

Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council, held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison, On **Tuesday 26th May 2015**

PURPOSE:

To discuss 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 3:45pm

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 A Whitmarsh
Councillor M Williams

Absent

Councillor Paul Squires

Staff:

Dianne Daniels – Chief Executive Officer Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

Apologies:

Nil

3. Administration

3. Report on the Road Inspection Undertaken

File: 12.24

Author: Dianne Daniels - Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 13th June 2015

Attachments: Road Inspection Report

Matter for Consideration:

Matters arising from the Road Inspection Undertaken on the 25th and 26th May 2015

Background:

The Shire of Murchison undertakes an annual inspection of roads within the district. Works required on roads, crossing, bunds, drains and grids are diarised during the inspection for discussion and prioritisation into the works schedule for the following year.

Comment:

This year, the Road Inspection was undertaken on the 25th and 26th May. On the Monday, the group travelled the Carnarvon Mullewa Road to the Ballinyoo Bridge; the new Forest Yallalong Road to Yallalong; the Twin Peaks Wooleen Road to Twin Peaks homestead and then the Twin Peaks McNabbs Road to the Beringarra Pindar Road. We then headed north to Mt Wittenoom Road and followed that as far as the crossing at Mt Wittenoom. We returned to the Beringarra Pindar Road and headed north as far as Boolardy, then turned back south and took the Wooleen Boolardy Road. Turned left into the Wooleen Mt Wittenoom Road as far as the first grid east and then back to the Settlement.

On the Tuesday, we travelled butchers track to the boundary and then took the Butchers Track-Muggon Road and Muggon Mt Narryer Road back to the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road. We headed north to the Woodleigh Byro Road and followed that out to the boundary. We than returned to the Carnarvon Mullewa Road, headed north to the Yarra Yarra crossing and then back to the Settlement for the meeting.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:	Ρ	ol	icy	Imp	licatio	ns:
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Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

Nil

Comments from the participants in the road inspection were:

President Halleen suggested that the Works Supervisor could now prioritise works for next year;

Councillor Broad asked if there was works outstanding from years past and also thought that we are at a point where we need to do two or three crossings, including Yallalong and Yarra Yarra. Also, a good initiative is cutting out dangerous corners and we should continue to pursue that.

The Works Supervisor expanded on the work left from years past – two or three more corners on the Byro Woodleigh Road, but the low traffic count might mean that they may not be on the top of the priority list; also on Butchers Track 2kms from floodway west near gravel pit should be a priority. Also, Parkers and Murgoo corners were still outstanding;

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor was heartened by the Works Supervisor's passion for the roads and noted that many issues had been resolved over the last few years. Maybe one more Wandri hill on Beringarra Pindar Road. Would support coming north on Carnarvon Mullewa Road from southern boundary with Bitumen;

Councillor Williams suggested that we prioritise the southern crossings, Yarra Yarra crossing and finish off last year's work; also flatten windrows and open up sides of roads;

Councillor Whitmarsh was for replacing the Yarra Yarra crossing and the Byro Beringarra crossings, though they may be picked up in the flood damage claim;

President Halleen thought bunds and drains needed to be prioritised and the Roderick on the Beringarra Pindar road was getting deeper;

There was a general conversation regarding the pending Goldfields Technical Services Road Maintenance Agreement.

Councillor Foulkes-Taylor moved a motion 'That the Works Supervisor continue to work through the works program including this year's priorities, to be reviewed at budget time by Council'.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor Seconded: Councillor Broad

That the Works Supervisor continue to work through the works program including this year's priorities, to be reviewed at budget time by Council.

Carried For: 5 Against: 0

4. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4.38pm

These Minutes were confirmed at	the Council Meeting held on 26th May 2015.
Signed	. Presiding Officer