



Western Australia

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday **15^h November**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

As this is the first meeting after the ordinary election on the 19th October 2013, the CEO chaired the meeting and declared the meeting open at 10.02am

2. SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS

Mark Halleen and Miles Williams were sworn in as Councillors and the CEO mentioned that Paul Squires swore his oath the day prior to the meeting as he couldn't attend today due to a funeral in Albany.

3. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

File:	4.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	

Matter for Consideration:

The Shire President needs to be elected from within Council for a two year term of office expiring in October 2015.

Comment:**1. Terms used**

In this Division —

office means the office of councillor mayor or president.

2. When council elects mayor or president

(1) The office is to be filled as the first matter dealt with —

- (a) at the first meeting of the council after an inaugural election or a section 4.13 or 4.14 election or after an ordinary elections day; and

3. CEO to preside

The CEO is to preside at the meeting until the office is filled.

4. How president is elected

(1) The council is to elect a councillor to fill the office.

(2) The election is to be conducted by the CEO in accordance with the procedure prescribed.

(3) Nominations for the office are to be given to the CEO in writing before the meeting or during the meeting before the close of nominations.

(3a) Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the CEO, which is to be a sufficient time after the announcement by the CEO that nominations are about to close to allow for any nominations made to be dealt with.

(4) If a councillor is nominated by another councillor the CEO is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the CEO, orally or in writing, that he or she is willing to be nominated for the office.

(5) The councillors are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.

- (6) Subject to clause 5(1), the votes cast under subclause (5) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, in accordance with Schedule 4.1 (which deals with determining the result of an election) as if those votes were votes cast at an election.
- (7) As soon as is practicable after the result of the election is known, the CEO is to declare and give notice of the result in accordance with regulations, if any.

[Clause 4 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 69(2)-(5); No. 66 of 2006 s. 14.]

5. Votes may be cast a second time

- (1) If when the votes cast under clause 4(5) are counted there is an equality of votes between 2 or more candidates who are the only candidates in, or remaining in, the count, the count is to be discontinued and the meeting is to be adjourned for not more than 7 days.
- (2) Any nomination for the office may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made, before or when the meeting resumes.
- (3) When the meeting resumes the councillors are to vote again on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.
- (4) The votes cast under subclause (3) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, in accordance with Schedule 4.1 as if those votes were votes cast at an election.

If a tied vote occurs after two elections then at the resumption of the meeting the CEO, in accordance with Schedule 4.1, is to draw lots to decide the matter.

5. If 2 or more candidates receive the same number of votes so that clause 2, 3 or 4 cannot be applied, the returning officer is to draw lots in accordance with regulations to determine which candidate is elected.

Statutory Environment:

Schedule 2.3 and Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act 1995

Nominations Received:

Councillor Mark Halleen
Councillor Rossco Foulkes-Taylor

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor and then Councillor Halleen made a campaign speech prior to the ballot.

Result of Election:

Councillor Mark Halleen 3 votes

Councillor Rossco Foulkes-Taylor 2 votes

Councillor Mark Halleen was declared President by the CEO for a term of two years until October 2015. President Halleen moved to the presidents' chair and asked the CEO to continue with the election for the Deputy President.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

File:	4.2
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	

Matter for Consideration:

The Deputy Shire President needs to be elected from within Council for a two year term of office expiring in October 2015.

Comment:**1. Terms used**

In this Division —

office means the office of deputy mayor or deputy president.

2. When the council elects the deputy mayor or deputy president

- (2) If the local government has a councillor filled president the office of deputy president is to be filled —
 - (a) as the next matter dealt with after the president is elected at the first meeting of the council after an inaugural election or a section 4.13 or 4.14 election or after an ordinary elections day.

3. How deputy mayor or deputy president is elected

- (1) The council is to elect a councillor (other than the president) to fill the office.
- (2) The election is to be conducted in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the president, or if he or she is not present, by the CEO.
- (3) Nominations for the office are to be given to the person conducting the election in writing before the meeting or during the meeting before the close of nominations.
- (3a) Nominations close at the meeting at a time announced by the person conducting the election, which is to be a sufficient time after the announcement by that person that nominations are about to close to allow for any nominations made to be dealt with.
- (4) If a councillor is nominated by another councillor the person conducting the election is not to accept the nomination unless the nominee has advised the person conducting the election, orally or in writing, that he or she is willing to be nominated for the office.
- (5) The council members are to vote on the matter by secret ballot as if they were electors voting at an election.
- (6) Subject to clause 9(1) the votes cast under subclause (5) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, in accordance with Schedule 4.1 as if those votes were votes cast at an election.
- (7) As soon as is practicable after the result of the election is known, the person conducting the election is to declare and give notice of the result in accordance with regulations, if any.

[Clause 8 amended by No. 64 of 1998 s. 54(2)-(4); No. 49 of 2004 s. 69(6)-(9).]

4. Votes may be cast a second time

- (1) If, when the votes cast under clause 8(5) are counted, there is an equality of votes between 2 or more candidates who are the only candidates in, or remaining in, the count, the count is to be discontinued and, not more than 7 days later, a special meeting of the council is to be held.
- (2) Any nomination for the office may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made, before or when the special meeting is held.
- (3) When the special meeting is held the council members are to vote again on the matter by secret ballot as if they were voting at an election.
- (4) The votes cast under subclause (3) are to be counted, and the successful candidate determined, under Schedule 4.1 as if those votes were votes cast at an election.

[Clause 9 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 69(10).]

If a tied vote occurs after two elections then at the resumption of the meeting the CEO, in accordance with Schedule 4.1, is to draw lots to decide the matter.

5. If 2 or more candidates receive the same number of votes so that clause 2, 3 or 4 cannot be applied, the returning officer is to draw lots in accordance with regulations to determine which candidate is elected.

Statutory Environment:

Schedule 2.3 and Schedule 4.1 of the Local Government Act.

Nominations Received:

The CEO called for nominations for Deputy President. Councillor Broad asked Councillor Foulkes-Taylor to nominate for the position, which he did.

Result of Election:

As there were no other nominations Councillor Foulkes-Taylor was elected to the position of Deputy President unopposed.

President Halleen asked the CEO to continue with elections to Committees and Working Groups.

5. ELECTION OF OCCASIONAL COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

File:	4.2
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	

Matter for Consideration:

All membership of committees and working groups expires on the ordinary election day of council and needs to be re-appointed at the first meeting following.

Background:

Occasional committees of Council and Working Groups meet throughout the year to deal with specific issues on behalf of Council and to make recommendations to Council and the CEO. The composition of the committees as at 18th October is shown below:

OCCASIONAL COMMITTEE	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER
Audit Committee	All Councillors		
Local Emergency Management Committee	Cr Seaman		
Crosslands Community Fund Management Committee	Shire President		
WALGA Zone Delegates	Decided prior to May and November meetings		
Plant Working Group	Cr Foulkes-Taylor	Cr Halleen	Cr Squires
Community Advisory Group	Cr Whitmarsh	Vacant	
Settlement Building Working Group	Cr Seaman	Cr Whitmarsh	
Wild Dog Control Working Group	Cr Whitmarsh		

Comment:

At any given time, each Councillor is entitled to be a member of at least one committee and if a Councillor nominates himself or herself to be a member of such a committee or committees, Council is to include that Councillor, in the persons appointed, to at least one of those committees as the Council decides.

If at a meeting of the Council, a local government is to make an appointment to a committee that has or could have a Councillor as a Member and the President informs the local government of his wish to be a member of the committee, the local government is to appoint the President to be a member of the committee. An absolute majority of Council is required to appoint each member to a committee.

Where a Councillor is appointed as a member of a committee, the Councillor’s membership of the committee continues until:

- a. the Councillor no longer holds the office of Councillor;

- b. the Councillor resigns from membership of the committee.
- c. the committee is disbanded; or
- d. the next ordinary elections day,

whichever occurs first.

The members of each occasional committee are to elect a presiding member from among themselves in accordance with the Act. The members of a committee may elect a deputy presiding member among themselves, but any such election is to be in accordance with the Act.

