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Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the
Murchison Shire Council

Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
on Saturday **12 December 2020**, commencing at 12 Noon.

Note meeting was conducted in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions.

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ATTACHMENTS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President declared the meeting open at 12.01pm.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Councillors

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor – President
Cr A Whitmarsh – Deputy President
Cr E Foulkes-Taylor
Cr G Mead
Cr P Squires

Staff

Bill Boehm – CEO
Tatjana Erak – DCEO
William Herold – Works Manager

Apology

Cr Q Fowler

Members of the Public

Paul Lukitsch
Rebecca Wheadon – CSIRO
Chris Brayton - CSIRO

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 25 November 2020

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 25 November 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings with an amendment to reflect the accuracy of Mr Lukitsch's comments.

Note: Prior to considering the recommendation Mr Lukitsch clarified that when he attended the November council meeting and made known that he wished to have the Cemetery as his last resting place, it was never his intention to be buried at the cemetery. Mr Lukitsch spoke of an agreement with a former CEO, Dianne Daniels, to establish a garden in a corner featuring local Miniritchie wattles (acacia grasbyi) which he is currently tending and will probably be the final resting place for his ashes. At the November meeting, Council was not aware of this information and assured Mr Lukitsch that the November minutes would be confirmed incorporating this clarification.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Cr A Whitmarsh

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 November 2020 incorporating Mr Lukitsch's comments in relation to Public Question Time be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

For 5

Against 0

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

6 STANDING ORDERS

Matter for Consideration

It has been customary practice in the interests of a productive meeting in relation to the Conduct of Members during debates for the Council suspend Standing Orders 8.2 (Limitation on Number of speeches) and 8.3 (Duration of Speeches) under Local Law 2001. To facilitate this, the following recommended resolution is required.

Recommendation

That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:

8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches

8.3 Duration of speeches

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr R 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

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In addition to comments regarding November's minutes, Mr Lukitsch requested permission to start painting a blue tree 600m from Yallalong-New Forrest Road (near the parking bay). The Blue Tree Project is about promoting awareness of depression and that it is ok to talk about it.

Mr Lukitsch left the chambers at 12.07pm.

After Mr Lukitsch left the chamber the Shire President spoke on the meaning of the blue tree project and some history within the Shire. It was decided that Mr Lukitsch is to be advised that council is agreeable to painting the tree.

8 NEXT MEETING

The council meeting dates for 2021 have been adopted at item 17.1, which makes the next meeting on Thursday 25 February 2021.

The CEO left the chambers at 12.10pm and returned at 12.12pm.

9 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

9.1 Cr Q Fowler

Councillor Quentin Fowler has now advised in writing by email dated 7 December 2020 that he had put an apology for the November and December Council Meetings due to personal family matters. Councillors have been advised of Cr Fowler's situation. He has now requested that although he has every intention of attending the February Council Meeting his personal family circumstances may change so he requested that he be granted Leave of Absence for the February 2021 meeting.

Comment

The granting of Leave of Absence is a matter for Council.

At the time of receiving this request the Meeting dates for 2021 as outlined in Item 17.1 have not been set by Council. Whilst it is customary to have a no meeting in January it is not without precedent that depending on the circumstances one may be required. It may therefore be prudent that if Cr Fowler's Leave of Absence is granted that it include the balance of this meeting and any meetings that may arise up to and including the February Council Meeting .

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh **Seconded: Cr** G Mead

That Cr Q Fowler be granted leave of absence for the remainder of this Meeting up to the 28 February 2021.

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

10 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

11 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

12 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

CSIRO Presentation

Deferred until after Item 14.1 was completed

Council returned to item 12 after item 14.1 for an informal discussion with Rebecca Wheadon & Chris Brayton as representatives from CSIRO at 12.45pm.

Ms Wheadon's role is to manage Boolardy Station and Mr Brayton is her deputy. Some of the discussion centred on roles, expectations and the working relationship between the Shire and CSIRO moving forwards.

The Regional Space Economy Benefits Package was discussed and possible future benefits could be road sealing to Mullewa, optic fibre to the settlement and funding for an interpretative centre.

