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MINUTES

1 Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

This meeting was declared open at 10.15am

2 Record of Attendance/Apologies and Leave of Absence Previously Approved

Attendance

Cr Kerrie Johnston	(Council President)
Cr Anne Geary	(Councillor)
Cr Catherine Carton	(Councillor)
Cr Darren Farmer	(Councillor)

Anthony Kirwan Coby Kirwan Gwen Rakabula Helen Miller Thomas Milo (Chief Executive Officer) (Administration Officer) (Homemaker) (Art Gallery Manager) (Works Foreman)

Apologies

Cr John Kyanga Cr Kenny Farmer

(Deputy President) (Councillor)

3 Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice

Nil

4 Public Question Time

Nil

5 Application for Leave of Absence

Nil

6 Petitions and Deputations

Nil

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21st June 2007 be accepted as a true record of that meeting

<u>39/07 Council Decision</u> MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr C Carton CARRIED 4/0

8 Announcements by Presiding Member without Discussion

Nil

9 **Reports of Committees and Officers**

9.1 Chief Executive Officer Reports

9.1.1	Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
	Reporting Officer:	A Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer
	Date of Report:	10 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

* Department of Housing & Works contract for housing has been out for repairs to existing houses, rent will eventually be collected. *

Dogs

The Murdoch University vets operated on 20 bitches and a number of male dogs during their visit. Absalom also disposed of a number of animals. It is hoped that this will reduce the numbers of dogs in the near future.

Homemaker Program

The Homemaker project is going along well.

Literacy Program

This program is expected to begin in August.

Land Release

People wishing to live in Wiluna have applied for three of the new blocks.

CDEP

CDEP is expected to begin soon.

Wiluna Development Project

This will be discussed in today's meeting.

Caravan Park

Councillor's general opinions are sought whether the town needs another caravan park.

* Cr Kerry Johnston felt another caravan park is needed in Wiluna. CEO is to investigate options. *

Town Campers Development

No answer has been received on our application for funds from the Commonwealth and DIA.

* Money has not been approved yet by Federal Government. *

Tourism Plan

Councillors' general opinions are sought whether the town needs a specific tourism plan.

* To be investigated for tourist purposes such as town walks, indigenous tours, signage in town. *

Council Elections

CEO has requested the Department of Local Government to assist with the count on election night.

9.1.2	Subject/Applicant:	Wiluna Development Project
	Reporting Officer:	A Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer
	Date of Report:	9 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest	Paper recommends Council and CEO
		assume role of Project Managers.

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to advise Council on the status of the Wiluna Development Project and recommend a strategy for the Wiluna Shire to implement the integrated development approach that focuses on the following priorities:

- Employment/ enterprise development
- Housing development New Living Program
- Cultural maintenance and social development and rehabilitation
- Education and Training Precinct.

It is recommended that Council accept the report of Creating Communities as highly important for the information it contains that will help guide the implementation of the strategy.

Background

In the 2006/07 State budget, The Western Australian Government allocated the Wiluna Shire \$1.9 million over four years (2006/07 – 09/10) to develop a local approach to economic and social development. The approach intended to focus on the capacity of the local community through the Wiluna Shire's leadership to identify its priorities and negotiate with government and industry about integrating a long-term investment package that addressed the needs and aspirations of the Wiluna community.

The local development approach is different from the way that governments normally treat Aboriginal communities, which is the provision of services through separate government agencies with little attempt to coordinate them or involve Aboriginal people and local governments in the delivery of those services.

Since DIA completed its Mapping and Gapping report on government service delivery deficiency in Wiluna, the Shire has played a strategic leadership role in reshaping Wiluna's capital infrastructure base including building a swimming pool and government support for a housing construction and repair program, installation of an authorised sewerage scheme and a new school and training facility.

The Wiluna Development Project builds on these investments by developing the capacity of the community to generate wealth through employment and enterprises, improved education and training and the redevelopment of the town through the community's participation and ownership. The budget for the WDP is broken up in the following categories

- The employment by the Recipient of a Project Manager.
- The employment by the Recipient of a Capacity Development Officer.
- Agreed capital costs comprising the purchase of a vehicle, administration, travel and office costs;
- A socio-economic analysis; and
- Agreed community capacity building initiatives.

Attempts have been made to recruit suitably qualified people to undertake Project Manager and Capacity Development Officer roles without success.

