation of bridge to Ballinyoo”.

Comment:

The explanation for the bill is taken from the QuickBooks accounts system and it may in fact be for other freight at the time. However it is worth clarifying this with NLD Transport and asking them for a copy of the invoice.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

That Council ask the CEO to investigate the payment of \$34,100.00 made to NLD Transport and obtain a copy of the invoice and an explanation as to what the charge was for.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

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:	13 November 2012
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for October 2012

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of October 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 October, 2012 as per attached schedule. This figure includes transfers totalling \$518,000 from the Municipal account into the short term savings account, so is not all payments to third parties.

Recommendation:

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,141,650.71 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Halleen	Seconded: Councillor Squires	
That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,141,650.71 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

17. DEVELOPMENT

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1 Variation to Budgeted Plant items

File:	12.15
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	8 th November 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Changes to budgeted plant replacement programme for 2012/2013 as below:-

Budgeted Plant	Proposed Plant	Budgeted Cost	Proposed Cost	Difference
Flat bed trailer including 2 removable water tanks	Not to proceed	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	-\$60,000.00
Trade of water semi-trailer	Not to proceed	-\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
	Purchase of good 2nd hand side tipper	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
	Sale of end tipper/side tipper	\$0.00	-\$20,000.00	-\$20,000.00
	Sale of pig trailer	\$0.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
	Conversion of Iveco 6 wheeler to prime mover	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Net Difference				\$5,000.00

Background:

Following the Plant Committee meeting on the 11th October it was recommended to Council that certain changes be made to the budgeted plant replacement programme.

At the October meeting this recommendation failed as it was decided further costing and rationale behind the proposed changes was required.

Comment:

The Works Supervisor had reviewed the budgeted items of plant and felt that it would be preferable to turn our existing 6 wheel Iveco into a prime mover and use it with the 30,000 litre water tanker. Currently the water tanker has the other Iveco under it but this is going to be traded in or sold as part of purchasing the second hand Kenworth prime mover and is larger than required for the water cart (450hp). By using the smaller 230hp Iveco with the water cart this will mean the Kenworth can be used as a prime mover with two trailers. A quote for the conversion to a prime mover has been received in the region of \$9,000.

The Shire has a pig trailer which is not being used and it would be advisable to sell this as surplus to requirement as it is losing value sitting around in the yard. The end tipper/side tipper which is currently being used with the small Iveco could also be sold as this truck will now be towing the water cart. The proceeds of these would enable the purchase of a good 2nd hand side tipper to go with the Kenworth.

The water cart would not be sold this year – so far the latest repairs are holding and advice regarding the best way to fix it should a problem reoccur has been obtained, with a fairly quick and simple fix using stickoflex suggested as the best way.

This combination of vehicles would be advantageous when doing heavy maintenance as the two trailers on the Kenworth would enable a float with loader on and a side tipper to go out to the job making it more efficient.

The plant variation has a net impact on the budget of \$5,000 additional cost. However this is minimal in the overall operation of the Shire and the delay of purchasing a pooled vehicle (budget \$25,000), until it is decided whether it is necessary or not, which has been agreed would more than cover this additional provision.

Statutory Environment:

Amendments to the budget have to be approved by an Absolute Majority of Council.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Brian Wundenberg - Works Supervisor
Plant Committee

Recommendation:

That Council approves the changes to the budgeted plant replacement programme for 2012/2013 as follows:-

- Turn 6 wheel Iveco truck into a prime mover
- Sell end tipper/side tipper and pig trailer as surplus to requirement
- Keep water tanker for 2012/2013
- Purchase a good 2nd hand side tipper for use with Kenworth prime mover

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Halleen****Seconded: Councillor Seaman**

That Council approves the changes to the budgeted plant replacement programme for 2012/2013 as follows:-

- 1) Turn 6 wheel Iveco Truck into a prime mover
- 2) Sell end tipper/side tipper and pig trailer as surplus to requirement
- 3) Keep water tanker for 2012/2013
- 4) Purchase a good 2nd hand side tipper for use with Kenworth prime mover

Carried by Absolute Majority**For: 4****Against: 0****18.2 Kalli Road to be road of Regional Significance**

File:	12.2
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	8 th November 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 Wittenoom/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; or

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

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Halleen

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

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

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

Cr Seaman left the meeting at 4:05 pm

Cr Seaman returned to the meeting at 4:08 pm

18.3 Ballinyoo Bridge – Draft Business Case Proposal

File:	12.6
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	8 th November 2012
Attachments:	Draft Business Case Proposal Ballinyoo Bridge

Matter for Consideration:

The presentation of the Draft Business Case on the Ballinyoo Bridge.