Ms Wheadon brought up maintenance on cattle grids and the CEO and Shire President talked through several scenarios. The road to the Manfred outstation is the only road that is on the Shire road register and affects the Shire, which receives quarterly grant funding for general road maintenance.

A proposal was floated to hold an astronomy event to coincide with July's polocrosse event. However, it was deemed that this may not work due to that weekend being very busy for polocrosse participants. A Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory open day is proposed to be held in 2021, potentially in conjunction with an innovation day.

Ms Wheadon assured council that access to gravel and water are not an issue; however, letting her know where shire resources are placed lets her keep on top of movements on the station.

Ms Wheadon and Mr Brayton left the chambers at 1.09pm.

13 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

13.1 Shire President

Murchison Country Zone of WALGA - 27 November 2020

The meeting held in Cue was very constructive. The Shire's template for feedback on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2020 review was used by other shires in their responses. Support in general for an upgraded hospital in Meekatharra.

13.2 Councillors

Cr A Whitmarsh

Square Kilometre Array (SKA) Stakeholders Meeting - 9 December 2020

Dave Lucchetti will be moving to the commercial division and away from the SKA, but will remain chair of the finance committee and leading negotiations on ILUA with the Wadjarri.

Plans and schedules hope to be approved by second quarter of 2021, with site works planned to begin early 2022. Contract will be based on NEC4 contract model (English origin I think). Bulk of the construction will be over 3.5 – 4 years and total construction length will be over 6 years.

Still a very strong emphasis on aboriginal employment with fencing and firebreak contracts going out early next year. PBC still being discussed and maybe a decision on which organisation will become PBC for the area around Feb-March next year.

Rebecca Wheadon introduced to group as lead on site management group which will end up consisting of about 12 people. A Regional Benefits package is being put together by the MidWest Development Corporation (MWDC). To include interpretive centre component among other things. Looks like to be a tiered type setup – Perth – Geraldton – Murchison. Hoping to be minister before Christmas. Adam Murszewski from MWDC to organise meeting about interpretive centre.

Next meeting to be held next February/March 2021.

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

- Southern Rangeland's have a new 0.5FTE officer who is working out of the MWDC office.
- Impressed with signage at Granites and would like to see something similar used in Geo-tourism elsewhere in the Murchison region.
- Rio Tinto are considering a diesel fitter training partnership with Westrac Geraldton, with the potential to rebuild a number of heavy machinery items in Geraldton rather than Perth.
- Exmouth will be hosting many stargazers when a hybrid solar eclipse occurs on 20 April 2023. It would be good for the Shire to host an astro-tourism event to run in conjunction.

14 WORKS

14.1 Works Report

File:

Author: William Herold – Works Manager

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date 5 December 2020

Attachments: Nil

Construction Crew

The Construction crew should go close to finishing the re-sheet on the South end of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road by the Christmas break. That will leave the floodways and possibly a slight re-alignment of the sharp corner immediately north of the Bullardoo Pinegrove boundary for next year.

The construction Grader is currently in Geraldton being repaired. The hydraulic pump was making metal, fortunately it appears the filters did their job and prevented all but the smallest bits passing through the system. At present it will be a new hydraulic pump and possibly a motor on the 6 Wheel drive.

Maintenance Crew

The maintenance crew will continue north on the Beringarra Pinder Road until we break for Christmas.

10A Kurara Way

Yuin Contracting have put down the concrete slab for the extension and it is proposed the building works will commence in early January 2021.

14 Mulga Crescent

Internal renovation works have been successfully completed with Stuart Broad and Samantha Walton moving in on the weekend of the 6-7 December.

Christmas Wishes

After what has turned out to be a very busy and productive year for the Shire, in spite of Covid 19 and all the drama and issues associated around it, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our staff, both Works and Administration, for their work and input over the last year. To our Councillors, thank you for your unselfish input and time and to the whole Murchison community may we have a blessed Christmas, a wet and prosperous 2021. To all who will be travelling, safe travels and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Council Comments

Cr Squires requested information from the Works Manager regarding grading at Wooleen – Pia to woolshed.