Detail of current membership:

LEMC – Chairperson is a councillor, CEO

CCFMC – Shire President, Shire CEO, Community Rep, Crosslands Rep

MZ WALGA – 2 Voting delegates can be sent to each meeting

PWG – 3 Councillors, CEO, Works supervisor

CAG – 2 Councillors and up to 5 community members (currently Brian, Trevor, Sandy, Jo & Nat)

SBWG – 2 Councillors, CEO, DCEO, Works Supervisor

WDCWG – 1 Councillor, CEO, 2 Community Reps (currently Sandy & Reg)

As a way of introduction to new member, Councillor Williams, the President explained that the Committees and Working Groups researched projects and brought recommendations to Council, which makes Council Meetings easier and working groups can conduct meetings over the phone, whereas the committees have to meet in person; Councillor Foulkes-Taylor explained that Councillors who aren't members of a particular Working Group or Committee are welcome to contribute, but don't get paid travel.

Previously zone delegates had been decided prior to each six monthly meeting, after discussion it was resolved that the zone delegates be decided now as with all other committees and working groups.

Statutory Environment:

S5.40 of the Local Government Act 1995 – Committee member's appointment of.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

OCCASIONAL COMMITTEE	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER
Audit Committee	All Councillors		
Local Emergency Management Committee			
Crosslands Community Fund Management Ctte	Shire President		
WALGA Zone Delegates	<i>Decided prior to May and November Meetings</i>		
Plant Working Group			
Community Advisory Group			
Settlement Building Working Group			
Wild Dog Control Working Group			

Voting Requirements:

Absolute majority.

Council Decision:			
Moved: Councillor Broad		Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	
That the following members be appointed to Committees and Working Groups:			
OCCASIONAL COMMITTEE	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER
Audit Committee	All Councillors		
Local Emergency Management Committee	Deputy President Foulkes-Taylor		
Crosslands Community Fund Management Committee	Shire President	CEO	CEO to advertise for Community Representative
WALGA Zone Delegates	President Halleen; Councillor Broad		
Plant Working Group	Deputy President Foulkes-Taylor	Councillor Broad	Councillor Squires
Community Advisory Group	Councillor Whitmarsh	Councillor Williams	CEO to advertise for 5 Community Members
Settlement Building Working Group	Councillor Whitmarsh	Councillor Williams	
Wild Dog Control Working Group	Councillor Whitmarsh	CEO to approach Sandy McTaggart and Reg Seaman to be members	
Carried by Absolute Majority			
		For: 5	Against: 0

The CEO handed over to President Halleen who thanked everyone and showed his appreciation to Deputy President Foulkes-Taylor for taking on the position. He thanked Councillor Broad for staying on Council, as most departing presidents step away altogether and thanked Bridget Seaman for her valuable input to Council over the last four years. President Halleen also welcomed Councillor Miles Williams as a new member of Council.

6. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members:

Councillor M Halleen, Shire President
 Councillor R E Foulkes-Taylor, Deputy Shire President
 Councillor SA Broad
 Councillor A Whitmarsh
 Councillor M Williams

Staff:

Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
 Dianne Daniels - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 Brian Wundenberg - Works Supervisor

Apologies:

Councillor P Squires

Leave of Absence:

Nil.

Public Gallery:

Bridget Seaman – Community member

7. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

8.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh****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: 5****Against: 0****9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19th December 2013.

10. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh****Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That Councillor Williams be granted Leave of Absence from the December 2013 meeting due to a prior holiday booking.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0****11. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

There are two items to be discussed behind closed doors.

12. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**12.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 18th October 2013****Background:**

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

Councillor Broad noted that at item 14.1 the 'Barbara Bain Memorial Handicap' should be corrected to read the 'Barbara Bain Memorial - XXXX Gold Ladies Bracelet' and the 'CC Broad Memorial Cup' should be corrected to read the 'CC Broad Memorial - Elders Landor Cup'.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor said that item 17.1 – Wild Dog Control should also be amended to reflect that Council had decided that the two ears and strip of scalp in between was sufficient proof of a scalp.

Recommendation:That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18th October 2013 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings**Voting Requirements:**

Simple majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**That the minutes, as amended, of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18th October 2013 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.**Carried****For: 5****Against: 0**

Brian Wundenberg left the meeting at 10.50am
 Brian Wundenberg returned to the meeting at 10.52am

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

14. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

There will be a presentation to Council by Jeremy Wray, national business development manager of CPS National on an alternative power supply for the Murchison settlement. Jeremy will join the meeting by teleconference at 12 noon.

Details of the presentation are located after item 20.1 on page 17

15. ACTION LIST

No	Item	Action	Action
1.	Improve shade house south of Road House	CAG meeting held 31 st August – item today suggests removal of shade house to allow for a larger diesel tank for the roadhouse.	To be removed
2.	Classification of Pindar Beringarra Road	Pindar – Beringarra ongoing.	Programme of works to be established
3.	Community Centre Kitchen	Install Lockable Storage Area	Area installed – just requires painting & final touches.
4.	Dust Suppression and ongoing road agreement issues	James has come back – wanting full cost of expenditure 12/13 – only looking at funding additional maintenance grading – no improvement works	Still working with James Abbott on 13/14 funding
5.	Contact CGG re gravel road in their shire. Carnarvon-Mullewa and Beringarra-Pindar	Ken Diem has referred matter to Neil Arbuthnot. Maintenance grade done prior to Landor. Neil supposed to be having a meeting here	Chasing up Neil re proposed meeting.
6.	Establishment of Working Group for Accident Prevention	Following annual Electors Meeting – community wish to set up accident prevention group to help work towards road safety and reduced RTA's. 4 people volunteered	Group being established
7.	Litter initiatives	Anti litter poster campaign launched 18 th October at Pia and to local SOTA children. Closed 8 th November Prizes to be awarded.	See item today
8.	Beringarra-Cue Road Train Permit Termination	Report received and sent to Crosslands. CEO has been working with CUE CEO to forward negotiations. Crosslands going over figures	Hope to have report in today's agenda
9.	Wild Dog Working Group	CEO has contacted Viv Read and working with Ag Dept to develop scheme	Bounty system under way
10.	Mosquito Control	Chemicals ordered – Per EHO recommendation Prolink briquettes for septic and NoMoz granules for water.	Once received will advise pastoralists of availability.
11.	Settlement Airstrip	CEO awaiting reply from RFDS regarding restrictions on strip	LMTC – will follow up if no response

The CEO made note that the CEO's front fence had been removed from the action list as discussed at the last meeting.

Re Point 4: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor queried if any progress had been made regarding the dust suppression. The CEO advised that nothing was forthcoming and in regard to another ongoing Road

Agreement issue, Jeff Arbon had responded to the CEO’s queries regarding the status of the two traffic counters that they were going to purchase to free ours up, saying that they hadn’t been bought yet as they were still being considered pending funding..

Re Point 5: The CEO noted that Neil Arbuthnot hasn’t responded re the proposed meeting at the Shire of Murchison. However, she is going into Geraldton for a recycling forum on Tuesday 26 November and has requested a meeting with both Ken Diem and Neil Arbuthnot. Neil has confirmed that the CGG have funding for the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road and will push ahead with seal.

Re Point 7: Judging for the Litter Competition was undertaken by President (then Councillor) Halleen and Ms Julie Ryan at PIA School on Thursday 14th November. President Halleen said it was a very difficult competition to judge as there were some really good initiatives. The winner was Zane Narrier and his was selected as it focussed on litter coming from a motor car and was very colourful; Second place was Ethan Mead and third was Cobb Fowler with a ute knocking an emu over. Also, there was one with a telescope which would be good to hand onto CSIRO for them to use in their promotional work.

Re Point 10: Councillor Broad asked how long it would be before the mosquito control chemicals arrived. The CEO responded that she had ordered them from the Manufacturer in Queensland as they were \$300 cheaper than the Perth supplier and pointed out that the ProLink briquettes and NoMoz granules are supposed to work better than the TempHos liquid used historically as they stopped the mosquitos at larvae stage and weren’t a poison, so there was no danger to stock/wildlife/pets.

Re point 11: Councillor Broad asked if we had heard from the RFDS regarding the limitations on the Settlement Airstrip and when the CEO responded in the negative he wanted to know why. The CEO had phoned the RFDS and the receptionist said the chief pilot would need to answer the question and she would get him to call. He has not called yet so the CEO will follow up with them. It’s possibly the line of site clearance at the end of the strip. Councillor Foulkes-Taylor wanted to send a letter to RFDS re the Jiggernoo airstrip as they won’t use it. The CEO responded that it’s not that the RFDS won’t use the strip, but Main Roads have imposed traffic management restrictions for landing on roads ie a full traffic management and road closure plan are required, which is prohibitive and so RFDS will only do this in a dire emergency.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Williams	Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	
That the Action List be accepted.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

16. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.05am

The meeting resumed at 11.20am

17. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The Shire president formally welcomed Brian Wundenberg, the Works Supervisor to the meeting.

