



Western Australia

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Thursday **24 August 2017**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the meeting open at 10:01 am

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

President R Foulkes-Taylor
Deputy President M Williams
Cr E Foulkes-Taylor
Cr Q Fowler
Cr A Whitmarsh

Peter Dittrich – CEO

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 am to allow the Tender Assessment Panel to continue.

The meeting resumed at 11:06 am.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

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

Moved: Councillor M Williams

Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

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

5. NEXT MEETING

28th September 2017

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Q Fowler applied for leave for the 28th September 2017

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor M Williams

That Cr Q fowler be granted leave for the 28th September 2017

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

1. Assessment of Tender 1.2017/18 Supply of Site Supervision Services for Road Flood Damage Repairs (WANDRRA AGRN 743)
2. Assessment of Tender 2.2017-18 Supply of Plant & Operators for Road Flood Damage Repairs (WANDRRA AGRN 743)

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 27 July 2017****Background:**

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

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 July 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

| | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Council Decision: | | |
| Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor | Seconded: Councillor M Williams | |
| That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 27 July 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings. | | |
| Carried | For: 5 | Against: 0 |

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

11. ACTION LIST

| No | Item | Action | Status |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Community Project Officer | Still sitting on the table. Meeting held 11 th March 2016 and recommendations presented to Council at the April OCM – the item was left to lay on the table while Council explored other options. | The position and requirement of a Community Project Officer is to be reviewed at the November Council Meeting. |
| 2 | Cemetery and Remembrance Walk (walk) | Completion of the cemetery and names for the remembrance walk. Community to be contacted to suggest names for inclusion. Community Advisory Group to advise Council on these projects. Invitation sent to CAG to meet on Friday 3 June. A surveyor will be at the Murchison Settlement shortly to survey the tip, so will plan to have the Cemetery done as well. | Following the discussions at the Budget Workshop further work on this project is to be undertaken in 2018/19. |