Not all potholes on Beringarra-Cue are cost effective to fix and can only fill with suitable material which will be an ongoing programme. Floodways that can be saved will be. Cr Squires is concerned that this may be an issue as there is increased travel on that road.

Recommendation

The Works Report be received and accepted.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision**Moved: Cr** G Mead**Seconded: Cr** P Squires

The Works Report be received and accepted.

Carried**For**

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Against

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CSIRO Presentation

A general discussion was held with CSIRO representatives Rebecca Wheadon & Chris Brayton at this point and is documented in item 12 (12.45-1.09pm).

Ms Wheadon and Mr Brayton left the chambers at 1.09pm.

15 FINANCE

15.1 Accounts Paid since the last list was adopted/endorsed by Council

File: 4.37.1
Author: Tatjana Erak - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 20 November 2020
Attachments: 15.1.1 EFT & Cheque Details for November 2020

Matter for Consideration

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13* requires that 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 for each month and present this to the next ordinary meeting of the Council after the list has been prepared and have this recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

A list of payments presented in accordance with *Regulation 13* of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* made since the last report to Council is attached.

Strategic Implications

None

Policy Implications

None

Budget/Financial Implications

Payment from the Municipal, Trust and Reserve Bank Accounts.

Consultation

Moore Australia

Recommendation

That the accounts since the last report to Council, as per the attached Schedule be recorded in the minutes as being presented to Council.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh **Seconded: Cr** G Mead

That the accounts since the last report to Council, as per the attached Schedule be recorded in the minutes as being presented to Council.

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

15.2 Financial Activity Statements 31 October 2020

File:

Author: Tatjana Erak - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date 8 December 2020

Attachments: 15.2.1 Monthly Management Financial Report October 2020

Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 requires that local government report monthly and prescribes what is required to be reported. Council is required to consider adopting the Monthly Financial Statements.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

Consultation

Moore Australia

Recommendation

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31 October 2020 as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead **Seconded: Cr** P Squires

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 31 October 2020 as attached.

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

15.3 Financial Activity Statements 30 November 2020

File:

Author: Tatjana Erak - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date 8 December 2020

Attachments: 15.3.1 Monthly Management Financial Report November 2020

Matter for Consideration

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 requires that local government report monthly and prescribes what is required to be reported. Council is required to consider adopting the Monthly Financial Statements.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Reports showing year to date financial performance allow monitoring of actual expenditure, revenue and overall results against budget targets.

Consultation

Moore Australia

Recommendation

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30 November 2020 as attached.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor **Seconded: Cr** A Whitmarsh

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30 November 2020 as attached.

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

16 DEVELOPMENT

16.1 Settlement Power Microgrid Feasibility Report

File: 10.5
Author: Bill Boehm - Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: Nil
Date: 5 December 2020
Attachments: 16.1.1 Hybrid Systems Microgrid Feasibility Report

Matter for Consideration

Consideration of Microgrid Feasibility Report from Hybrid Systems for the upgrade of the Settlements Power.

Update

Prior to the last Council Meeting the Settlement Power Working Group comprising the CEO, Cr Roscco Foulkes-Taylor, Cr Greydon Mead, Cr Paul Squires, Works Manager and Tom Foulkes-Taylor had been reviewing a report from Hybrid System's into options to upgrade Councils Power Supply with installation of a Solar, Battery Diesel system. Copy of the Feasibility Report is attached.

In the Report two options were evaluated in detail each with expected payback periods of around 8 years.

- Option 1 A 149kWp (100kWac) Centralised Solar PV (ground-mount east-west array) with 200kVA / 182.6kWh Lithium Ion Battery System for solar smoothing, daytime diesel-off capability, and late afternoon/evening peak load support, integrated with new efficient diesel generators and control system
- Option 2 A 248kWp (200kWac) Centralised Solar PV (ground-mount east-west array) with 200kVA / 365.2kWh BESS for additional diesel-off/reduction capability, solar smoothing and evening/morning peak lopping, integrated with new efficient diesel generators and control system.