17.1 Monthly Plant Report – Works Supervisor

October 2013			Hours					YTD	
				Start	End	Total	Operating Costs		
Plant Item	Year	Rego	1 July '12	Hrs/kms	Hrs/km	Month	YTD	Plant	Fuel
Cat Grader 12H P.02	2005	MU 141	9996	10475	10591	116	595	7482.21	11171.59
Cat Grader 12M P.03	2008	MU 51	5844	6323	6494	171	650	7733.12	13970.05
Volvo Loader P.27	2006	MU 65	5420	5684	5818	134	398	961.12	7499.71
Komatsu Dozer P.11	1997		8208	8383	8463	80	255	13916.69	8068.54
Bomag Padfoot P.68	2005	MU 177		0	22	22	22	0.00	551.6

JD Grader P.01	2011	MU 121	3040	3516	3674	158	634	7395.86	17590.52
Bomag Roller P.43	2012	1DVH736	1097	1242	1295	53	198	628.30	3052.38
Cat 938G Loader P.41	2004	MU 193	4078	4216	4250	34	172	3520.52	2992.84
Kenworth P/Mover P.61	2004	MU 000	7174	13046	15816	2770	8642	9208.17	10552.89
Iveco P/Mover P.09	2003	1AGW988	267205	270618	271068	450	3863	1389.58	3244.32
Nissan UD P.07	2009	000 MU	141649	150169	153705	3536	12056	7928.33	10542.48
Iveco Tipper Conv P.10	2004	MU 00	157865	157865	not	working	0	2454.99	8708.08
Generator 1-110kva	2011		7315	8861.4	9470.8	609.4	2155.8	1565.24	12860.49
Generator 2-110kva	2011		6897	7564.9	7699.6	134.7	802.6		
Maintenance Gen			658	1880	2304	424	1646	650.03	2359.45
Construction Gen			11770	13346	13929	583	2159	122.08	1163.64
Kubota 6kva Gen P.66	2012		1844	2373	2749	376	905	0.00	1015.14
Mitsubishi Canter P.06		01 MU	82788	92500	94778	2278	11990	6355.97	3805.15
Isuzu Construction P.64	2013	MU 140	New	1295	4028	2733	4028	3209.61	2181.91
Toyota Prado P.55	2012	MU 0	9557	12423	14204	1781	4647	584.43	1025.5
RAV4 P.63	2013	MU 1011	0	2800	5500	2700	5500	24.00	140.43
Great Wall P.57	2012	MU 167	11257	14981	15848	867	4591	217.00	807.91
Isuzu Dmax P.28	2009	MU 300	154278	159446	160863	1417	6585	2086.03	1554.73
Toyota Hilux P.40	2011	MU 1018	93250	101985	104675	2690	11425	607.76	2599.73
Isuzu T/Top P.54	2005	MU 1002	116400	122750	123416	666	7016	3809.72	2287.76
Mercedes PTV P.60	2004	MU 1009	97283	97723	97801	78	518	119.00	71.40
Side Tipper P.18	2001	MU2010	25303	31143	33349	2206	8046	1611.73	n/a
Side Tipper P.17	2001	MU 662	66102	70971	72312	1341	6210	4465.77	n/a
Roadwest S/Tipper P.67	2013	1T0Q427	0	0	2625	2625	2625	0.00	n/a
Tri-Axle L/L Float P.13	2008	MU 663	3769	6668	7079	411	3310	1673.53	n/a
45ft Flat Top P.59	1978	1THH060	25	115	0	0	90	0.00	n/a
No. 2 Float P.14	2001	MU 2004	26835	33220	34126	906	7291	3216.76	n/a
30000L W/Tanker P.24	2005	MU 2024	26524	29557	31201	1644	4677	1598.18	n/a
Dog Fuel Trailer P.48	1993	MU 2026					n/a	0.00	n/a
Dog Fuel Trailer P. 49	1972	MU 2005					n/a	122.08	n/a
Dolly 1-Red P.05	2001	MU 2003	24567	25230	26165	935	1598	122.08	n/a
Dolly 2-Black P.08	2000	MU 2009	562	3512	5787	2275	5225	183.12	n/a
New/H Ford Tractor	2006	MU 380	1596	1635	1653	18	57	160.00	429.56
Forklift			11847	11887.8	11901.3	13.5	54.3	366.24	165.57
Caravans							n/a	566.88	n/a
JD Ride on Mower			293	316.7	329	12.3	36	0.00	n/a
Generator H/Maint	2013	New		0			0	305.20	1060.55
Heavy Maint Trailer P.62		MU 446		0			0	2914.88	n/a

17.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction

The crew have carted, spread and rolled all gravel to the small floodway 4.3 km south of Beringarra/Byro intersection and are now working through the breakaway country. This section is taking a bit of time as I have cut down a small hill on the north side of the breakaway. By reducing this hill 1.5m x 70m long, pushing rock north and south and lifting up low section it will make a better line of sight for traffic travelling south and approaching corner. The road south of this breakaway has been formed up (700m) in readiness for gravel sheeting.

[See attachments 1, 2 and 3 for road works this month](#)

My report at the October meeting stated that culverts would be carted down and placed 80m north of the Beringarra/Byro intersection. They have been carted to site and are now scheduled to be completed by 12th November .

Maintenance crew

John and Glen are progressing well with their grading. As of 6th November they have completed the Carnarvon/Mullewa road from north boundary to the Shire settlement along with roads around the settlement.

Crew will have 1 day for maintenance on their plant and then will move their camp to Yuin. From there they will commence a light grade on the Beringarra/Pindar road starting from the south boundary.

Whilst the crew are in the area John will complete the grading of the approaches to the 5 new grids and Glen will continue with maintenance grading. John will then catch up to do a grade to MRO before their end of year break.

Heavy Maintenance Crew

Sandy and Paul are now working on the river section (about 7km) on the Beringarra-Mt Gould road, gravel sheeting in low areas and the stony section of the crossing. (boxing out and replacing of stone/rock with bigger stone on down side to act as an end wall).

With the completion of these works, crew will then move onto Beringarra/Byro road with works to be carried out on bunds including building of new bunds, gravel sheeting in low or stony areas, drainage work in low areas plus widening of creek crossing between Milly/Milly and Byro wool shed.

Grids

The grid contractor (Mr Rosco Foulkes-Taylor and crew) at last report are doing the last grid (No. 5) on the 7/11/2013.

As mentioned in my maintenance report John will do the approaches to the grids. Sandy will cart the gravel in and Paul will cart the water (fresh water will come from 8km north of Yuin homestead as grid approaches will be bitumen in later times)

2 grids are in need of repair on the Mt-Wittenoom road and our grid contractor will do repairs later this month.

Staff

William and Colleen away - 21/10/13 - 7/11/13 - 3 weeks

John Daniels - 14/10/13 - 20/10/13 - 6 days off

Trevor Barndon - 28/10/13 - 13/11/13 - 12 days off

Steve Goodbourn filled in for Colleen on the rollers

Jox filled in for William - road train/side tippers

Plant Repairs

Dozer - new air-conditioner on roof plus one new hydraulic hose.

Pemco - full run /check on all plant air-conditioners.

Side Tipper - new hydraulic fittings

Cat loader – new tyre

Fast attack fire unit –new transfer water pump.

General

Komatsu Dozer has had a full testing of transmission /torque converter and engine. Now waiting on report back.

Pemco were out on the 5th/6th November doing a full run through on all existing plant air-cons and installed a new air-con on the Dozer. I spoke to Pemco mechanic about the dozer and they will give me a full quote/price on repairs.

As mentioned above Jox (Ross Collins) drove the semi side tipper whilst William and Colleen were on a 3 week break and Steve Goodbourn operated the rollers.

Repairs to potholes on the Carnarvon/Mullewa road south of the Settlement.

Water cooler ordered for work shop - \$1771.10.

New pad foot roller delivered to the settlement on the 15/10/2013 then out on the job on the 21/10/2013 after run through with Tutt Bryant rep.