| 4 | Review of Road Network | Council to conduct a whole of shire road review. Establish roads to be closed/position of roads etc. and work with Landgate and surrounding shires. Full road pick-up has been undertaken by Greenfields and has been finalised – this was mainly to establish correct infrastructure values but will form a good basis from which to start. As an adjunct to this, the CEO was hoping to do a review of the Internal Hierarchy for this meeting, but it has turned out to be more complicated than first thought. The status (ie a road defined by description; a dedicated road; a gazetted road; a closed road) of roads no longer maintained needs to be identified before the Shire can progress with this. Undesignated unsurveyed roads were | Reviewed Road Hierarchy October 2016 as a starting point. We need to follow the following process to close roads: 1. Advertise the proposed closure/s in local newspaper; 2. Allow 35 days for submissions; 3. Resolve at a meeting following the advertising period to close the roads, after considering |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|----------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|---------|---------|
| P.27 Volvo Loader | 2006 | MU 65 | 8787 | 8787 | 8846 | 59 | 6021 | 2193.91 | 974.40 |
| P.28 Isuzu Dmax | 2009 | MU 300 | 225000 | 225000 | 225772 | 772 | 772 | 891.52 | 110.40 |
| P.32 Construction Gen | | | 25281 | 25281 | 25283 | 2 | 2 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| P.33 Maintenance Gen | | | 11798 | 11798 | 12280 | 482 | 482 | 365.26 | 720.00 |
| P.34 Generator Perkins | | Mechanic | 1744 | 1744 | 1744 | 0 | 0 | 657.46 | 99.60 |
| P.35 Generator 1-110kva | 2011 | | 26523 | 26523 | 26617 | 94 | 94 | 1210.03 | 7689.60 |
| P. 17035 New Generator | 2016 | | 2446 | 2446 | 3037 | 591 | 591 | | |
| P.37 Forklift | | | 12634 | 12634 | 12642 | 8 | 8 | | 25.20 |
| P.40A Toyota Hilux | 2014 | 01MU | 104000 | 104000 | 105885 | 1885 | 1885 | 447.17 | 169.20 |
| P.41 Cat 938G Loader | 2004 | MU 193 | 5850 | 5850 | 5936 | 86 | 86 | 1188.55 | 1270.80 |
| P.43 Bomag Roller | 2012 | MU1027 | 3537 | 3537 | 3560 | 23 | 23 | 2911.92 | 290.40 |
| P.48 Dog Fuel Trailer * | 1979 | MU 2026 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69.54 | n/a |
| P.49 Dog Fuel Trailer * | 1972 | MU 2005 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1037.46 | n/a |
| P.54 Isuzu T/Top | 2005 | MU 1002 | 181148 | 181148 | 181148 | 0 | 0 | 280.09 | 0.00 |
| P.55 Toyota Prado | 2012 | MU1011 | 100507 | 100507 | 101230 | 723 | 723 | 366.00 | 442.46 |
| P.57 Great Wall | 2012 | MU 167 | 63922 | 63922 | 65491 | 1569 | 1569 | 240.25 | 232.75 |
| P.59 45ft Flat Top * | 1978 | MU2044 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124.44 | n/a |
| P.60 Mercedes PTV | 2004 | MU 1009 | 103624 | 103624 | 103718 | 94 | 94 | 974.20 | 0.00 |
| P.61 Kenworth P/Mover | 2004 | MU 000 | 104665 | 104665 | 105925 | 1260 | 1260 | 1852.40 | 2204.40 |
| P.64 Isuzu Construction | 2013 | MU 140 | 136312 | 136312 | 138041 | 1729 | 1729 | 1474.96 | 542.40 |
| P.65 Generator 9KVA * | 2013 | H/ Maint | 6391 | 6391 | 7751 | 1360 | 1360 | 387.08 | 729.60 |
| P.67 Roadwest S/Tipper | 2013 | MU2042 | 83079 | 83079 | 84236 | 1157 | 1157 | 2159.04 | n/a |
| P.68 Bomag Padfoot | 2013 | MU1071 | 2055 | 2055 | 2095 | 40 | 40 | 1702.23 | 302.40 |
| P.72 Isuzu Fire Truck | 2013 | MU1068 | 2149 | 2149 | 2152 | 3 | 3 | 1478.83 | 0.00 |
| P.73 Toyota Fast Attack | 2014 | MU1069 | 8900 | 8900 | 8900 | 0 | 0 | 944.39 | 0.00 |
| Caravans | | | | n/a | | n/a | n/a | | n/a |
| P11076 JD Ride on mower | | | 937 | 937 | 939 | 2 | 2 | 3211.86 | 2974.80 |
| P15006 Isuzu Maint | 2015 | MU1018 | 48269 | 48269 | 52672 | 4403 | 4403 | 1430.01 | 1868.40 |
| P16063 Toyota Prado | 2016 | MU 0 | 29327 | 29327 | 32965 | 3638 | 3638 | 1168.37 | 508.61 |
| P16075 Kuboto Mower | 2016 | | 175 | 175 | 180 | 5 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