Comment on Shire of Wiluna Leadership Role

The Creating Communities report identifies a number of priorities, which should be integrated into a holistic approach.

Employment/ enterprise development

- Development of an organised labour pool for direct or indirect mining employment
- Development of desert gold
- Transition from school to work initiatives with local industry involving CDEP

Housing development – New Living Program

- Town facilities and beautification
- Liveability and homemakers
- Financial management

Cultural maintenance and social development and rehabilitation

- Support for cultural maintenance
- Integrated social development approach
- Alcohol/drug treatment and rehabilitation

Education and Training Precinct

- Development of a school Council
- Development of a Whole of Life Learning or Full Service School

Given the complex nature of the issues involved in this project it is proposed that the government funding be used to restructure the corporate arrangements in the Shire to enable Council to directly manage this project. This will involve the Shire leading a whole of community decision-making process that will involve the Wiluna Shire, Nganganawilli Health Service, the CDEP Advisory Committee and the School Council.

The following broad changes are proposed

- The Shire CEO will assume the role of Strategic Project Manager for the development project.
- A Deputy CEO will be engaged to take responsibility for much of the core statutory functions under the supervision of the CEO.
- Additional administrative support will be addressed
- Establish a Community Development Section within the shire that would comprise the swimming pool facility, art centre, sport and recreation and homemaker.

To assist Council to implement these changes it is proposed to engage a consultant skilled in community development and organisational management for the duration of one month to assist the implementation of the proposed changes within the budget provided over four years.

The Consultant will also be required to identify other funding sources to assist the shire to progress employment opportunities with the mining industry and advance the proposed partnership arrangement with DHW with the New Living Program.

The Consultant will report to the Wiluna Shire within one month with recommendations of changes to the corporate structure of the Shire so that it is in a position to progress the Wiluna Development Project

Consultation

There has been consultation through the use of Creating Communities and the preparation of the Wiluna Development project report.

Statutory Environment

The Shire of Wiluna's local level leadership of the Wiluna Development Project is in accordance with section 3.1 (General Functions), 3.2 (Relationship to State Government) and 3.18 (Performing Executive Functions) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Policy Implications

The policy implications are important because the Shire of Wiluna with the assistance of the State Government is attempting to improve the long prospects for the residents of the town. This will entail upgrading the Community Development section within the Shire.

Financial Implications

The Wiluna Development Project is funded by the State Government.

Strategic Implications

The Wiluna Development Project is a part of the Council's plan for the development of the Shire.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

- 1. That Council accepts the Creating Communities document that outlines the Wiluna Shire's leadership role in implementing the Wiluna Development Project.
 - * Creating Community document presented Discussion followed *
- 2. That Council supports the proposed Shire management changes as outlined above and instructs the CEO to proceed with the changes that were first outlined during the CEO Review.
- 3. That Council supports the engagement of consultants to assist develop a detailed proposition, budgetary and staffing, on the proposed Shire of Wiluna management changes.

40/07 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

9.1.3	Subject/Applicant:	Council Makes Local Laws by Resolution
	File:	19.000.6
	Reporting Officer:	A Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer
	Date of Report:	4 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Adopt the Shire of Wiluna Health Local Laws 2007. Copies of Health local laws were recently submitted to and reviewed by the Department of Health and the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.

Background

Edited copy of Health Local Laws are listed in Appendix C – Yellow Pages

Comment

Section 3.12 of the LG Act 1995 outlines the procedure for making local laws. As Council, complies the requirements of section 3.12(1) - 3.12(3b) of the Act, Council has now come to adopt the proposed local laws under section 3.12(4). Council is to affix its common seal on these local laws and to be signed by the President and the CEO before it will be published in the Government Gazette.

Consultation

Maureen Ng, A/Senior Legislation Officer - Legislation Dept of Local Government and Regional Development

Statutory Environment

Health Act 1911 Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement Absolute Majority required.

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That Council adopt the Shire of Wiluna Health Local Laws 2007.

41/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

9.2 Manager Finance and Administration

9.2.1	Subject/Applicant:	Accounts paid by Authority
	File:	Finance
	Reporting Officer:	Vince Bugna, Manager Finance & Admin
	Date of Report:	10 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

In accordance with the Financial Management Regulations a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is presented to Council.

Background

The list of accounts for the period ending 30th June 2007 is listed as Appendix A – Blue Pages.

Comment

Nil

Consultation Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996 -Regulations 34-35.