ROADS GRADED 18/10/2013 – 9/11/2013

Name	Length of Road	SLK's Graded this month	Heavy-Road Maintenance/Repairs Loader-truck	Comments
Beringarra /Pindar	319.80km			
Erong	63.12km			
Beringarra/Byro	90.89km	31km		
Twin-Peaks/Wooleen	47.65km			
Booldardy/Kalli	57.30km			
Byro/Woodleigh	71.00km	4km		1 day patch grading
New Forrest/Yallalong	36.18km			
M ^c Nabb/Twin-peaks	49.75km			
Yallalong-West	34.46km			
Mileura/Nookawarra	49.08km			
Muggon	38.75km	4km		½ day patch grading
Manfred	34.55km			
Beringarra/Mt Gould	34.80km		Carting/spreading gravel river crossing	
Tardie/Yuin	13.20km			
Innouendy	9.30km			
Booldardy Homestead	2.00km			
Yunda Homestead	32.80km			
Meeberrie Woolleen	25.22km			
Mt Wittenoom	37.55km			
Woolleen/Mt Wittenoom	33.85km			
Beringarra Cue	109.82km			
Booldardy Wooleen	19.08km			
Kalli Cue East	21.87km			
Coodardy Noondie	19.92km			
Butchers Track	64.54km			
Butchers Muggon	23.80km	2km		½ day patch grading
Murchison Settlement	2.00km			
Pinegrove Yallalong	-----			
Carnarvon-Mullewa	278.63km	107km		
Woolgorong-South	15.00km			
Nookawarra homestead				
Errabiddy-Bluff	12km			
Air strip Graded				

Total roads graded this month 148km
 Low in km's this month as John had 6 days off.

Councillor Broad asked why the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road south of the Settlement was not getting any work done to it. The Works Supervisor informed him that a grader had started work on it on Saturday 9th November.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor asked why Komatsu were taking so long to come back with their diagnostics and quote on the bulldozer and could the Works Supervisor forward it to Councillors when it arrives to give everyone time to digest it before the Council meeting.

President Halleen asked if the side tippers kept cracking because they are light and bounce. The works Supervisor responded in the affirmative and said that in his experience, that once they had been welded they didn't crack again.

Recommendation:

That the Work's Supervisor's report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor****Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That the Works Supervisor's report be accepted.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0***Mrs Seaman left the meeting at 11.33am**Mrs Seaman returned to the meeting at 11.36am***18. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED****18.1 Shire President**

Nil

18.2 Councillors

Councillor Whitmarsh attended no meetings as a Council representative but was invited to comment on the Carnarvon RBA. Councillor Whitmarsh informed Council that the next meeting is being held at the Overlander on 28/11 and addressing Mrs Bridget Seaman in the gallery, he invited her and Reg Seaman along; John Duff, who has been appointed by the Ag Dept to assist the CRBA, will chair the meeting. RBA are starting aerial baiting around the 25/11. Councillor Foulkes-Taylor said that it was important that John Duff keep the members informed.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor went to the funeral of David Halleen in a private capacity, but wanted it noted that David had contributed over 20 years on Council and had been a very good contributor to the Shire.

19. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**19.1 LEMC & BFB Meeting****Background:**

Minutes of the LEMC & BFB Meeting held on the 30th October are attached.

Comment:

There was a general discussion regarding the realisation by the Mullewa Police that the Shire of Murchison wasn't in their area of jurisdiction, but we in fact came under Yalgoo. Once this was realised, Mullewa Sergeant, Peter Gerada, could no longer come and do the training that had been discussed at the last LEMC meeting in September and the CEO was given notice only on the day of the meeting. The Yalgoo police did come over and President Halleen said that there been some discussion and dissatisfaction in the community that we were under the jurisdiction of Yalgoo and asked if we could write to the Police to see if we could come under Mullewa. The general consensus was that the police wouldn't change but the CEO will take it up with the Mid West Gascoyne District Office. The CEO said she had been assured that if there was an emergency, there would be assistance from both stations.

It was noted by President Halleen that Jim McNamara from DFES was running Fire Brigade training on-site for CSIRO, but hadn't informed the Shire.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the LEMC & BFB meeting held on the 30th October be received by council.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Williams**That the minutes of the LEMC & BFB meeting held on the 30th October be received by Council.**Carried****For: 5****Against: 0**

20. FINANCE**20.1 Financial Activity Statements to 31st October 2013**

File:	2.2
Author:	Dianne Daniels – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	12 November 2013
Attachments:	Financial Activity Statements for 4 months to 31 st October 2013 Balance Sheet Income Statement by Program Summary Income Statement by Program Detailed Income Statement by Nature & Type

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for October 2013.

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.

Comment:

The Current Position at 31 October 2013 is a surplus of \$1,296,746 against a YTD Budget of \$718,372 so up \$578,374:

Opening Funding Surplus variance	(59,207)
Less Operating Revenues down	(154,684)
Add Operating Expenditure down	276,026
Add Funding Balance Adjustment	28,022
Less Capital Revenue down	(106,363)
Add Capital Expenditure down	558,623
Add Rate Revenue up (timing)	35,957
	<u>578,374</u>

Refer pages 24 and 25 of the attachment for details of major variances against budget. Those variances are summarised below:

Operating Revenues down are due mainly to the re-scheduling of formwork on SLK 221-228 to straight after Christmas and the \$110k profit on sale of plant not forthcoming.

Operating Expenditure down is due mainly to expenditure on the Town Plan less than predicted (timing) and Depreciation and Admin allocations down. Admin down is due mainly to a savings on the preparation of the Strategic Reports, with \$52.2k unspent at this stage. The final updating of the ROMAN system may see some of this expended, but any unspent will need to be returned to the Department of Local Government.

Capital Revenue down \$106.4k is a timing issue, with only \$55k received from the Department of Planning for the Town Planning Strategy and Scheme rather than the budgeted \$95k and proceeds from the disposal of plant sitting at \$75k against a budget of \$146.4k. The Mitsubishi Canter brought in \$6.4k less than budget and the CAT Roller was on target at \$45k, but the Iveco prime mover, the side tipper and the pig trailer didn't attract the interest hoped for. This was offset by a \$5k unbudgeted capital grant from Tourism WA for Astrofest 2013.

Capital Expenditure down \$558.6k is mainly a timing issue due to the re-scheduling of the formwork on SLK 221-228 and various small items of plant such as the two safety eye washes, the mobile work platform and the vast and tool box for the maintenance crew scheduled for September but not yet purchased.

Capital Expenditure that impacted the Balance Sheet in October was:

- Steel droppers for C14101 RPG SLK 221-228 Formwork and Gravel
- Base plates and reinforcing fabric for C14103 Construct 6 New Grids P-B Rd
- Signs for C14103 Construct 6 New Grids P-B Road
- Guide posts, delineators, culvert markers for C14104 CSIRO Road Fund Address Safety Issues
- Rapid set cement, barbed wire, galv posts, chain mesh for C14701 Move Rubbish Tip
- C14130 Padfoot Roller Bomag
- C14106 Construction – Agreed Program – work as per Works Supervisors report

With the Audit of the Annual Financials, CLGF funding and Roads to Recovery funding out of the way and the housing inspection completed after the September Council meeting, we have been able to turn our attention to the annual building maintenance and capital works around the Settlement, including pest control, air-conditioning, electrical and plumbing works. We will notify the community when we have dates set for the different trades to try and alleviate travel costs.

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

Recommendation:

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

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor Broad	
That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31 st October, as attached.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

Council Broke for a teleconference at 12 noon

14.1 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

President Halleen introduced Jeremy Wray to the meeting via telephone link. Jeremy introduced the developer, David Webster. He went on to say that the Shire of Murchison is the only Shire in Australia not receiving support for power generation. In some very preliminary calculations they estimate that the power we generate is costing the Shire approximately \$1.10 per kw hour (based on diesel being \$1.60 per litre and generating power using 2x110 KVA generators). This is a lot more expensive than a hybrid system.

CPS National has a genuine interest in this project as they are looking at funding from ARENA (Australian Renewable Energy Agency) and need a floor of 1 megawatt, which doesn't have to be generated from the one location.