13.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

Crew are progressing well with the 4.1km RRG works program on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road 20km north of the Settlement.

The first 1km of this existing road has been reformed (gravel and material that had been cut off over years of maintenance grading pulled back onto the road) and then gravel sheeted to 8m wide x 200mm thick. One new bund and a floodway will also be added within this section.

A 3km realignment was put in place from the northern end of the existing road as the old road ran through a flood prone section. This new section was also formed up and calcrete was carted into low spots and gravel sheeted to 8m wide x 200mm thick with 3 new floodway's added.

With the completion of the RRG works above, crew will then move plant and camping equipment up to the next work program reforming and gravel sheeting a 4.2km section (SLK 88.630 – SLK 92.900) on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road approx. 5.2km north of Curbur homestead. (camp will be based at Curbur Station) While crew are in the area there are approx. 6 small 50m bulldust sections from Curbur homestead to the start of the worksite that will require gravel sheeting.

Maintenance Crew

Since my last report the following roads have been graded:

- Remainder of Boolardy-Kalli road
- Kalli-Cue East road
- Beringarra-Pindar road from MRO turn off north to Beringarra/Byro intersection.
(My apologies - In the Roads Graded report last month I advised that Beringarra-Pindar road was graded to 10km north of Boolardy when it was actually to MRO turn off)
- Nookawarra-Mileura road

Crew then moved their camp from Nookawarra to Beringarra homestead and will grade all roads in this area:

- Beringarra-Mt Gould road
- Beringarra-Cue road
- Beringarra-Byro road to Milly-Milly homestead

From here crew will move camp to Erong/Beringarra-Byro road intersection and grade:

- Beringarra-Byro (Milly Milly homestead to Open Country Mill)
- Erong Road
- Yunda Road
- Innouendy road

Camp will then be moved to Byro homestead to grade:

- Remainder of Beringarra-Byro road from Open Country Mill to intersection Carnarvon-Mullewa road.
- Carnarvon-Mullewa road from Byro homestead road to the shire northern boundary.
- Byro homestead access road
- Carnarvon-Mullewa road from Byro homestead south for approx. 16km

From here they will move camp to the intersection on Woodleigh-Byro road.

Carnarvon-Mullewa Road – Bituminise 9km South of Ballinyoo Bridge

B & J Catalano have commence works on the 9km section from the Bridge south on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road. The works program involves reforming the sub grade by carting in material and gravel sheeting and sealing to 4m wide with 14mm aggregate. Due to the short supply of gravel in the 13km pit, (approx. 4,000-5,000m³) a crusher has been brought in to make gravel from the 6km pit.

Grids

8 old unwanted narrow 12ft grids have been removed from the New-Forrest-Yallalong and Coolcalalaya West roads.

- 3 on New Forrest from New Forrest homestead south.
- 2 on Yallalong from eastern boundary to Yallalong homestead.
- 1 at Yallalong homestead
- 2 East of Yallalong on the Coolcalalaya West road.

A narrow 12ft grid approx. 25km west of Yallalong on the Coolcalalaya West road has been removed as it was half way through a corner and in need of repairs. The shire will replace this grid with a new 24ft grid approx. 300m south of the existing position.

The insert on the 1st grid north of settlement on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road was pulled out and cleaned, reinserted and bolted back down. This grid is in the grid replacement works program for 2017/2018.

ROADS GRADED JULY – AUGUST 2017

| Name | Length of Road | SLK's Graded this month | Comments |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Beringarra-Pindar | 319.80km | 96km | MRO turn off to the intersection of Beringarra-Byro road |
| Boolardy/Kalli | 57.30km | 27km | |
| Mileura-Nookawarra | 49.08km | 49km | |
| Kalli Cue East | 21.87km | 21km | |

Total this month graded 193km (crew had a good run this month).

Recommendation:

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

Discussion:

President R Foulkes-Taylor has discussed the relocation of the grid south of the settlement with the affected station owner. The grid will be moved to the boundary of the settlement.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor M Williams

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

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

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED**14.1 Shire President**

President R Foulkes-Taylor submitted the following written report:

WA Local Govt Convention 2017

As a councillor for the Shire of Murchison I recently had the opportunity to attend the WALGA Convention, held in Perth over four days between August the 1st and 4th.

The convention had many components which included:

- The WALGA Annual General meeting
- Guest speakers on many different topics, but all with some relevance to Local Government
- Plenty of time to meet and talk with other councillors from all around the state.
- A trade exhibition where heaps of different suppliers to the local Govt sector come together under one roof to display their products and/or services.
- Information sessions from presenters with specialist knowledge in subjects such as auditing, emergency management, street lighting, waste management, urban planning and politics to name a few. Premier Mark McGowan spoke for about ten minutes or so and I felt he seemed well informed on current Local Govt concerns/issues and he said he was looking forward to a mutually respectful relationship between the two levels of Government.

I felt Opposition Leader Mike Nahan's speech which followed, was sort of the first small step in trying to rebuild what I think was a fairly toxic working relationship between Local Govt and the last State Govt (especially towards the end of their term).

The Local Govt Minister, David Templeman, followed these two and his general energy, knowledge, and, what I sensed as almost keenness to be in the room talking to us Local Govt crowd, was a bit refreshing after some presentations from ministers in past years who looked like they didn't really want to be there. Overall I thought the interactions between politicians and the rest of the Local Govt members were pretty positive --- there were no big promises of funding or anything made, it just seemed a bit more constructive than it has been at times – I hope it lasts.

