



Western Australia

Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,  
In accordance with Section 5.4(a) (i) of the Local Government Act 1995  
a Special Meeting of the Shire of Murchison is to be held in the  
Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,  
On **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014**, commencing at the conclusion of the Road Inspection.

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Shire President welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 2.35pm

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

Councillor MW Halleen – Shire President  
 Councillor R E Foulkes-Taylor – Deputy Shire President  
 Councillor S A Broad  
 Councillor P R Squires  
 Councillor A Whitmarsh  
 Councillor M Williams

**Staff:**

Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer  
 Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

**Apologies:**

Nil

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil

**8. REPORTS****8.1 Reports – Chief Executive Officer**

In accordance with S5.4 (b) of the Local Government Act 1995 a Special Meeting was decided by council for the purpose of dealing with the Road Inspection report.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be accepted

**Voting:**

Simple Majority

***Council Decision:***

**Moved: Councillor Broad**

**Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be accepted.

**Carried**

**For: 6**

**Against: 0**

**9. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

None expected

**10. Administration****10.1 Report on the Road inspection Undertaken**

File:	12.24
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014
Attachments:	Road Inspection Report

**Matter for Consideration:**

Matters arising from the Road Inspection Undertaken

**Background:**

The Shire of Murchison undertakes an annual inspection of roads within the district.

**Comment:**

At the February council meeting the dates for the road inspection were set for the 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Whitmarsh**

**Seconded: Councillor Squires**

That the Annual Road Inspection be held on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014  
2 days inspection

Overnight at Murchison Settlement

Route to be roads in the north east of the shire

Bus to be hired for transport

Short meeting of council at the conclusion of the road inspection on day 2

**Carried**

**For: 6**

**Against: 0**

**Statutory Environment:**

Road inspections are well within Council's legislative boundaries.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

That council discuss the road inspection.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

**Seconded: Councillor Halleen**

That council discuss the road inspection.

**Carried**

**For: 6**

**Against: 0**

**10.2 Discussion on the Road inspection**

*Unfortunately the CEO had not been able to accompany the councillors and the works supervisor on the road inspection trip due to staff shortages. Whilst this was disappointing the events were outside of anyone’s control.*

President Halleen said he felt it had been a very good inspection and everyone had contributed a lot. He wanted to thank Simon and Natalie for their hospitality for the Monday night stop over at Beringarra Station, and also thanks to Andrew for bringing along some seafood. He also thanked the Works Supervisor for the work he had undertaken to provide details of the proposed roadworks and maps and information he had supplied to everyone so they could all follow what was being discussed.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor said he thought that this was a good time of year to carry out the inspection. He thanked Brian Wundenberg, Works Supervisor, for driving the 900kms safely. He also thanked Simon and Nat and Andrew for the previous evening. The maps provided by the works supervisor had been very good to clarify re-alignments that were discussed.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor had taken notes along the way and it was decided to circulate a copy of the notes so that the works could be prioritised.

The works supervisor will go through the comments and work out a programme for councils’ consideration. He felt that the concrete crossings at Yallalong and Yarra Yarra need to be addressed.

**Beringarra-Cue Road**

Part of the inspection had been to assess the condition of the Beringarra-Cue Road as it has now been handed back to the shire.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor feels that money should be spent on a water control programme to mitigate the water damage. That would allow us to leave the bitumen in place and keep its integrity for as long as possible. It was felt that with maybe 10 days a year to fix pot holes some sections that are damaged could be maintained for another 4-5 years until larger sections fail.

Cr Squires agreed. Where water has been running over the road need to address the water problem to maintain the seal.

Cr Broad said there were some sections where the edges were being undermined and this needs to be addressed to prevent further damage.

The works supervisor suggested we see whether we can hire a truck from Main Roads to help share resources and will look into it.

All agreed there was only really one pool where the level of the road needs to be addressed.

**Heavy Maintenance**

This is the first year that Council has really run a ‘heavy maintenance’ programme. There was discussion on the effectiveness and work which has been undertaken.

Cr Broad felt it was working well but some jobs might be too much and more construction than maintenance. There was general discussion and it was agreed that the idea of heavy maintenance was to do road preservation – jobs such as bunds, drains, clearing verges. The works supervisor said that he felt that if the team was in the area doing this type of work and there was a small section of rough road that could be improved then it would be silly not to do it at the same time. After discussion it was agreed that sections up to 500m could be dealt with this way.

All agreed there had been some good jobs done this year and that the idea was worth continuing.

**Council Decision:**

**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

**Seconded: Councillor Williams**

That the CEO & Works Supervisor utilise the notes from the road inspection to produce a report of the suggested road programme for 2014/15 for presentation to council.

**Carried**

**For: 6**

**Against: 0**

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**12. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil

**13. MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 3.40pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Signed..... Presiding Officer