The basis of the proposition is that the Shire of Murchison would enter into a Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) on a long term contract to purchase 100% of the electricity generated by the system. The PPA finance model is a third party model, with David and others behind the scenes. There would be no upfront capital costs to the Shire; a predictable cost of electricity over 15-25 years; the onus is on CPS to design and execute the system;

The CPS consortium is backed by some very large and wealthy international companies including Sunpower, TOTAL, a large oil and gas company and David Webster, who is the developer.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor queried how much a kw hour the hybrid system would cost, how can there be no upfront capital costs and what happens if CPS falls over? Jeremy responded that they couldn't give an estimate of the cost at this stage until they had the current load data and in the event that anything went wrong with the company, then it would be written into the agreement that the asset would revert to the Shire. David said that the PPA agreement is structured so that there are no capital costs to the Shire and the term varies from 15 to say 25 years. The operational costs of a hybrid system are much less than for diesel generators. If CPS defaulted, the Shire would have first call on the asset, but the banks would still need their income stream. ARENA makes sure that the Shire is safeguarded.

Jeremy would envisage buying the generator assets from the Shire, but would need to establish a business case based on the load data profiles.

CPS has a national profile with major clients such as Telstra, Western Power and Rio throughout the country.

The president thanked Jeremy for his presentation and said we obviously need some costing before we could consider the proposition. Teleconference finished at 12.30pm.

There was a general discussion after the teleconference: President Halleen thought there wasn't much to discuss until we got load data to CPS and they came back with a proposition. Councillor Broad mentioned that Council had looked at going this way many years ago, but the cost was prohibitive, but this sounds like a whole new proposition; Councillor Williams thinks it's worth pursuing - they can package the agreement so that there are no upfront costs to the Shire because they are looking at a long term revenue stream. He thinks that once they do the maths that they will find that our power is costing us a lot less than \$1.10 per kw hour, because both generators aren't running at the same time. Councillor Foulkes-Taylor said we need to get the load data, find out how much it will cost and make sure there is some security for the Shire; It was decided to get the load data to them and ask them to prepare a business case.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor left the meeting at 12.28pm

Cr Foulkes-Taylor returned to the meeting at 12.30pm

The meeting resumed at 12.36pm

20.2 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:	12 November 2013
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for October 2013

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of October 2013.

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.

Comment:

Payments made during the month of October as per attached schedule

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor queried the Katie Jeffries Trust and asked if it had been wound up. The Deputy CEO responded that donations had been paid into the general Trust account and two payments made to date to Katie. The donations have dried up since the benefit concert, but if anymore come in, they will be picked up during the monthly bank reconciliation and forwarded to Katie. Councillor Broad mentioned that he had been given another \$3k cheque for the fund.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor queried the BOC account and that it seemed very high for annual rental at \$3.5k. Deputy CEO informed him that it also included a pallet of gas bottles for the residences.

Councillor Broad queried the Telstra invoice at \$5.3k. Deputy CEO explained that it was the finalising of the Bigpond Services and that the latest bill that had come in was down to \$2.3k. Councillor Broad asked if we were on the best plan for our phones and the Deputy responded that she had asked the Telstra Business Manger to review our plans some months ago and hadn't heard back, so would follow up.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor queried what the Landgate charge was for at \$85 and the CEO explained that we are charged for the monthly valuation rolls.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Financial Implications:

Payment from the Municipal and Trust Bank Accounts.

Consultation:

Haines Norton

Recommendation:

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,151,944.17 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Broad		Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor
That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,151,944.17 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

21. DEVELOPMENT

21.1 Regional Tourism Strategy

File:	13.10
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	Tourism Strategy Tender

Matter for Consideration:

Proposal to join with MWDC to develop a regional tourism strategy for the Murchison Region

Background:

At the March meeting of Council the development of a Regional Tourism Strategy was discussed and Council resolved:

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

That Council:

1. Agrees in principle to the development of a Regional Tourism Strategy that includes the Shires in the Murchison Region and Upper Gascoyne; and
2. Authorises the CEO to work with the regional Shires to prepare a draft scope for the strategy and identify sources of funding; and
3. Adopts Billy the Bungarra as the mascot for the Shire of Murchison and the Gascoyne Murchison Regional Shires; and
4. Authorises the CEO to seek opportunities to collaborate with willing Shires in the region on marketing initiatives that are within the Shire's tourism budget.

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0**

Following from this a joint funding application was made to T-Qual by the seven shires involved:- Murchison, Cue, Yalgoo, Mt Magnet, Meekatharra, Sandstone and Upper Gascoyne. The grant would have seen each of the Shires contributing \$2,858 to give a total project budget of \$80,000. \$40,000 from T- Qual, \$20,000 from the MWDC and \$20,000 from the local governments. An amount of \$3,000 was included in the 2013/2014 budget to cover this regional tourism initiative. Unfortunately in July the T-Qual grant application was declined. We then went with option B which was to apply for a TIRF grant – this is a very time consuming and complicated grant and they weren't very supportive as they felt the development of a strategy was a bit outside of the grant guidelines, however it was worth trying for. TIRF would not recognise the \$20,000 from the MWDC as matching funds and the shires agreed to put in up to \$5,716 each to make up this \$20,000. MWDC would still have provided the funds and if successful this would have given us a budget of \$120,000 to develop the strategy. The shire had a budget of \$5,000 for area promotion and \$3,000 for the regional initiative so this was still well within budget.

The current status is:-

\$70,000 has been secured (\$5,715 per Shire, \$20,000 from the Mid West Development Commission and \$10K from Regional Development Australia Mid West).

The Shire of Yalgoo, as lead agency, applied for a TIRF grant of \$50,000. The outcome of this grant will not be known until well into next year.

Comment:

On the 25th October the following email was received from Gavin Treasure of the MWDC:

From: Gavin Treasure [mailto:Gavin.Treasure@mwdc.wa.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2013 12:22 PM

To: CEO (ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au)

Cc: Trish Palmonari; Fiona Shallcross

Subject: Tourism Strategies

Hi Sharon,

Many thanks for attending the Mid West Tourism Group meeting on Monday, we appreciate your input. As discussed at the meeting we are keen to explore any synergies with the Murchison Upper Gascoyne consortium given that both groups are looking at tourism strategies. There may be very real opportunities to work together.

The Commission has secured \$50,000 from Department of Planning towards an overarching Mid West Tourism Development Study. This will include the Murchison, Batavia Coast and North Midlands. Among other activities it is expected the study will:

- Identify the gaps and opportunities in assets, infrastructure and services
- Prioritise projects to guide future Government investment
- Develop action plans identifying responsibilities for the sub regions

This study must be completed by June 2014 due to restrictions around the funding. To meet the deadline we need to have a scope of works out in the market place by the first week of November, allowing for a 3 week tender advertising period.

The aim is to select a tenderer before Christmas so that the desktop work can be carried out during the quiet period before launching into the consultation and analysis.

I understand that the Murchison Upper Gascoyne consortium has secured \$70,000 towards your regional strategy. I would appreciate if you could consult with representative LGA's to determine if there is any opportunity to pool our efforts and what shape that could take, noting the timeframes. By pooling efforts I would by no means imagine this to dilute the Murchison Upper Gascoyne strategy, but rather look for any efficiencies and gains to be made.

I have attached a draft scope that broadly combines the aims of the two initiatives as a talking point – please note it is not prescriptive and purely a draft to stimulate discussion. If your consortium feel there are opportunities to work together we would appreciate your ideas by COB **Monday 28th October** to enable enough time to work up a suitable scope that meets both group's needs.

The above process will also produce excellent synergies with the current Mid West Regional Blueprint development process. An overarching regional tourism strategy, encompassing subregional strategies and priority projects, is an excellent fit going forward.

Thank you for considering.

Best Regards,

Gavin Treasure MCom MBA CPA FIPA | Chief Executive Officer

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General consensus between the shire CEO's since then is that it would be advantageous to align our plans with those of the Mid West Development Commission. If we tie in with this process we will have to withdraw from the TIRF application. This will mean that we lose any chance of the \$50,000 from TIRF. As I see it, the advantages of withdrawing from TIRF and joining with MWDC are as follows:

- We have been advised that it may be well into next year before we hear about TIRF due to the federal government change
- The chances of success are assessed as being on the lower side as the round is highly competitive and our application was borderline in terms of the TIRF guidelines.
- TIRF is very prescriptive, and the funding agreement takes a while to negotiate after approval is received.
- The grants admin and controls process for TIRF is onerous. If we use our own source funds + the \$30K we have from MWDC and RDA we will have far greater control over what we can do with the funds
- If we wait for TIRF, we will be out of sync with what MWDC are doing.