Catching up with Councillors, Mayors and Local Govt staff from all around the state is always a highlight for me, and this year was no exception. Our conversations ranged from simply meeting someone, detailed discussions around local gov't stuff, right through to some polite laughter when I have made yet another lame attempt at a joke. To show the varied nature of the people I spoke with I thought I would give a list of some Councils whose members I talked with. In no particular order of importance: Ashburton, CGG, Magnet, Cue, Meekatharra, Shark Bay, Wanneroo, Cambridge, Morowa, Cockburn, Wickepin, Perenjori, East Pilbara, Yalgoo, Woodanilling, Wiluna, Wagin, Upper Gascoyne, Armadale, Subiaco, East Fremantle, Coolgardie, Ngaanyatjarraku, Mosman Park, Carnarvon and Lake Grace.

As has been the case for the past few years, the Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi was a no show. From my perspective, it is pretty disappointing that the Local Govt member with arguably the highest public profile continues to be a polarising and negatively perceived leader of our capital city's council. I look forward to some positive stories about the leadership of our sort of figurehead council rather than just denials or explanations about past indiscretions, but I won't hold my breath.

If any local ratepayers have queries about other aspects of my trip to this WALGA event please feel free to call me.

Thank you to the Shire of Murchison in supporting me to attend this year's WALGA Convention.

Roscco Foulkes-Taylor

14.2 Councillors

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor Submitted the following writer report:

Cr. E. Foulkes-Taylor - WALGA Convention Report to Council

During the week August 1st -4th the Shire of Murchison supported me to attend the Local Government Convention in Perth. First up was the AGM on the 2nd, which Roscco and I attended as delegates for the Shire.

The main Convention started the next day. The opening act by The Merindas, an Aboriginal singing duo, had us singing, clapping and dancing in the aisles.

Keynote speaker, Dr Ernesto Sirolli started by apologising for his arrogance as a young man. An arrogance he thinks is shared by most people in 1st world countries with regard to those in countries less fortunate. We love telling poor and under privileged people what they should be doing to 'fix' themselves.

'Small is Beautiful' by Ernest Schumaker is a book that changed his thinking/life.

One line stayed with him: "Above all, in development if people do not wished to be helped, leave them alone.

This should be the first principle of aide."

A couple of his thoughts:

- Motivational Theory doesn't work in humans. It works in dogs and rats.
- Humanistic psychology. – Basic principle- every man/woman at any given time in their lives has a wish to improve themselves, have a dream for themselves. Entrepreneurship is universal. As leaders in our community it is our job to support people find their best selves.

Session 2 Innovation in Local Govt

Jim Wyatt- Strategic Project Officer, Curtin Uni

Spoke a lot about disruption – technology disrupting (changing) things as we know them.

His Motto: 'Disrupt yourself before somebody else does' – I thought, too late for us, the radio quiet restrictions on our shire already has!

One interesting idea that I took away was of a 'Community Self-Serve' facility on Council's web site- where the community registers events on council's webpage.

Alistair Scott-Farris- MD-C4D Intel

"With budget squeezes further cost reductions must come from technology and innovation."

Using images and technology to generate data which saves time eg tree counts in suburbs, evaluating buildings, roads etc.

Drone technology will become increasingly useful.

I came away feeling very concerned that our shire will be severely disadvantaged by the restrictions placed on using current and future technology by the limitations around radio quiet imposed by CSIRO.

The next session I attended was about the importance of measuring outcomes from cultural activities. If Shires are spending money on cultural activities it's important to measure, through satisfaction surveys etc, whether the desired outcomes were achieved and what might be done better next time.

The annual dinner was well attended and enjoyable. It was very good to meet Peter's wife Tessa, although, with very loud music, it wasn't a great opportunity to talk properly unfortunately.

Thanks to the Shire of Murchison for the privilege of attending this year's Local Government Convention.

August 24th 2017

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor suggested that council appoint a representative to lobby for the Shire of Murchison in the SKA Project.

Cr A Whitmarsh submitted the following written report:

SKA Stakeholders Meeting Notes

Actions from last meeting

- Still identifying projects to be completed and to see how it fits community.
- Interpretive centre in Geraldton, more than likely be at museum with space available.
- Gavin Treasure supports Murchison settlement Interpretive centre once Geraldton centre established.