Immediately prior to the December Council Meeting the CEO, Cr Roscco Foulkes-Taylor, Cr Greydon Mead, and Works Manager all met and along with Tom Foulkes-Taylor all concurred that Option 2 was the best long-term proposition. It was intended that their recommendation be put to the November Council Meeting as Urgent Business, but this was inadvertently forgotten.

Recommendation

That following evaluation by the Settlement Power Working Group, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to instruct Hybrid Systems to undertake detailed design work and produce accompanying specifications that will enable Council to undertake a procurement process for the installation of Option 2 as identified in the Microgrid Feasibility Report from Hybrid Systems.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead **Seconded: Cr** P Squires

That following evaluation by the Settlement Power Working Group, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to instruct Hybrid Systems to undertake detailed design work and produce accompanying specifications that will enable Council to undertake a procurement process for the installation of Option 2 as identified in the Microgrid Feasibility Report from Hybrid Systems.

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

17 ADMINISTRATION

17.1 2021 Meeting Dates

File: 4.16
Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 8 December 2020
Attachments: Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider the meeting dates for Ordinary Council Meetings for 2021.

Background

The precedent is that Ordinary Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday in each month commencing at 12 noon, with the exceptions of January, when a recess is traditionally observed and December which is to be held on the same day as the Shire Community Christmas Tree thereby allowing for the Christmas break.

In 2020 this precedent was required to be varied on three occasions by moving to a Wednesday after initially setting the 2020 meeting dates. At the time Council realised the importance of Cr E Foulkes-Taylor's commitments as a Board Member with the MidWest Regional Development Board and accordingly varied meeting days during the year to assist her participation.

Comment

To avoid similar clashes with Cr E Foulkes-Taylor's commitments in 2021 and to maintain as far as practicable the Thursday as the Ordinary Council Meeting Day, dates proposed have been shuffled slightly. The Saturday December Meeting is also proposed to be held a week later in December than in the past two years, thereby returning to its more usual slot.

The following proposed dates for meetings to be held in 2021

January 2021 (No meeting)	Thursday 22 July 2021
Thursday 25 February 2021	Tuesday 31 August 2021
Thursday 25 March 2021	Thursday 23 September 2021
Thursday 22 April 2021	Wednesday 27 October 2021
Thursday 27 May 2021	Thursday 25 November 2021
Thursday 17 June 2021	Saturday 18 December 2021

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 Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2021 as follows:

Murchison Shire 2020 Ordinary Council Meetings

The following ordinary Council meetings are open to the public commencing at 12 noon on the dates as shown below. All meetings are held in Council Chambers, Murchison Settlement, WA.

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Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh **Seconded: Cr** P Squires

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

17.2 Structural Review of Councils Policy and Procedures

File: 4.40
Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 8 December 2020
Attachments: 17.2.1 Revised Policy and Procedures Manual (Draft) December 2020
17.2.2 2005 Policy Manual (Updated 25 November 2020)

Matter for Consideration

Structural Review of Councils Policy and Procedures through consideration and adoption of a new suite of policies and procedures as collated in a new Policy and Procedures Manual

Background

At the November Council Meeting as part of a structural review of Councils policies and procedures, Council resolved as follows

- 1 *That Council receive and adopt the Chief Executive Officers Structural Review of Councils Policy and Procedures Report and endorse the overall principles and its general direction*
- 2 *That Council rescind those aspects of the current updated 2005 manual that have for logical practical reasons have largely been surpassed through legislative changes or the passage of time as identified in attachment 17.4.4 (this accompanied the associated Agenda Item.)*
- 3 *That Council adopts the Transitional Policy and Procedure Register and resultant 2020 Proposed Policy Listing and Grouping*
- 4 *That Council reviews each Draft Policy as presented in the 2020 Draft Policy and Procedures Manual and once reviewed adopts each respective policy*
- 5 *Upon completion of implementation of point 4 rescind the 2005 Policy Manual (18 November 2020 Update)*
- 6 *Commence a programmed Policy Review Schedule and update at each stage item by item on regular basis*

Update

Having now completed *resolutions 1 to 3* all that remains is to complete the remaining tasks.