.The MWDC have drawn up a request for a quote and part of this is attached. The outputs are:

- Detailed prioritised action plans to assist Local, State and Commonwealth governments and the tourism industry in planning and prioritising project and product development.
- A regional action plan that analyses the top five to ten "Priority Tourism Projects or Initiatives" to be prioritised on potential economic, financial, social and environmental benefits.
- Local action plans that drill down to Local Government Areas in the Batavia subregion (Irwin, Chapman Valley, Northampton, City of Greater Geraldton – including Mullewa) and the Murchison / Upper Gascoyne consortium (Cue, Yalgoo, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Upper Gascoyne) and Wiluna. Review and update of current action plans (if any) for the Local Government Areas located in the North Midlands subregion (Carnamah, Coorow, Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs).

The project is to be completed by 30th June 2014 and the scope of work has been developed to include a local action plan for the Murchison/Upper Gascoyne consortium.

Due to this tight timeline a decision to go with the MWDC plan or not was required by the 4th November and in conjunction with the surrounding shires the CEO agreed that Murchison withdraw from TIRF and negotiate a partnership with MWDC Mid West Tourism Development Study

This would allow the group to partner with the Mid West Development Commission's tender process and project for the Mid West Tourism Development Study in the interest of gaining advantage for the broader region, without losing the intent of the Murchison Gascoyne sub regional project and sub regional identity.

The CEO explained that after the February meeting in Yalgoo, the need for a regional branding was agreed. The first T-Qual grant application fell over and it is highly unlikely that we will get the TIRF grant as the project is slightly outside their funding guidelines. MWDC have come up with another proposal for the region which is more likely to be successful.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor made a point that he was for the motion.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Budget provision has been included in the 2013/14 annual budget to develop a regional tourism initiative.

Consultation:

Gavin Treasure – MWDC
Sharon Daishe - Yalgoo
Ian Fitzgerald – Sandstone
John McCleary – Cue
Dirk Sellenger – Upper Gascoyne
Geoff Brooks – Mt Magnet
Roy McClymont – Meekatharra

Recommendation:

That Council ratifies the CEO's decision to withdraw from the TIRF application and negotiate a partnership with MWDC Mid West Tourism Development Study.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Williams

That Council ratifies the CEO's decision to withdraw from the TIRF application and negotiate a partnership with MWDC Mid West Development Study

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

21.2 Proposal to Develop Visitor's Guide to the Murchison Booklet.

File:	13.10
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	Visitor's Guide to the Murchison

Matter for Consideration:

Proposal received from Amanda Rowland to develop a Visitor's Guide booklet for Murchison

Background:

Amanda Rowland has been working as caretaker of the museum over the tourist season and whilst there has been keen to develop tourism and promotion of the area. Previously she was engaged by Cue shire to develop a booklet – copies will be circulated at the meeting - and has also produced the JAM booklet (what's on in the Geraldton and Midwest) and Hg publication (a journal for hunter gatherers)

Comment:

Attached is a proposal to develop a similar booklet to the one produced for Cue. The booklet would include stories on the history of wool and today's pastoral conditions, stock routes and droving, station stories, Aboriginal connections to pastoral life, doggers and wild dogs and mails runs.

Full details of the proposal are in the attached quote which Amanda has prepared and she is suggesting that 5,000 of the booklets would be a good number to produce as this would allow some to be distributed to major tourist centres across the state. Amanda has also suggested that the project could be funded from the Crosslands Community Fund as it fits the funding criteria. The cost of the project would be \$24,388. Council only has a small budget of \$5,000 for area promotion so this could not cover a project of this size and alternative funding would need to be sourced.

A re-vamp and re-print of the Murchison brochures has recently been completed with some new pictures and updated information included, along with our mascot of Billy the Bungarra. Frances at Woollen assisted with this, co-ordinating the design and print. 5,000 leaflets have been printed at a total cost of \$1,040. The leaflets will be available shortly and in plenty of time for distribution before the next tourist season so Council may want to consider Amanda's option as part of the budget for 2014/2015 rather than in this financial year.

There was some general discussion regarding the booklet and Councillor Broad asked the CEO if she had seen the Cue booklet. The CEO had two copies which were passed amongst the Councillors, stating that Amanda Rowlands and her friend Ann Walton had written and produced the Cue booklet. President Halleen thought it was a good idea, the CEO thought it might not work until the Regional Tourism Strategy was in place, so that ideas from the Strategy could be incorporated into the book. Also, there was only \$5k in the 13-14 Budget for Area Promotion. Councillor Broad asked how fitting into next year's budget instead would work for Amanda, but this is unknown at this stage. Councillor Foulkes-Taylor would like to proceed but negotiate on the time-line and President Halleen suggested that Amanda look for external funding as Council had not budgeted for this and the Museum Committee didn't have the funding for it.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Tourism budget for 2013/2014 is \$5,000, of which \$2,563 has already been expended.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That council does/ does not proceed (delete as appropriate) with the project to develop a Visitor's Guide to the Murchison Booklet.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That Council proceeds with the project to develop a Visitor's Guide to the Murchison booklet, subject to the proponent being able to source funding outside of the shire due to no budget provision being available this year.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.00pm

The meeting recommenced at 1.56pm

Mrs Seaman did not re-join the meeting after lunch.

21.3 Beringarra-Cue Road Train Permit Termination

File:	12.24
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November
Attachments:	Greenfield Report Beringarra-Cue Road Report

Matter for Consideration:

Report on the Beringarra-Cue Road in conjunction with the termination of the road train permit agreement by Crosslands Resources.

Background:

At the July meeting it was advised that Crosslands had written to the shire saying that they were terminating the road train agreement which they have had in place to maintain the Beringarra-Cue Road since 2006.

There are certain points under the termination clause which they have to comply with before handing the road back to the shire. The first thing which needed to be done was a joint inspection of the road to ascertain its' condition and what repairs are required.

At the August meeting Council resolved:

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor****Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That council continue negotiations with Crosslands Resources regarding the termination of the Crosslands Road Train Agreement and request Greenfields to undertake the full report at a cost of \$25 - \$30k, to be paid for by Crosslands Resources, so that we can progress the matter.

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0****Comment:**

The full inspection was carried out by Greenfields and a report provided to Council on the 22nd October. The report was forwarded to all Councillors and the CEO was authorised, along with John McCleary CEO of Cue, to enter into negotiations with Crosslands/OPR on the basis that both the Shire of Cue and the Shire of Murchison have agreed that it is the preferred option to take the road back to an unsealed standard over time.

A joint letter to this effect was sent to Crosslands on the 8th November. At the time of writing this item for inclusion in the agenda the CEO had received a phone call from Peter Spalding to say that Mitsubishi (owners of Crosslands/OPR) are talking with the main company in Japan tonight. Following from this they will like to meet with both parties to discuss the arrangements. Hopefully this will be early in the week commencing the 11th November so that we will have something further to present to Council at the November meeting.

Email from Peter Spalding to CEO Murchison and Cue:

Hi John,

Just gave you a quick call, but you are out of the office. I am hoping MDP will have someone available to chat to the Shires early next week.

Jenny would prefer to meet at Murchison and MDP and myself are flexible. At this stage if you could keep Tues and Wed free on your dance card, I'm hoping I can get out to Murchison (preferably Tuesday) so MDP can have a meeting with yourself and Jenny.

I will get back to you over the weekend or first thing Monday to confirm date, location, time.

Cheers
Pete.

The CEO summarised the meeting she had with Yasutaka Okamoto, General Manager, MDP and Peter Spalding, Regional Manager OPR/Crosslands which was held on Wednesday 13th November at Murchison. Mr John McCleary, CEO of Cue had attended as had Dianne Daniels DCEO. Notes of the meeting are being typed up and will be forwarded to Councillors within the next couple of days.

The options regarding the road at the termination of the contract were discussed, council had previously advised that the preferred option is for the road to be reverted back to gravel over time as sections of the seal fail. Cue is also in support of this option. The full Greenfields report was discussed and Yasutaka said he had been surprised that the figures had increased so much compared to the original report and he felt that the road standards were maybe too high for the purpose of the road.

At the conclusion of the meeting the options were summarised as:

1. Mitsubishi do the work and re-bitumise
2. Mitsubishi do the work and take back to gravel
3. Mitsubishi pay the money to the Shires and the Shires take it back to gravel
4. Mitsubishi take it back to gravel over time

It was also reiterated that the Shires are firm on the scope and costs in the Greenfields report.

Yasu will now take the information back to his bosses in Tokyo and discuss the options. He hopes to get back to us within a few days.

