



Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council of the Shire of Wiluna held in the Council Chamber, Scotia Street Wiluna on 11 June 2014

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 8.10am

PRESENT: Cr Jim Quadrio (in the Chair), Cr Graham Harris, Cr Bernie Weller, Cr Stacey Petterson and Cr Chris Webb

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Andrea Numan, Chief Executive Officer;

PUBLIC GALLERY: Nil

APOLOGIES: Cr Kim Ovens and Cr Clinton Farmer

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil
(PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE: Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

NOTATIONS OF INTEREST: NIL

REPORT OF OFFICER:

Council considered the Officer's report numbered 7.1.1 in the Agenda.

The Shire President and Deputy Shire President provided a verbal summary of the meeting held on 03 June 2014 with representatives from: Dept. of Transport, Skippers

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Aviation, Maroomba Airlines, Rosslyn Hill Mining Pty Ltd, Aerodrome Management Services and the Shire of Wiluna.

In consideration of information from meeting held 03.06.2014 and the Aerodrome matter, discussion today centred on:

1) What the Council “wants”. This was a question asked of the Shire several times in the meeting on 03.06.2014 and although it was answered, it was clear that the Council needed to be specific about requests

2) That this was a Shire Council issue about transport and infrastructure (broadly) and so whilst Rosslyn Hill would be affected greatly by any changes, it was also considered that they should not necessarily be singled out to provide financial support but as well, they are not the only users of the aerodrome and operate FIFO workforce for their own commercial activity, and therefore the Council’s greater consideration was the community at large – which includes but does not limit RH, any other FIFO operations, medical services, general public and so on.

3) The fact that there appears to be a grey area or unanswered question between State and Federal Government regarding the carrying of passengers on charter flights from private aerodromes that would otherwise have to use RPT/other transport. As you will be aware, Council has a concern that this “in-kind” or supposed “community” benefit is something that can impact of RPT passenger numbers.

The Council’s intention is to be open about what it is seeking and if that cannot be achieved, de-certification will still proceed but within longer timeframes.

MINUTES CONFIRMED BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Moved: Cr Bernie Weller Seconded: Cr Graham Harris

That:

- 1 Sub-paragraph 3 of resolution 062/14 is rescinded
- 2 Skippers and Maroomba are requested to reconfigure both charter and RPT flight services to and from Wiluna in order to provide a 5-day per week RPT service that is accessible to the wider community including but not limited to: general members of the public, PATS patients and mining operation employees; and
- 3 If the request as per sub-paragraph two (2) is agreed to, it is requested that it be trialed from 01 September 2014 to 31 December 2014 and the decision to de-certify the Wiluna Aerodrome will be deferred until an assessment of the service can be made at the end of the trial period
- 4 If the request as per sub-paragraph two (2) cannot be agreed to, the de-certification of the Wiluna Aerodrome (to registered) will proceed
- 5 The Chief Executive Officer is instructed to seek a meeting between the Shire of Wiluna and:
 - a) The Minister and Director-General of Transport WA; and
 - b) The Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development;

to discuss the Shire of Wiluna concerns about regulation of charter flights from private airports carrying passengers that would otherwise need to utilise alternative transport/be paying RPT passengers.

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution no. 067/14

MINUTES