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Nil

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement Simple majority

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That the accounts paid by authority for the period ended 30th June 2007 totalling \$533,930.96 be received, noted and incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

42/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr D Farmer

SECONDED Cr C Carton CARRIED 4/0

9.2.2	Subject/Applicant:	Financial Report
	Reporting Officer:	Vince Bugna, Manager Finance & Admin
	Date of Report:	10 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires the CEO to prepare monthly/quarterly financial reports in accordance with the provisions of regulation 34 and 35 of the Local Government Act (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Background

The reports for the period ending 30th June 2007 are listed as Appendix B – Green Pages.

Comment

Nil

Consultation Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996 – Regulations 34-35

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Nil

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement Simple majority

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That the Financial Reports for the period ending 30th June 2007 be received noted and incorporated in the Minutes of the Meeting.

43/07 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

9.2.3	Subject/Applicant:	Fees and Charges
	File:	Budget 2007/2008
	Reporting Officer:	Vince Bugna, Manager Finance & Admin
	Date of Report:	10 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Council is required to set the annual fees and charges.

Background

The Fees and Charges have been reviewed for the 2007-2008 year. These fees and charges form part of the budget document

Comment

There has been no increase in fees and charges. This will be the fourth year that fees have not increased.

Sanitation Charges

Domestic

Previously Council increased the domestic service from one bin per week to one bin twice per week. Fees have not been increased Fees are \$150.00 per bin per two services.

Commercial

Commercial Services have been adjusted to better state the existing fees. This may result in cheaper services than in previous years.

Fees are \$150.00 per bin per service.

Swimming Pools

Swimming pool entrance fees have been set as Adult: \$2.00, Child: \$1.00 (Including GST)

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Budget 2007/08

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement Absolute Majority required.

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That the fees and charges as shown in the 2007/2008 budget document be adopted.

44/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

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Subject/Applicant:	Setting of the Annual Rate
File:	Budget 2007/2008
Reporting Officer:	Vince Bugna, Manager Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	10 th July 2007
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
	File: Reporting Officer: Date of Report:

Council is required to set the annual rates-in-the-dollar and minimum rates.

Background

Council receives income from various sources, of which the two major ones are Government Grants and revenue raised from ratepayers through the rating system.

The amount of revenue raised from rates depends upon three factors.

- Type of rate Gross Rental Value or Unimproved
- Valuation of the Property
- The rate charged for each Dollar of valuation

Gross Rental Values are generally applied to properties within townsites and mining infrastructure and;

Unimproved Values are generally rural farmland, pastoral and mining tenements, etc.

The valuation of the property is undertaken by the Valuer General's Office, in Perth. Council has no input to the process. GRV's are revalued every five years and Unimproved every year. Individual ratepayers do have the right of appeal if they disagree with the Valuer's determination, however, this process does not involve Council.

The rate in the Dollar is Council's mechanism for determining the revenue to be raised. Council sets a rate based upon the valuation of the property and also determines a minimum rate for properties of small valuations.

Section 6.32 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council to set a rate sufficient to make up the budget discrepancy. This discrepancy is shown on the rate setting statement in the accompanying budget.

Rating

There has been no increase in GRV, Unimproved or Minimums for the last three years. Council will be aware of the increased cost in fuel that not only affects Council's fuel bill but is also reflected in the increased cost of materials and freight charges. This year (2007/2008) the rate budget has been increased by 1.5% on the rate in the Dollar, across the board, for all GRV and UV.

There has been no change to the minimum rate.

Discounts

In addition to imposing rates on rateable land in the District, Council also provides for various incentives and penalties on Payment of Rates. Council's current **discount is 5 percent**. There is no increase proposed for this budget.

Penalties

Regulation 70 of the Financial Management Regulations provides for a maximum amount of 11% that can be applied to overdue Rates and Service charges. Rates are overdue thirty five days after service of the notice. Council's current penalty **percentage is 10 percent**. There is no increase proposed for this budget.

Instalments Plans

The Local Government Act 1995 requires Council to offer ratepayers the option of paying in full or quarterly instalments.

Instalment plans are offered for amounts **above \$200.00**. When choosing to pay by instalments, ratepayers incur an additional charge of

- a) Administration Fees and
- b) Interest charged on outstanding monies.

Regulations 68 of the Financial Management Regulations provide for a maximum interest amount of 6.5% that can be applied to outstanding instalments. There is no maximum administration charge.