Leverage funds for interpretive centre.

- Boolardy lease and other forms of tenure still being negotiated.

SKA Office – David Luchetti

- Various treaties dealing with procurement, IP access, visa applications, etc. Hopefully sorted by Jan next year. IP sharing treaty restricted to science and education departments.
- 10 members in project with \$215m committed by Australia – 22% funding UK, 38% funding Aust, 40% SA.
- Ilua negotiations – had 4 meetings and hopefully 1 more to finalise, expected by end of year.
- Will be no buy local policy.

WA Government – David Perez

- Pastoral lease tenure negotiations have been restarted
- Roads design completed??????? (Mainroads mentioned it too)

MRO Update – Kevin Ferguson

- Still issues with power system.
- ASCAP upgrade of “Drums” on dishes hopefully operating by June next year.

MWA – Randall Wayth

- Operating since 2013, nearly completed upgrade.
- Japan and China come on as partners.

MWDC – Gavin Treasure and Rob Jefferies

- MW R&D discussion paper presentation.

My feel Murchison may have been caught knapping a bit, mainly Geraldton centered. Murchison Shire may have to do a bit more behind the scenes work to catch up.

Cr Q Fowler – Nil

Cr M Williams - Nil

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

16. FINANCE

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

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| File: | 4.37.1 |
| Author: | Peter Dittrich – Chief Executive Officer |
| Interest Declared: | No interest to disclose |
| Date: | 12 August 2017 |
| Attachments: | EFT & Cheque Details for July 2017 |

Matter for Consideration:

Endorsement of accounts paid during the month of July 2017.

Background:

If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, then the CEO is to prepare a list of accounts paid by the CEO during the month to present to Council.

Comment:

Payments made during the month of July 2017 are attached.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 13 states:

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
 - (a) the payee's name; and
 - (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —
 - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented
- (3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be —
 - (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Budget/Financial Implications:

Payment from the Municipal, Trust and Reserve Bank Accounts.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

Moore Stephens

Recommendation:

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,645,277.90 which includes \$900,240 of intra account transfers for the month of July 2017, be endorsed by Council.

Discussion:

No Financial Statements were presented this month. The July and August 2017 Financial statements will be presented at the September 2017 meeting.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,645,277.90 which includes \$900,240 of intra account transfers for the month of July 2017, be endorsed by Council.

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

16.2 2017/18 Budget Adoption

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|--------------------|--|
| File: | 2.4 |
| Author: | Peter Dittrich - Chief Executive Officer |
| Interest Declared: | No interest to disclose |
| Date: | 19 August 2017 |
| Attachments: | Statutory Budget for the Shire of Murchison 2017/18 Fees and Charge for 2017/18 |

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider the budget for the 2017/18 Financial Year and the Fees & Charges for 2017/18.

Background:

As part of the function of local government and its operations, under Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995, during the period 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, each local government is to prepare and adopt its Annual budget in the prescribed format.

The 2017-2018 draft detailed Budget was considered by council at a workshop held on the 17th of August 2017. The Statutory Budget presented today reflects the decisions that came from that workshop.

Comment:**Fees and Charges**

All fees and charges have been revised considering the cost to Council and by comparing the proposed Fee or Charge to that charged by alternative suppliers in a similar situation.

Differential Rates

In accordance with the requirements of section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a statement of intended differential rates and minimum payments was advertised. The advertisement contained details of each differential general rate and minimum payment endorsed by Council and invited submissions from electors or ratepayers in respect of the proposed differential general rate or minimum payment and any related matters within 21 days. No submissions were received. Before adopting the differential general rates and associated Minimum Rates, Council was required to seek Ministerial Approval. This approval was sought immediately following the July 2017 meeting and approval was granted on 2 August 2017.

Statutory Environment:Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 refers.