Background:

This matter has been ongoing for some time and the Shires of Meekatharra and Upper Gascoyne have supported the Shire of Murchison's proposal to allocate our component of the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 Regional Royalties for Regions to this project. Along with this the Shire is hopeful of attracting funding from the Royalties for Regions Mid West Investment Plan towards the project. To progress either of these applications a business case proposal is required and Main Roads had said they would produce this. Recent discussions have led to the production of the draft business case as attached.

Comment:

Tim Glenister will be discussing the Ballinyoo Bridge proposal with Council at a meeting to be held on Friday morning prior to this item. Council need to discuss the issues and any changes required to the business case so that we can progress it to the MWIP for inclusion and also to the MWDC for approval of the 2012/2013 regional grant. The MWIP is due to sit on the 30th November and we really need to get this case to them for inclusion if we are able to.

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:

Tim Glenister –MRWA
Peter Coughlan – BG&E
Brent Hamblin – MRWA
Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

Recommendation:

That the Shire accepts the draft Business Case Proposal, as amended, so that it can be forwarded to the appropriate funding bodies to support our grant applications.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

Carried/Lost

Following discussion relating to the presentation by Tim Glenister and Steve Douglas earlier today it was felt there needs to be more work undertaken on the business case, including expanding the reasons for the application and the contribution of monies by the Shire of Murchison, possibly from R2R monies, the motion was left to lay on the table until the business case has been reviewed and is able to be presented to Council. This is to be done at a special meeting to be held at a date to be determined but possibly to be the afternoon of Friday the 7th December.

18.4 Continuance of ASKAP/MRO/SKA issues

File:	14.11
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	8 th November 2012
Attachments:	Minister O'Brien Reply

Matter for Consideration:

Update and next action regarding the SKA/ASKAP/MRO site and the issues affecting the Shire of Murchison.

Background:

At the September meeting Council resolved to send a letter to CSIRO, federal and state politicians and interested parties and departments to request clarification and discussion on the matter.

A response was received from Dr Megan Clark on the 18th October noting that discussions were being led by WA Government Department of Commerce and advising us to direct further queries along these lines with Julie DeJong noted as the contact person.

At the October meeting Council resolved to approach Mr Bill Mitchell to renew the relationship with him as advocate on the ASKAP/MRO/SKA access road issue.

Comment:

Penny Griffin, Department of Commerce, Tim Glenister, MRWA and Steve Douglas, Manager Strategic Projects, MWDC will be attending the meeting today to discuss the issues raised and we will need to table the discussion and any course of action which the Shire wishes to take following this.

The MWDC has been very supportive of the Shire and following discussion with the CEO and President they are requesting a meeting with the Hon. John Day, Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts; Science and Innovation and the Shire of Murchison.

I have received a reply from the Hon. Simon O'Brien, Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business, saying that the issues do not fall under his portfolio and referring us to the Hon. John Day.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Maintaining the integrity of the Shire's road infrastructure is a major function of the Shire and has ongoing strategic implications in the integrated planning and asset management planning.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the decision from earlier in the meeting that we pursue a meeting with the Hon John Day to be attended by the Shire President, CEO and consultant Mr Bill Mitchell.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Squires

That Council endorse the decision from earlier in the meeting that we pursue a meeting with the Hon John Day to be attended by the Shire President, CEO and consultant Mr Bill Mitchell.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

18.5 Request for Donation - ICPA

File:	8.3
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	8 th November 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Email from Joanne Hirsch, State Councillor of the ICPA WA seeking a donation towards the sponsorship of the Annual State Conference.

Background:

The shire has previously supported the ICPA and previous donations for 2010 and 2011 have been made of \$1,000.

Comment:

Request received:-

Dear Cr Simon Broad (President) and Other Councillors,

The State Council of Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Western Australia are again seeking sponsorship to assist with covering costs for our Annual State Conference to be held in Perth on Thursday 14th March 2013.

We and many of our members that reside in the Shire of Murchison are of course most appreciative of your past sponsorship.

ICPA are aware that most if not all of you are most familiar with the activities of ICPA. If you require me to send a more formal letter of request or more detailed information, I will be happy to oblige?

Sincerely

Joanne Hirsch
State Councillor
ICPA WA
Ph: 99736015

The ICPA WA is a voluntary, non-profit, apolitical parent body dedicated to ensuring that all rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education. It encompasses the education of children from early childhood through to tertiary. Children may be educated in small rural schools, by distance education, attend boarding schools or school term hostels and sometimes have access to early childhood services and has an integral part to play in the Murchison district.

Statutory Environment:

Assistance to education via ICPA is well within Councils' legislative boundaries.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The Shire has budgeted \$4,000 for donations within this financial year. So far \$1,900 has been expended so this request is within budgeted parameters.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council makes a donation of \$1,000 towards the sponsorship of the ICPA Annual State Conference to be held in Perth in March 2013.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Squires

Seconded: Councillor Seaman

That Council makes a donation of \$1,000 towards the sponsorship of the ICPA Annual State Conference to be held in Perth in March 2013.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

18.6 Request for Annual Leave - CEO

File:	4.20
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to Disclose
Date:	8 th November 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Approval of annual leave for the CEO and notice of appointment of Acting CEO.