Council's current **Administration Charge is \$6.00** per instalment per reminder notice. There is no increase proposed for this budget.

Council's current **Interest Charge is 0** percent calculated daily by simple interest. That is, Council does not charge an interest percentage. There is no increase proposed for this budget.

Consultation

Statutory Environment Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Budget 2006/07

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority required.

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

- 1. That the following rates for the period 01 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 be adopted:
 - Gross Rental Value General 6.2700 cents in the Dollar
 - Gross Rental Value Mining 6.2700 cents in the Dollar
 - Unimproved Value General 10.4500 cents in the Dollar
 - Unimproved Value Mining 10.4500 cents in the Dollar
 - Minimum Rate Gross Rental Value \$200.00 per assessment
 - Minimum Rate Unimproved Value \$175.00 per assessment

- 2. That the following be adopted for the period 01 July 2007 to 30 June 2008
 - Council grant a 5% discount on rates paid on or before the 35th day of service of the rate notice in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.
 - Council charge a 10% penalty charge per annum calculated daily by simple interest on rates paid after the 35th day of service of the rate notice in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.
 - Council charge a \$6.00 Administration Fee per reminder notice per instalment for rates levied in the 2006-2007 financial year in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.

45/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

9.2.5	Subject/Applicant:	Budget 2007/2008 Adoption
	File:	Budget 2007/2008
	Reporting Officer:	Vince Bugna, Manager Finance & Admin
	Date of Report:	10 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest	Nil

Summary

The Budget for 2007/2008 is provided under separate cover. This agenda adopts the Budget for the year 2007/2008.

Background

Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires each Local Government, no later than 31st of August in each financial year, to prepare and adopt a budget for its Municipal Fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30th June.

Comment

The budget for the year commencing 01st July 2007 and ending 30th June 2008 is provided under separate cover for Council's perusal and adoption.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment Nil

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Budget 2007/2008

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority required.

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That the Budget for 2007/2008 as set out in the Budget document and forming part of these minutes be adopted.

46/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

9.3 Manager Works & Services Report

9.3.1	Subject / Applicant:	Works - Verbal Report
	Reporting Officer: Date of Report:	Thomas Milo, Works Foreman 19 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

* Shire has been complimented on the standard of the roads and the maintenance of the Power Station. *

9.4 Principal Environmental Health Officer Reports

9.4.1	Subject / Applicant:	Amendment to the Development Approval of Food Premise – D&M Betteridge
	File:	Lot 64 – Wotton Street
	Reporting Officer:	W Atyeo – Principal EHO/Building Surveyor
	Date of Report:	12 th June 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Summary

The owners have submitted a request to re-position the kitchen on the allotment. Council is to decide whether or not to allow the amendment to their original request.

I will recommend that the amended plans be accepted by Council.

Background

On the 10th march 2006, D & M Betteridge were issued with a permit from Council to develop a new food premises on Lot 64 Wotton Street, utilising a second hand kitchen. The building is of sound construction, and I did assess that the kitchen complies with the relevant Food Hygiene legislation, and also indicated to the owners that some renovations [minor] needed to be carried out on the building.

The owners now wish to re-position the kitchen on the allotment in line with the diagram submitted with this agenda item and attached.

The allotment that the owners wish to develop is Zoned "Commercial" under the Wiluna Town Planning Scheme, and the development of a Food Premise and accommodation is a "permitted use" under the Scheme. However, because a second-hand building is to be placed on the allotment, the matter had to be placed before Council for their approval.

Comments

As stated above, I have inspected the building and found it structurally sound, and apart from some minor damage, it is very suitable to be placed on the commercial lot. I have reported to Mr and Mrs Betteridge the minor damage to the rear entrance door and to a very small area of the external cladding, and stated that these will need to be fixed.

I can see no reason why Council should not support the proposed amendment which will see the kitchen located further from the Wotton Street frontage and allow for access for vehicles.

The Building License issued is still current and applies to this development.

Consultation

Mr and Mrs Betteridge Mr Colin Gordon Mr Bill Atyeo (EHO/BS)

Statutory Environment

Shire of Wiluna Town Planning Scheme

Policy Implications Nil

Financial Implications Nil

Strategic Implications Nil

Voting Requirement Simple majority

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That Council approve the amendment to the layout plans of the development of a Food Premise on Lot 64 Wotton Street, Wiluna as proposed by Mr and Mrs Betteridge.