Section 6.2(2) of the Act requires that in preparing its annual budget the Council is to have regard to the contents of its plan for the future prepared in accordance with section 5.56. Under the Integrated Planning

Framework for Local Government, that is the Community Strategic Plan. This section requires that Council must prepare detailed estimates of:

- (a) Expenditure;*
- (b) Revenue and income, independent of general rates*
- (c) The amount required to make up the 'deficiency' if any shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.*

Section 6.2(3) requires that all expenditure, revenue and income must be taken in account unless otherwise prescribed. Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 32 prescribes amounts that may be excluded in calculating the 'budget deficiency'

Section 6.2(4) requires the annual budget to incorporate:

- (a) Particulars of estimated expenditure proposed;*
- (b) Detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply, including:*
 - (a) Amount estimated to be yielded by the general rate*
 - (b) Rate of interest to be charged on unpaid rates and service charges;*
 - (c) Fees and charges;*
 - (d) Borrowings and other financial accommodations proposed;*
 - (e) Reserve account allocations and uses;*
 - (f) Any proposed land transactions or trading undertakings per section 3.59*

Strategic Implications:

The Budget has been informed by the Shire's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan with the view to achieving the community's vision and Shire's strategic goals.

Sustainability Implications

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant social considerations

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The 2017/18 budget will guide the activities of the Shire for the financial year.

Consultation:

N/A

Recommendation:

PART A - MUNICIPAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2017/18

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 3 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in the attachment of this agenda for the Shire of Murchison for the 2017/18 financial year which includes the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type on page 2 showing a net result for that year of (\$2,207,535).
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Recommendation – Absolute Majority Required

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1. That Council, for the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Part A above, pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, impose the following differential and minimum rates on Unimproved Values.
 - 1.1 Differential Rates
 - Pastoral (UV) 2.8577 cents in the dollar
 - Mining (UV) 29.4002 cents in the dollar
 - Exploration (UV) 7.2124 cents in the dollar
 - 1.2 Minimum Rates
 - Pastoral (UV) \$277
 - Mining (UV) \$419
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2. That Council, pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 64 (2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, offers a one and a four instalment payment option, and nominates the following due dates for payment in full or by instalments:
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4. That Council, pursuant to section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 68 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an interest rate of 0.0% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.
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Recommendation – Absolute Majority Required

PART C – GENERAL FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2016/17

That Council, pursuant to section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, adopts the fees and charges 2017/18 as attached to this agenda.

Recommendation – Simple Majority Required

PART D – OTHER STATUTORY FEES FOR 2017/18

1. That Council, pursuant to section 53 of the *Cemeteries Act 1986* adopts the Fees and Charges for Cemeteries within the Shire of Murchison as included in the draft 2017/2018 Fees and Charges as attached to this agenda.

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Recommendation - Simple Majority Required

PART F – MATERIAL VARIANCE REPORTING FOR 2017/18

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Recommendation - Simple Majority Required

Discussion:

The CEO spoke to the budget and the fees and charges. Differential Rating and Members Fees had being discussed at prior Council Meetings.

Voting Requirements:

As Above

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

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Simple Majority For: 5

Against: 0

17. DEVELOPMENT**17.1 Delay of Call For Tender – Conversion of Beringarra Cue Road Sealed section to Gravel**

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|--------------------|---|
| File: | 4.52 |
| Author: | Peter Dittrich – Chief Executive Officer |
| Interest Declared: | No interest to disclose |
| Date: | 18 August 2017 |
| Attachments: | Correspondence in relation to boundary change and delay of tender |

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider:

1. Delaying of calling Public Tenders for the conversion of the sealed section of the Beringarra Cue Road to gravel pending the outcome of a boundary change application.

Background:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27th July 2017 the decision was made to invite Public Tenders for to convert the sealed section of the Beringarra Cue Road to gravel,

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27th April 2017 (Item 17.1) Council considered the proposal from Michael Tierney of Mileura to lodge a request with the Local Government Advisory Board for a boundary change for Mileura Station, moving it from the Shire of Murchison to the Shire of Cue and resolved not to support the proposal.

Comment:

Mr Michael Tierney sent an email on the 7th August to the CEO advising that he would be applying to the Local Government Advisory Board for a boundary change which would move the Mileura station into the Shire of Cue. He stated that he had an expectation that the Shire would delay the tendering process until the matter was resolved.

The Shire has not received any advice in relation to Mr Tierney's application from the Local Government Advisory Board. Mr Tierney was not able to provide a timeline in relation to his application.