Statutory Environment:

s3.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 and s.55 (20) 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:

To be determined

Consultation:

Michael Keane, Greenfields Technical Services
 Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor
 Peter Spalding Crosslands/OPR
 John McCleary, Cue CEO

Recommendation:

To be determined pending the outcome of the meeting with MDP.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Broad	Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh	
That Council accept the CEO's report on the meeting and await the response from MDP.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

22. ADMINISTRATION**22.1 2014 Meeting Dates**

File:	4.32
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

A formal resolution of Council is required to set the ordinary Council meeting dates for 2014.

Background:

Precedent is that Ordinary Council meetings are held on the third Friday in each month. This is with the exception of January when a recess is traditionally observed

Comment:

This would give the following proposed dates for meetings to be held in 2014:-

January – no meeting
 February 21st 2014 - Friday
 March 21st 2014 - Friday
 April 17th 2014 - Thursday
 May 16th 2014 - Friday
 June 20th 2014 - Friday
 July 18th 2014 - Friday
 August 15th 2014 - Friday
 September 19th 2014 – Friday
 October 17th 2014 - Friday
 November 21st 2014 - Friday
 December 18th 2014 - Thursday

Note that the proposed April meeting date is a Thursday as the third Friday (the 18th) is Good Friday and the proposed December meeting is a Thursday as it fits in with the Christmas break. The last couple of years Council has altered the December meeting date to the Thursday to fit in with the work crew roster which sees most of the staff commencing Christmas break on the Friday.

Statutory Environment:

Regulation 12(1) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires that:

- (1) At least once each year a local government is to give local public notice of the dates on which and the time and place at which —
- (a) the ordinary council meetings; and
 - (b) the committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public, are to be held in the next 12 months.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council gives local public notice of its scheduled meetings for 2014 as follows:-

**Shire of Murchison
2014 Ordinary Council Meeting Dates**

The following ordinary Council meetings are open to the public commencing at 10am on the dates as shown below. All meetings are held in Council Chambers, Murchison Settlement, WA.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates 2014 – 10am

January – No meeting	Friday 18 th July
Friday 21 st February	Friday 15 th August
Friday 21 st March	Friday 19 th September
Thursday 17 th April	Friday 17 th October
Friday 16 th May	Friday 21 st November
Friday 20 th June	Thursday 18 th December

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor Williams

That Council gives local public notice of its scheduled meetings for 2014 as follows:-

**Shire of Murchison
2014 Ordinary Council Meeting Dates**

The following ordinary Council meetings are open to the public commencing at 10am on the dates as shown below. All meetings are held in Council Chambers, Murchison Settlement, WA.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates 2014 – 10am

January – No meeting	Friday 18 th July
Friday 21 st February	Friday 15 th August
Friday 21 st March	Friday 19 th September
Thursday 17 th April	Friday 17 th October
Friday 16 th May	Friday 21 st November
Friday 20 th June	Thursday 18 th December

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

22.2 Attendance of the next Murchison Country Zone Meeting.

File:	4.7
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Attendance at the next Murchison Country Zone (Cue Parliament) to be held in Cue on Friday 22nd November.

Background:

The next half yearly conference of the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA will be held in Cue on Friday 22nd May. Usually Council appoints two Councillors plus the CEO to attend as delegates (CEO only a voting delegate if insufficient Councillors attend)

Comment:

Each member council is allowed two delegates at the meeting, these can be councillors or councillors and CEO and more people can attend if they wish but only two will be able to participate in voting at the meeting. Previous meetings have recently been attended by President Broad and Councillor Seaman.

Statutory Environment:

Participation in WALGA activities is well within the Local Government legislative boundaries

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Within the budgeted members fees and allowances provision

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Councillors andbe appointed Murchison Shire delegates to the next half yearly conference of the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA to be held at Cue on 22nd November, 2013 and the CEO attend as an observer.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh	Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	
As per Council Decision at Item 5 Councillors Halleen and Broad have been appointed Murchison Shire delegates to the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA and the CEO attend as an observer.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

22.3 Request for Donation – Carnarvon School of the Air

File:	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 was done last year and records show contributions in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2010 as well. Last year Council also decided to make a donation of \$150 to the Meekatharra School of the Air End of Year Student Awards

Comment:

The End of Year Student Awards include 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 3rd December at the Camel Lane Theatre in Carnarvon.

Council may also wish to make a similar donation to the Meekatharra School of the Air End of Year Student Awards as it did last year.

Statutory Environment:

Assistance to education via Carnarvon School of the Air and Meekatharra 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 \$1,300 has been expended 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 and \$150 towards the sponsorship of the Meekatharra School of the Air End of Year Student Awards.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh

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 sponsorship of the Meekatharra School of the Air End of Year Student Awards

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

22.4 Tender – Sale of Surplus Items

File:	12.15
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	

Matter for Consideration:

Tenders have been called for the disposal of the tandem pig trailer.

Background:

As part of the plant replacement programme and the budget it was decided to dispose of the 1993 Tandem Pig Trailer, the estimated sale price was \$5,000. Tenders were advertised on the 26th August with a closing date of 27th September.

The trailer was taken to Geraldton as it was felt that we would have a better chance of attracting buyers if the trailer could be inspected and Peter Kelliher assisted by housing them at Kelly's Truck and Marine, 214 Place Road, Geraldton. At the close no tenders had been received. At the October meeting Council resolved:

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

That:-

- Council awards Tender 4.2013.3 Sale of Surplus Items – K-Hitch (3 of) trailer axles with disc brakes to David Pollock of Wooleen Station for a tendered amount of \$1,800.00.
- Council does not accept the tender of \$15,000 for the prime mover.
- Council retains the prime mover for the short term, but continues to try and find a buyer.
- Council advertises the pig trailer for tender in Farmers Weekly but if nothing is received in two to three weeks then makes arrangements to take it to Perth for auction.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0****Comment:**

The trailer was advertised in Farm weekly on a tender basis with a closing date of 4pm on Thursday the 14th November.

At the time of writing this item for inclusion in the Agenda there has been quite a bit of interest in the trailer and it is hoped that we will have some tenders to consider at the council meeting.

The CEO advised that there had been one tender received. It was from Bootenoo Bulk Haulage of Walkaway.

The tender was for \$6,000 Ex GST

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Tender received is within budgeted expectations for the sale of the trailer.

Consultation:

Plant Working Group

Peter Kelliher

Recommendation:

TBA

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That the tender from Bootenoo Bulk Haulage for \$6,000 plus GST be accepted.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0****22.5 Funding For Driver Reviver and RoadWise**

File:	12.15
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	Driver Reviver and RoadWise

Matter for Consideration:

Response received from Minister Harvey regarding the RoadWise Program.

Background:

At the August meeting Cr Seaman raised the issue of funding cuts to the Driver Reviver programme and it was decided to send a letter to Minister Harvey asking why the cuts had been made and to encourage surrounding shires to do the same.

Comment:

The CEO got details of the funding cuts from Ian Duncan and Ricky Burges and sent a letter to Minister Harvey.

The Minister has replied to the letter and her response is attached.

The CEO pointed out that the funding hadn't been cut on the Driver Reviver program as this was run by volunteers, but rather the 13-14 budget for the Road Trauma Trust Account has been reduced. Also, Sam Adams from Roadwise may come out to help give the Accident Prevention Working Group some direction.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council notes the Minister's response.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Williams	Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh	
That council notes the Ministers response.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

22.6 Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club

File:	11.17
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November 2013
Attachments:	EGGC

Matter for Consideration:

Letter of thanks from Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club.

Background:

At the June meeting council considered a request from the Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club for assistance in printing their brochures for the Gymkhana to be held during the Landor Races.