In this regard attached is a Revised Policy and Procedures Manual (Draft) December 2020 which is presented for adoption.

The following work has been undertaken since the last meeting

- 1 The number of classifications has been reduced from 9 to 7 with Roadhouse and Caravan Park incorporated into the Community Economic and Recreation Section and Fire Management incorporated into the Works Area.
- 2 A new 5.4 Museum Policy has been developed in consultation with Cr E Foulkes-Taylor which expands on previous decisions in relation to the Museum Cottage.
- 3 New spaces have been provided for future 5.5 Community Garden and 5.6 Community Paddock Policies
- 4 Policy 6.1 Roads has been updated with a more expansive explanation for a Road Drainage Principles and Practices Element. This update and expands on a recently rescinded Bunds Policy and represent what we now endeavor to achieve in practice.
- 5 Fire Organisation and Fire Operations Policies have been amalgamated under 6.3 Fire. Minor alterations from Rick Ryan have also been incorporated to accord with current operating requirements.
- 6 Minor tweaks in presentation for each policy have also been undertaken.

The content of all remaining policies has not altered from the initial November draft which still incorporates all previously remaining policies that have been transferred from the updated 2005 Policy Manual.

Review

By now all Councillors have had opportunity to review the contents of each policy contained within the Revised Policy and Procedures Manual such that as foreshadowed at the November meeting the above resolutions 4 and 5 could be enacted now.

As previously indicated resolution 6 provides for a commencement of a programmed Policy Review Schedule and update at each stage item by item on regular basis so there is plenty of scheduled opportunity for a more in-depth policy by policy review in the near future.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

2.7. Role of council

(1) The council —

- (a) governs the local government's affairs; and
- (b) is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —

- (a) oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and
- (b) determine the local government's policies.

Strategic Implications

Strategically policies should follow and implement Councils overall Community Strategic Plan.

Policy Implications

The Policy Manual is the implementing Policy Document.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

CEO, DCEO, WALGA, Works Manager

Recommendation

That Council resolve as follows:

- 1 That Council adopts the Revised Policy and Procedures as incorporated into the Policy and Procedures Manual (Draft) December 2020.
- 2 Rescinds the 2005 Policy Manual (25 November 2020 Update) and associated policies.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Cr P Squires

That Council resolve as follows:

- 1 That Council adopts the Revised Policy and Procedures as incorporated into the Policy and Procedures Manual (Draft) December 2020.
- 2 Rescinds the 2005 Policy Manual (25 November 2020 Update) and associated Policies.

Carried

For

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Against

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18 CEO ACTIVITY REPORT

File:

Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 8 December 2020

Attachments: Nil

General

Despite the period preceding the December council meeting being short, as indicated, some important work has been undertaken

As this is the last Council Meeting for the year, I would like to formally thank all Councillors and staff for working so constructively and cooperatively in what has seen significant but positive change. Support for Kaye has been invaluable and much appreciated. In 2019 I thought 2020 looked promising. I now think 2021 looks even better, including implementing a range of actions that are already in progress.

Date	Activity
23.11.2020	TOIL
24.11.2020	TOIL. Change car tyres in Geraldton
25.11.2020	Touch Base with Works Supervisor. Meeting with UDLA and Settlement Projects Working Group Meeting with Settlements Power Working Group. Council Meeting. Separate Meetings with Works Supervisor and DCEO
26.11.2020	Depot Start. Meeting with Works Manager and DCEO. Follow up actions from Council Meeting
27.11.2020	Travel to and from Cue. Attend as a delegate WALGA Murchison Zone Meeting in Cue
28.11.2020	Follow up actions from Council Meeting
30.11.2020	Attend Toolbox Meeting. Meeting with Works Manager. Agenda Preparation
1.12.2020	Agenda Preparation. Lunch meeting with Works Manager and Technical Projects Officer. Other follow ups
2.12.2020	Brief Meetings with Works Manager. Agenda Preparation. Other follow ups
3.12.2020	Meeting with Works Manager and Technical Projects Officer. Agenda Preparation. Other follow ups
4.12.2020 to 6.12.2020	Agenda Preparation. Other follow ups
7.12.2020 to 9.12.2020	Agenda Preparation. TOIL

Recommendation

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr G Mead

Seconded: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Carried

For

5

Against

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Meeting adjourned at 1.22pm for lunch and resumed at 2.14pm.