As the timeline for the processing of Mr Tierney's application is unable to be determined, Council may wish to consider the delaying of the tendering of the conversion of the Beringarra Cue road to gravel. It is suggested that Council consider continuing the process to appoint a Project Superintendent and the related design of the road. This will minimise the expenditure incurred should the Local Government Advisory Board approve Mr Tierney's application and would minimise the delay incurred by the Shire in continuing the project should the Board disallow the application.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 Schedule 2.1 — Provisions about creating, changing the boundaries of, and abolishing districts

2. Making a proposal

- (1) ***A proposal may be made to the Advisory Board by —***
- (a) ***the Minister; or***
 - (b) ***an affected local government; or***
 - (c) ***2 or more affected local governments, jointly; or***
 - (d) ***affected electors who —***
 - (i) ***are at least 250 in number; or***
 - (ii) ***are at least 10% of the total number of affected electors.***

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Budget/ Financial Implications:

The cost of the appointment of the project Superintendent and the associated design will be funded by the Beringarra Cue Road reserve.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Consultation:

Mr M Tierney

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Continue the process to appoint a Project Superintendent and the related design of the road.
2. Delay the tendering process for Site Supervision and the supply of plant and labour for the conversion of the sealed section of the Beringarra Cue Road to gravel.

Discussion:

Cr M Williams asked if an individual could apply for a boundary change. The CEO advised that per Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act a proposal may be made by affected electors who are at least 10% of the

total number of affected electors. CR Whitmarsh and Cr E Foulkes-Taylor expressed the view that the proposal affected all electors in the Shire.

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor enquired as to the timeline for the application to be processed. Cr M Williams advised that prior applications had taken 6 to 8 months to process. Crs R Foulkes-Taylor, M Williams, and A Whitmarsh felt that they needed a definite timeline before they could support the proposed delay in calling for the tender.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor M Williams

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

That Council:

1. Continue the process to appoint a Project Superintendent and the related design of the road.
2. Delay the tendering process for Site Supervision and the supply of plant and labour for the conversion of the sealed section of the Beringarra Cue Road to gravel.

Lost

For: 1

Against: 4

Reason: Because of the indefinite timeline of the application and given the nature of the road any further delay is untenable.

18. ADMINISTRATION

18.1 Audit Committee Membership

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|--------------------|--|
| File: | 4.17 |
| Author: | Peter Dittrich - Chief Executive Officer |
| Interest Declared: | No interest to disclose |
| Date: | 21 st August 2017 |
| Attachments: | Nil |

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider changing the membership of the Audit Committee.

Background:

Following the Ordinary Council Election held in October 2015, at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 November 2015 Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee and its membership.

Comment:

The Membership of Council has changed over the intervening period with the resignation of Cr M Halleen and Cr S Broad, and the election of Cr Q Fowler. It is appropriate to review the membership of the Audit Committee for the period leading up to the next Ordinary Election, after which Council will need to consider the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee, the appointment of members to the Audit Committee and meeting dates for the Audit Committee.

The Act requires that an audit committee is to consist of a minimum of 3 members and in that situation all must be council members. Where a committee consists of more than 3 members then a majority of those members must be council members. Local Governments may decide to appoint a committee involving only elected members or they may appoint one or more persons who are external to the Council. If a Council considers it appropriate, the whole council can be appointed to the audit committee.

Statutory Environment:

The Local Government Act 1995 Subdivision 2 s 5.8 to s 5.25
LG (Audit) Regulations 1996

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Sustainability Implications

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council resolve that the Audit Committee will consist of all members of the Council as at 24th August 2017 and that all members shall have full voting rights.

The tenure of Member to the Committee is in accordance with Section 5.11 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor MWilliams****Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh**