Council resolved:

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor Halleen	
That Council confirms they will offer sponsorship to the Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club, by way of printing the programmes for the Gymkhana to be held on Sunday 6 th October at Landor.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

Comment:

The programmes were printed and the Eastern Gascoyne Gymkhana Club has now sent in a letter of thanks which is attached.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council notes the letter of thanks.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Broad	Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh	
That Council notes the letter of thanks.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

23. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

24. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

Date	Activity
19 th October	Ordinary Election
19 th October	Tribute concert and auction for the late Peter Jeffries
22 nd October	Discussion with Micheal Keane on the Greenfields report on the Beringarra-Cue Road
22 nd October	Discussion with Peter Gerarda re Mullewa Police jurisdiction and the settlement being under Yalgoo police.
22 nd October	Discussion with Jeremy Wray of CPS re Hi-bred alternative power system for settlement
29 th October	With Cr Halleen conducted interviews with prospective Roadhouse operators

30 th October	LEMC & BFB Meeting
1 st November	Geoff and Debbie Gard accepted the offer to become the new roadhouse operators
5 th November	Spoke with Margaret Bannister of R.A.S. re transferring shire to Mid-west region
6 th November	Spoke with Jenny Harris of Mid West Group of R.A.S. – would love to have us in Mid West Group and will take to the next meeting to invite us to join
6 th November	Meeting with Deputy CEO and Simon Wilkes of Urbis for update on local planning scheme and strategy development.
7 th November	Discussion with Ursula Kretzer of the Department of Water regarding possible licencing requirement for settlement water

The CEO talked through her report including her discussion with Ursula Kretzer of the Department of Water regarding the possible licence requirement for the Settlement Bore. Councillor Foulkes-Taylor mentioned that this issue had been raised several times before but nothing had eventuated from it. The CEO mentioned that over-development down south had meant that new water control legislation was imminent.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor asked if everything was on track for the commencement of the new Roadhouse operators and the CEO answered in the affirmative. The CEO also noted that Civic Legal are happy for the Shire to use the lease pro-forma in the future and that Debbie and Geoff Gard are very organised.

Recommendation:

That the CEO’s Activity Report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor Williams	
That the CEO’s Activity Report be accepted		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

25. URGENT BUSINESS

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Councillor Broad	
That Council deal with three urgent items.		
Carried	For: 5	Against: 0

25.1 2012-13 CLGF Funding

File:	3.4.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November
Attachments:	2012-13 CLGF Funding

Matter for Consideration:

Decision on the eligibility of the 2012-2013 CLGF Funding.

Background:

Following changes to the current CLGF programme in August this year the department wrote to the shire to advise they would not be eligible for 2012/13 funding as they had not acquitted the 2010-2011 funding by 30th June 2013. This was the first time this date had been mentioned all previous communication had referred to the annual reports and acquittals being due by the 30th September. The CEO appealed the decision, explaining the circumstances of the floods in 2010/2011 and the delay.

A further letter was received on the 7th November upholding the original decision that we are no longer eligible for the 2012/2013 CLGF funding.

Comment:

The CEO has contacted Linda Leonard to ask for them to reconsider. We had always believed that as long as the money was expended by the 30th June 2013 and acquitted within three months following that we would be compliant. The department is stating that the agreement was for two years and had to be spent and audited and acquitted before the 30th June to be compliant. I feel this is a technicality that would not have come into play in previous years and is a way of withholding funds that would previously have been available.

The 2012-13 CLGF funds were \$505,851 and were budgeted to be used as \$120,000 for a bowling green and \$385,851 to be used to install a laundry and further accommodation and upgrades at the caravan park. If these funds are no longer forthcoming then these projects will not be able to proceed.

The CEO contacted surrounding shires to see if they were having similar problems. Ian Fitzgerald advised he had some similar issues but they have now secured the funding.

The CEO is trying further negotiation with the department and proposes escalating the matter to local politicians and WALGA to see if anything can be done but Council needs to be aware of the situation and the impact it could have on this year's budgeted capital programme.

The CEO summarised the position with the 2012-13 CLGF funding and noted that the Federal Budget in August 2013 had seen some severe cut-backs. There is a condition on the CLGF funding that 2010-11 funding had to be acquitted before 30 June 2013 ie the Agreement was for a period of two years. She spoke with Linda Leonard of the Department of Regional Development this morning in an effort to clarify the Department's position and during the conversation Linda pointed out that another area of non-compliance was that we hadn't notified them that the Shire of Murchison was under investigation by the CCC. If we had notified them, they wouldn't have given us the 2011-12 funding and Linda said they would now have to get further advice. Councillor Foulkes-Taylor suggested that we needed to get legal advice because in the early days of the investigation we were told by the CCC that the investigation was confidential and so weren't in the position to inform anyone.

Councillor Broad is in no doubt that this is all about Budget constraints and is doubtful that we will be able to make them change their position. The CEO mentioned that Vince Catania and WALGA had been advocating on behalf of other Shires and Councillor Williams thought that it might be a battle of wills and worth persevering. The CEO said that the conversation with Linda Leonard that morning had been disheartening but she didn't want to give up. Councillor Broad said that this issue is a couple of months old and other Shires had been working through it, so there is probably some free advice out there, rather than going to the lawyers.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

To be determined pending outcome of final decision.

Consultation:

Linda Leonard, Manager, Reporting & Evaluation, Department of Regional Development

Recommendation:

That council note the problems with the CLGF funding and take into account the impact that not receiving this funding will have on the proposed projects in the 2013/2014 budget.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That council note the problems with the CLGF funding and take into account the impact that not receiving this funding will have on the proposed projects in the 2013/2014 budget and that the CEO further investigates all possible ways to overturn this decision.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0****25.2 MAC request for Dishwasher**

File:	11.2
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November
Attachments:	MAC Request

Matter for Consideration:

Letter received from Murchison Arts Council.

Background:

A letter has been received from the Murchison Arts Council asking for provisional permission to install a commercial dishwasher in the kitchen at the Sports Club.

Comment:

The proposal is to install the dishwasher in the area where the hand washing sink currently is. There is a problem with the drain from this sink which was recently discovered in that the waste pipe runs to a small soak and is not actually connected into any leach drains or septic tanks. However this is something that needs to be fixed and has already been included on our list of required plumbing work to be carried out when the plumber comes out to carry out repairs and maintenance. The plumber should be here within the next two or three weeks and we can ask him to ensure the plumbing will be suitable to cope with a dishwasher. MAC are only asking for initial permission and will further investigate costs and funding and hope to carry it out without cost to Council.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That council grants provisional permission to the Murchison Arts Council to investigate the installation of a commercial dish washer in the kitchen at the sports club.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor****Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That council grants provisional permission to the Murchison Arts Council to investigate the installation of a commercial dish washer in the kitchen at the sports club.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0****25.3 Murchison Museum Requests**

File:	11.5
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	15 th November
Attachments:	Museum 1 & Museum 2

Matter for Consideration:

Two letters received form Murchison Outback Museum.

Background:

Two letters have been received from the Museum Committee.

Letter one is a request to consider using the old graders owned by the museum and the shire as a display in the eremophila walk.

Letter two is asking for reticulation of the area surrounding the museum.

Comment:

At the recent Community Action Group (2nd September 2013) there was discussion on the old grader located at the front of the shire office and it was recommended that this be re-located to the median strip to form part of the display. This is the same area - being the new strip put in to the south of the information gazebo. It was felt that this would create a good display for people driving into the settlement.

The second letter is thanking the shire for the job they did of maintaining the grounds around the museum and asking whether the trees and shrubs could be placed onto a reticulation system. Currently the plants to the left are on a reticulated system – but this would be for the gums and shrubs to the right of the entry. It would be quite easy to run a pipe from the existing supply to a tap with a timer operated retic to these plants. Cost of parts would probably be about \$200 plus Trevor's time to install it.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

1. That council support the idea of re-locating the grader currently outside of the shire office to the eremophila walk as part of a 'grader entry display'.
2. That council agree to install a simple reticulation system to the trees and shrubs at the front of the museum that are not currently on the existing system.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh****Seconded: Councillor Williams**

1. That Council support the idea of re-locating the grader currently outside of the shire office to the eremophila walk and allow the other two graders to be relocated there to form a 'grader entry display'.
2. That Council agree to install a simple reticulation system to the trees and shrubs at the front of the museum that are not currently on the existing system.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0**

The recommendation was amended to reflect the re-location of all the graders, not just the shire one currently outside the office.

26. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Motion to close the meeting to the public

Recommendation:

That the meeting move behind closed doors.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Broad****Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

That the meeting move behind closed doors.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0**

*The meeting was closed to the public at 2.40pm.
Dianne Daniels, Deputy CEO left the meeting at 2.40pm
Brian Wundenberg left the meeting at 2.40pm
Brian Wundenberg re-joined the meeting at 3.11pm*

Council discussed two matters behind closed doors.

Motion to open the meeting to the public

Recommendation:

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh****Seconded: Councillor Williams**

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors.

Carried**For: 5****Against: 0**

Council moved out from behind closed doors at 3.28pm

27. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the council meeting held on Thursday 19th December 2013.

Signed.....Presiding Officer