Background:

The CEO would prefer to apply for annual leave during January or February each year to enable her to visit the cottage she and her husband have in Tasmania. The CEO commenced on the 20th August so this will be five months into her contract. Very few days have been taken away from the settlement so far and the proposed leave is for a period of three weeks. Further annual leave would not be requested until early 2014.

Comment:

The Chief Executive Officer requests Council approval to take leave for the period commencing 19th January 2013 to 10th February 2013 inclusive (three weeks).

The position description for the Deputy CEO includes acting in the CEO position when the CEO is on leave.

The DCEO, Dianne Daniels, has advised that she will act in the role of CEO during that period.

There is no meeting scheduled for January and I would be back in time for the February meeting. The DCEO is taking leave from Christmas but will be back in work on the 14th January which would give a week in between for handover of any ongoing urgent issues.

Statutory Environment:

The Local Government Act 1995 requires the Council to appoint a CEO. Although there are no Regulations concerning the appointment of Acting CEO's it would be prudent to ensure the appointment of an Acting CEO is formalised.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The Deputy CEO would be paid at the CEO rate for this period.

Consultation:

Deputy CEO

Recommendation:

That annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer be approved for the period commencing 19th January 2013 to 10th February 2013 inclusive.

That subject to the CEO's leave approval, deputy CEO, Dianne Daniels be appointed as Acting CEO for the period 19th January 2013 to 10th February 2013 inclusive and be remunerated at the salary of the incumbent CEO for that period.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Seaman

Seconded: Councillor Halleen

That annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer be approved for the period commencing 19th January 2013 to 10th February 2013 inclusive.

That subject to the CEO's leave approval, deputy CEO, Dianne Daniels be appointed as Acting CEO for the period 19th January 2013 to 10th February 2013 inclusive and be remunerated at the salary of the incumbent CEO for that period.

Carried

For: 4

Against: 0

Council noted that they still have to carry out a road inspection and they would like this to be before the 14th January. The date for the road inspection is to be set at the December meeting.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Squires has given notice of a motion regarding subsidy for provision of Satellite services to the community.

Councillor Seaman has indicated that she is in support of the motion and will be prepared to second it.

19.1 Provision of Subsidy for Satellite Services

Motion : Paul Squires
Council Meeting November 17th 2011

Background:

Due to the ASKAP and SKA being located within the Shire of Murchison, the Radio Quiet requirements for this project have created a situation where the community of this Shire are unable to look forward to Mobile communications that the majority of Australia take for granted.

http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_100628

Currently, there is a Satellite phone subsidy scheme that is managed by the “ Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

http://www.dbcde.gov.au/mobile_services/the_satellite_phone_subsidy_scheme

The Factsheet below indicates that this scheme is due to cease on the 30th June 2013.

FACT SHEET: SATELLITE PHONE SUBSIDY SCHEME

The Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme commenced in 2002 and is scheduled to cease on 30 June 2013.

Objective

For a large part of Australia’s landmass, satellite phones are the only available form of mobile communications. However, satellite phones are generally more expensive than terrestrial mobile phones. The objective of the scheme is to improve the affordability of mobile communications for people living, working or travelling in areas without terrestrial mobile phone coverage by providing subsidies for the purchase of satellite phone handsets.

Eligibility

Individuals may apply for one subsidy. Small businesses, educational institutions and community groups may apply for two subsidies. Indigenous corporations, health and emergency service organisations may apply for more than two handset subsidies.

Two-tiered subsidy

The subsidy varies according to where you live and the cost of the phone you buy.

<p>1. Live or work outside of mobile coverage area</p>	<p>2. Live in mobile coverage area, but work or travel outside mobile coverage area more than 180 days over a two-year period</p>
<p>85 per cent of the retail price of the phone, to a maximum of \$1000</p>	<p>50 per cent of the retail price of the phone, to a maximum of \$700</p>

Replacement handsets

Applicants who live in areas without terrestrial mobile coverage are eligible for additional subsidies to replace handsets purchased under the scheme three or more years earlier.

Dealers

The scheme is currently supported by over 400 registered dealers. These dealers are predominantly small businesses, located in regional towns, who sell mobile communication equipment such as mobile phones.

Further details

Guidelines and application forms are available at www.dbcde.gov.au/satphone.

For further information, please contact the scheme’s administrators by telephone on 1800 674 058, or email satphone@dbcde.gov.au.