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Carried**For: 5****Against: 0****19. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

| Date | Activity |
|-------------|--|
| 24.07.17 | Attendance at Murchison Executive Group held in Mt Magnet |
| 25.07.17 | Discussions with Department of Local Government re CEO support program |
| 26.07.17 | Discussions with Department of Local Government re Late Tenders |
| 26.07.17 | Meeting with Works Supervisor re budget and gravel for seal south of bridge. |
| 28.07.17 | Discuss gravel source and expansion of area to be cleared at 13 km pit with Works Supervisor. |
| 30.07.17 | Meeting with CR M Williams, Cr A Whitmarsh, and Works Supervisor to review the SKA road agreement. |
| 31.07.17 | Staff Meeting |
| 31.07.17 | Discussions with Moore Stephens re budget |
| 31.07.17 | Discussions with Michelle from the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation in relation to meeting to be held in Shire of Murchison |
| 01.08.17 | Discussions with Steve Petts – Spider relocation |
| 02.08.17 | Travel to Perth |
| 03.08.17 | Attendance at Local Government Week |
| 04.08.17 | Short telephone call with Rebecca Greenaway – SKA road agreement |
| 04.08.17 | Attendance at Local Government Week |
| 07.08.17 | Further discussions with R Greenaway |

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| 07.08.17 | Discussions with Office of Emergency Management – update of LEMA plans |
| 08.08.17 | Advice from RSM of change of Auditor attending site. |
| 08.08.17 | Meeting with Leading hand to discuss road work status |
| 09.08.17 | Discussions in relation to Budget – Moore Stephens |
| 09.08.17 | Attendance at Misconduct Prevention Workshop |
| 10.08.17 | Attendance at Public Information Disclosure training |
| 10.08.17 | SKA Project group meeting in Geraldton |
| 11.08.17 | Discussion with Nigel Goode re tenders |
| 11.08.17 | Meeting with Rowan Dawson – DPAW |
| 11.08.17 | Discuss staff housing ownership with S Davidovich from Department of Community Housing |
| 14.08.17 | Toolbox and staff meeting |
| 16.08.17 | Meeting with Works Supervisor |
| 17.08.17 | Budget workshop |
| 18.08.17 | Meeting with Tony Chisholm – sealing works. |

Recommendation:

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Discussion:

The CEO spoke to the report and responded to questions raised.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

Change in order of business. Item 21 to be discussed after Item 22

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**Motion to close the meeting to the Public****Recommendation:**

That the meeting move behind closed doors to discuss two items:

1. Assessment of Tender 1.2017/18 Supply of Site Supervision Services for Road Flood Damage Repairs (WANDRRA AGRN 743)
2. Assessment of Tender 2.2017/18 Supply of Plant & Operators for Road Flood Damage Repairs (WANDRRA AGRN 743)

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor M Williams

Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh

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Carried:

For: 5

Against: 0

22.1 Assessment of Tender 1.2017/18 Supply of Site Supervision Services for Road Flood Damage Repairs (WANDRRA AGRN 743)

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Q Fowler

Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh

That all tenders be rejected and the CEO be directed to re-let the tender under the same conditions as per the May 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting with the exception that the applicant may tender for either or both packages.

Carried:

For: 5

Against: 0

22.2 Assessment of Tender 2.2017/18 Supply of Plant & Operators for Road Flood Damage Repairs (WANDRRA AGRN 743)

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Q Fowler

Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

That package 1 be awarded to THEM Earthmoving as tendered and that package 2 be awarded to Red Dust Holdings as tendered. Provided that the local content is as stated per their tenders and is in place for the duration of the works.

Carried:

For: 5

Against: 0

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 A Whitmarsh
Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor A

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors.

Carried:

For: 5

Against: 0

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm for lunch and resumed at 1:48 pm

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Council discussed the possibility of holding a Special Meeting of Council by telephone, in September 2017, to discuss the awarding of RFT 2.2017/18, if required. Regulation 14A applies and requires a three part motion for each item under 14A (1) with an absolute majority. 14A (1) (b) requires that *the person is in a suitable place*". A suitable place is in relation to a person other than a person with a disability is defined as a *place that the council has approved* as a suitable place for the purpose of this paragraph and that is located*

- (i) *in a townsite or other residential area; and*
- (ii) *150 km or further from the place at which the meeting is to be held under regulation 12, measured along the shortest road route ordinarily used for travelling;*

Townsite has the same meaning given to that term in the Land Administration Act 1997 section 3(1).

Advice received from the Department of Local Government is that a Residential Area is one defined in the Local Town Planning Scheme.

23. MEETING CLOSURE

The President closed the meeting at 1:52pm

These minutes were confirmed at the council meeting held on

Signed..... Presiding Officer