19 URGENT BUSINESS

19.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Recommendation

That Council allow for the consideration of pending further information relating to Item 20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse to be discussed behind closed doors.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr E Foulkes-Taylor **Seconded: Cr** A Whitmarsh

That Council allow for the consideration of pending further information relating to Item 20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse to be discussed behind closed doors.

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

20 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Pursuant to LGA s5.23(2)(b) (c) (d) and (e) Council is to discuss the following items behind closed doors

20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Consideration of a request from the Sub Lessees for an extension to the existing Sub Lease for the Murchison Oasis Roadhouse and Caravan Park

Recommendation

That the meeting moves behind closed doors to discuss an item pursuant to LGA s.5.23(2)(b) (c) (d) and (e) relating to the following items:

20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Council Decision

Moved: Cr P Squires **Seconded: Cr** A Whitmarsh

That the meeting moves behind closed doors to discuss an item pursuant to LGA s.5.23(2)(b) (c) (d) and (e) relating to the following items:

20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

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

Meeting was closed to the public at 2.16pm.

Note Consideration of Part 1 and Part 2 of the Chief Executive Officer's Murchison Oasis Roadhouse Sub Lease Renewal Report in the Closed Meeting Section concluded at 2.37pm.

Part 3 of the Chief Executive Officer's Murchison Oasis Roadhouse Sub Lease Renewal Report was then provided to all councillors in the Closed Meeting Section at 2.38pm

Motion to open the meeting to the public

Recommendation

That the meeting moves out from behind closed doors.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Council Decision				
Moved: Cr	R Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Cr	G Mead	
That the meeting moves out from behind closed doors.				
Carried		For	5	Against 0

Meeting was reopened to the public at 3.04pm.

Decisions Disclosed from Closed Section of Meeting

20.1 Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision				
Moved: Cr	E Foulkes-Taylor	Seconded: Cr	P Squires	
1	That Part 1 & 2 of the Chief Executive Officer's Murchison Oasis Roadhouse Sub Lease Renewal Report, which has been segmented into the following three parts, be received and noted: Part 1 Breaches of the Sub Lease Part 2 Impacts of Breaches of Sub Lease on Council's Decision to Renew for a further Term Part 3 Additional Matters			
2	That Part 1 and Part 2 of the Chief Executive Officers Murchison Oasis Roadhouse Sub Lease Renewal Report be reviewed and considered separately prior and without viewing or referencing Part 3.			
Carried		For	5	Against 0

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision				
Moved: Cr	A Whitmarsh	Seconded: Cr	P Squires	
3	That in accordance with the analysis undertaken under Part 1 and Part 2 of the Chief Executive Officers Murchison Oasis Roadhouse Sub Lease Renewal Report, that Council resolves as follows:			
(a)	That Council notes that			
	~ some ongoing matters need to be further investigated and/or addressed with the Sub Lessees between now and the end of the current term; and			
	~ that there are no current breaches of the sublease or past breaches which have not been remedied which warrant refusal of the Sub-Lessee's request for an extension of the sub lease for a further two-year period			
(b)	That Council resolves to renew the sublease for a further two year period from 16 March 2021 to 15 March 2023 on the basis that such renewal is subject to and conditional upon the Sub Lessees complying with all of its covenants under the sublease from the date of this resolution until the expiry of the current sublease term.			
Carried		For	5	Against 0

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Council Decision				
Moved: Cr	A Whitmarsh	Seconded: Cr	G Mead	
4	That Part 3 of the Chief Executive Officer's Murchison Oasis Roadhouse Sub Lease Renewal Report be received and noted.			
Carried		For	5	Against 0

21 MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at 3.06pm.

Minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2021.

Signed..... Presiding Officer