That this approval is conditional upon:

The use hereby permitted shall not cause injury to or prejudicially effect the amenity of the locality by reason of the processes carried on, the materials, goods and machinery used and stored or by reason of the emission of smoke, dust, fumes, odour, noise, vibration, waste product or otherwise.

The use of the premises as applied for shall not be changed or added to without the consent of Council

No incinerator is to be provided or used on the site for the disposal of any rubbish or refuse. All rubbish and refuse shall be regularly removed to Council's tip. All stormwater emanating from the lot is to be discharged to a legal point of disposal so that it does not cross the boundaries of any adjacent lot or cause any detriment to the adjacent lots.

The time for completion of the development work is eighteen (18) months from the date of issue of the permit. Council may grant an extension of time, only on receiving written application from the developer and received at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of the time limits.

All parking of business vehicles, and staff vehicles, will be within the boundaries of the leased area at all times of the day and night.

The developers will adhere to all other relevant and appropriate legislation in regard to this development, and will apply for and acquire all appropriate licenses.

Any breaches of any of the above conditions will be reported to Council for determination, and may result in the planning permit being declared "Null and Void" if the breach is considered by Council to be of a serious nature.

47/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

9.5 Community Development Officer Reports

9.5.1	Subject / Applicant:	Art Gallery - Verbal Report
	Reporting Officer:	Helen Ansell
	Date of Report:	19 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

* Sales over the past month reflect increased visits by tour groups. Several artists are participating in a CSR project to record stories of life on or around the Canning Stock Route. *

9.5.2	Subject / Applicant:	Homemaker - Verbal Report
	Reporting Officer:	Gwen Rakabula
	Date of Report:	19 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

* The program ahead includes curtain making and computer classes. *

9.6 Youth Sports & Recreational Officer Reports

Nil

10 Elected Members Motion of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

Nil

11 Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision of Council

11.1	Subject/Applicant:	Motion to Admit Urgent Business
	Reporting Officer:	A Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer
	Date of Report:	16 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Summary

One additional report that was not included in the agenda papers circulated to Council prior to the meeting is proposed for consideration.

Statutory Environment

Standing orders Local Laws, item 3.11 provides that -

- (1) In cases of urgency or other special circumstances, matters may, with the consent of the persons presiding be raised without notice and decided by the meeting.
- (2) Any member may move that the urgent business proposed to be raised by the presiding person not be accepted and if carried by a majority of members present, the urgent business is not to be accepted.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That Item 11.2 is admitted to the meeting.

48/07 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr D Farmer CARRIED 4/0

11.2	Subject/Applicant:	Appointment of Auditor
	Reporting Officer:	A Kirwan, Chief Executive Officer
	Date of Report:	16 th July 2007
	Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Summary

When UHY Haines Norton (Chartered Accountants) signed an agreement with the Shire Council on 25th September 2006 to provide the monthly accounting report for the Council, they have lost its independence and ceases to become an auditor for the Shire of Wiluna.

Background

In 2004 UHY Haines Norton became the auditor of Wiluna Shire. Under Section 7.6 of the Local Government Act 1995 the appointment of a local government auditor in respect of the audit of the accounts and annual financial report of the local government for a term of not more than 5 financial years... is eligible for re-appointment. This is UHY Haines Norton 4th year of being an auditor for the Shire.

Comments

As UHY Haines Norton can no longer perform the audit service for the Shire of Wiluna an invitation for Tender to Provide Audit Services was made as stated under Policy 2.7 of the Council's Policy Manual.

After considering the tenders submitted by at least two Local Government Registered Auditors, we find GREGORY (Greg) FROOMES WYLLIE, Certified Practising Accountant as a potential auditor for the Shire of Wiluna to Audit the Council's accounts and annual financial statements commencing the year 2006 – 2007.

Consultation

Mandy Wayne, Manager – Remote Accounting Services (UHY Haines Norton); David Tomasi, Partner (UHY Haines Norton) and Section 7.6(2b) Local Government Act – 1995.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute majority

Officer Recommendation/Draft Motion

That Council approve the appointment of Gregory Froomes Wyllie, Certified Practising Accountant as the Council's Auditor for the period of not more than 5 years starting Financial Year 2006 – 2007.

49/07 Council Decision MOVED Cr D Farmer

SECONDED Cr A Geary CARRIED 4/0

12 Matters behind Closed Doors

Nil

13 Closure

This meeting was declared closed at 11.30am