Motion:

That the Shire of Murchison write to the “Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy” and request that due to the ACMA restrictions placed on the Shire of Murchison due to Radio quiet that

- This scheme is extended past the current 2013 date.
- That the Shire of Murchison and its residents receive a 100% subsidy for Satellite Phones
- That the Shire of Murchison and its residents receive a subsidy for the cost of Satellite Phone calls.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Squires	Seconded: Councillor Seaman	
That the Shire of Murchison write to the “Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy” and request that due to the ACMA restrictions placed on the Shire of Murchison due to Radio quite that		
This scheme is extended past the current 2013 date.		
That the Shire of Murchison and its residents receive a 100% subsidy for Satellite Phones.		
That the Shire of Murchison and its residents receive a subsidy for the cost of Satellite Phone Calls.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

19.2 Changes to Building Management Committee

Cr Seaman gave notice that she intends to present a motion at the December meeting of Council concerning altering the Building Management Committee to change it to be whole of Council.

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

Date	Activity
23 rd October	Meeting with Peter Smith, Shire ranger to discuss implementation of the Cat Act and funding opportunity to acquire a microchip reader and assisted sterilisation programme.
24 th October	Meeting with Brendin Flanigan of the MWDC. Update on current issues and opportunities around the area, discussion on Ballinyoo Bridge Business Case
26 th October	Bush Fire Brigade meeting.
29 th October	Interview for position of shire mechanic carried out.
29 th October	Carried out inspection of Murchison Oasis Roadhouse, Residence, Motel units, Caravan Park and Public Toilet and Shower Facilities with Rex and Jeanette
30 th October	Completed negotiations with Hauton Pty Ltd regarding the roadhouse lease.
1 st November	Went to town. Dropped off some water samples for analysis, took Prado to Geraldton Toyota for inspection to confirm trade-in value. Checked out roller shutter quotes for the roadhouse and got details of colours/styles etc.
5 th November	Spoke to Bill Mitchell regarding ongoing ASKAP/MRO issues
6 th November	Discussions with Bernie Miller, MRWA and Steve Douglas, MWDC re Ballinyoo Bridge Business Case Proposal.
7 th November	Inspected 10A Kurara Way and 14 Mulga Cr with the Deputy CEO to provide property report to Building Committee
9 th November	Attended Cue Parliament with Cr Broad and Cr Seaman
13 th November	Carried out stock take and hand over of the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Recommendation:

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Seaman	Seconded: Councillor Halleen	
That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Halleen	Seconded: Councillor Squires	
That council deal with urgent items 21.1 -21.2		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

21.1 Request for Donation – Carnarvon School of the Air

File:	8.1 & 8.2
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2012
Attachments:	Letter of request

Matter for Consideration:

Request for a donation from Carnarvon School of the Air.

Background:

Letter received from Steve Gossage – Principal- Carnarvon School of the Air thanking us for our previous support and asking us to sponsor a book award again. The shire has previously contributed \$150. It does not appear that this was done last year but records show contributions in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2010.

Comment:

The End of Year Student Awards includes a book award. Each book awarded has a certificate pasted inside acknowledging the sponsorship and recognition is also given in the Concert Program and newsletter. A representative from the Shire is also invited to the Christmas concert to present the award should we decide to make one. The concert is being held on Tuesday the 4th December at the Camel Lane Theatre in Carnarvon.

Statutory Environment:

Assistance to education via Carnarvon School of the Air is well within Council's legislative boundaries.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The Shire has budgeted \$4,000 for donations within this financial year. So far \$1,900 has been expended (possibly \$2,900 after item 18.5) so this request is within budgeted parameters.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council makes a donation of \$150 towards the sponsorship of the Carnarvon School of the Air End of Year Student Awards.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Halleen	Seconded: Councillor Squires	
That Council makes a donation of \$150 towards the sponsorship of the Carnarvon School of the Air End of Year Student Awards and \$150 towards the Meekatharra School of the Air End of Year Student Awards		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

Council changed the officer's recommendation to include Meekatharra School of the Air as well as Carnarvon.

For item 21.2 please see page 15

22. OTHER BUSINESS

22.1 Interpretive/Cultural Centre

The Interpretive/Cultural Centre needs to be brought to Council for discussion and included in the Action List so that it is not forgotten. We need to discuss the indigenous and cultural link with local representative groups so they are able to give their input and support to it.

22.2 Astro-Fest

Cr Seaman advised that she had received an email from Priscilla re the Astro-Fest planned for next year. She had been looking at funding available and wanted to confirm that Murchison was still in favour of hosting the event as enquiries had been received from Mt Magnet. Cr Squires said that we definitely wanted it be here and the consensus was that Council confirm with ASKAP/MRO that we fully support the Astro-Fest being held here in 2013.

23. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

24. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4:45 pm.

<p>These Minutes were confirmed at the Council meeting held on 20th December 2012.</p> <p>Signed.....Presiding Officer</p>
