



Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Shire of Wiluna held in the Council Chamber, Scotia Street Wiluna on 27 August 2014

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.25 pm.

The Chairman welcomed The Honourable Mr. Vince Catania MLA (Member for North West Central), Hamish Morgan from Central Desert Native Title Services, and Anthony Quahe and Karyn Thompson from Civic Legal/Rockwell Oliver.

PRESENT: Cr Jim Quadrio (in the Chair), Cr Graham Harris, Cr Kim Ovens, Cr Clinton Farmer, Cr Stacey Petterson and Cr Chris Webb;

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Andrea Nunan, Chief Executive Officer

PUBLIC GALLERY: No members of the public present

APOLOGIES: Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil
(PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE: Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No members of the public present

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil

NOTATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS:

Hamish Morgan – Central Desert Native Title Services

Mr. Morgan provided a presentation on the project for the Canning Stock Route interpretive signage strategy, as part of the Canning Stock Route Management Plan, this project involves planning interpretive panels along the CSR between Wells 1 and 15.

The panels will tell different stories – Cultural, Pastoral, Explorers – of significance at each Well. Shire Councillors will be sent a copy of the proposed interpretive panels so that feedback, if any, can be provided to CDNTS.

It was generally agreed that the Chief Executive Officer would meet with Mr. Morgan to discuss possible collaboration/partnership for future project including the Shire's Heritage and Interpretive Centre.

Moved: Cr Graham Harris Seconded: Cr Stacey Petterson
That standing orders are suspended to allow for presentation by the Honourable Vince Catania MLA (Member for North West Central).

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 104/14

Standing orders suspended at 1.40pm

The Hon. Vince Catania MLA (Member for North West Central)

Main matters discussed by the Hon. Mr. Catania and the Council of the Shire of Wiluna:

- National Party opposition to amalgamation of local governments in regional Western Australia
- Sealing of Wiluna-Meekatharra section of Goldfields Highway and continued lobbying by the Shire to ensure the sealing project stays on political agenda.
- The Dept. of Transport (WA) Aviation Strategy out for comment: it was advised that the Shire of Wiluna meet with other shires to formulate a response and a strategy going forward for the continuation of the RPT

It was also agreed that the Hon. Vince Catania MLA would follow up the outcomes of the National Regional and Remote Transport Strategy Forum held 22.05.2014 in Alice Springs and attended by Chief Executive Officer and Shire President. Chief Executive Officer indicated there appeared to be very little material information coming from that forum.

Cr Petterson left the meeting at 2.19pm and returned at 2.30pm

Mr. Hamish Morgan and the Hon. Mr. Vince Catania MLA left the meeting at 2.30pm

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.35pm

The meeting then resumed at 2.40pm; all those present at adjournment were present when meeting re-opened.

Moved: Cr Stacey Petterson That standing orders be resumed	Seconded: Cr Kim Ovens
<u>CARRIED 6/0</u>	
<i>Resolution no. 105/14</i>	

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Cr Graham Harris That, subject to sub-paragraph one (1) of Resolution 094/14 being amended to show \$8000(not \$7000) for the meeting attendance allowance, the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held 31 July 2014 be accepted as a true record of that meeting	Seconded: Cr Stacey Petterson
<u>CARRIED 6/0</u>	
<i>Resolution no. 106/14</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Chairperson advised that he attended the 2014 Local Government Week conference, which included two training sessions that he participated in. One of those sessions was Meeting Procedures which was worthwhile and beneficial. It is anticipated that the Shire can hold same training on-site for Councillors later in the year.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1 Adoption of 2014/15 Annual Budget

The Chief Executive Officer requested her acknowledgement of the excellent work Ms. Glenn Deocampo had done for the 2014/15 Budget be minuted. The Chief Executive Officer noted this was the first budget Glenn had been required to produce, from an accounting management point of view, and it was a great outcome.

Moved: Cr Graham Harris That, for the 2014/2015 financial year, the Council adopts:	Seconded: Cr Chris Webb												
1 The following rates-in-the-dollar and minimum rates for said categories:													
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Unimproved Value		
UV Exploration and Prospecting	13.69	300.00
UV Mining	14.07	300.00
UV Rural	6.83	300.00

- 2 A penalty interest rate of 11%, per annum, to be charged on all overdue or unpaid rates (including overdue/unpaid instalments) in accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations;
- 3 An administration fee of \$10.00 per instalment (excluding the first instalment) for the four instalment payment option for rates and charges, to be charged in accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations and Local Government Act;
- 4 An administration interest rate of 5.5% per annum for the four instalment payment option for rates and charges, to be charged in accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations and Local Government Act;
- 5 An annual domestic refuse collection of \$310.00 (GST free) per mobile garbage bin (MGB), collected twice-weekly, as a contribution towards waste collection and management;
- 6 A non-domestic refuse collection charge of \$341 (GST inclusive) per mobile garbage bin (MGB), collected twice weekly as a contribution towards waste collection and management;
- 7 A penalty interest rate of 11% per annum, to be charged on all overdue or unpaid sundry debtor accounts in accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations;
- 8 The 2014-15 Schedule of Fees and Charges as detailed in the 2014-15 Annual Budget;
- 9 The 2014-2015 Annual Budget, including all income and expenditure, in its entirety;
- 10 The reporting variance for the monthly statement of financial activity for both operating and capital activities of 10% or greater for expenditure and below 10% for income, subject to a \$10,000 minimum below which, variances are not required to be reported

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 107/14

2 Midwest Tourism Development Strategy

The Council considered report numbered 10.1.2 in the agenda.

Moved: Cr Clinton Farmer
That Council

Seconded: Cr Stacey Petterson

- 1 Supports the Midwest Tourism Strategy (draft) in-principle; and
- 2 Notes that the Shire of Wiluna's support of and participation in any specific actions (in final draft) is subject to funding availability and suitability for actions for the Shire of Wiluna (as an area and an organisation)

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 108/14

3 Wiluna Careers and Expo Days

The Council considered report numbered 10.1.3 in the agenda. Council were in general agreement that this was a positive programme and hoped that it may become an annual event.

Moved: Cr Graham Harris

Seconded: Cr Clinton Farmer

That Council:

- 1 Waives the hire fees, being \$296.00, for the hire of tables and chairs by the RPA/MWG Group for 17-18 September 2014 subject to all other hiring terms and conditions being met; and
- 2 Approves a donation of \$500.00 to the group, with the Chief Executive Officer to make necessary arrangements for the payment; and
- 3 Supports the Shire of Wiluna including Tjukurba Art Gallery participation in activities on 17-18 September 2014

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 109/14

4 Heavy Vehicle Support: Turning and Rest Bays

Council considered report numbered 10.1.4 in the agenda.

Moved: Cr Chris Webb

Seconded: Cr Stacey Petterson

That:

- 1 Council supports the planning of a project for the development and construction of a heavy vehicle area; and
- 2 Feedback from key transport stakeholders is sought in regard to potential locations/s for heavy vehicle areas; and
- 3 The Chief Executive Officer is requested to provide a report to the Council for the adoption of the final plan

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 110/14

5 Environmental Health and Building Information Report

Council considered report numbered 10.2.1 in the agenda.

Moved: Cr Chris Webb

Seconded: Cr Kim Ovens

That the Officer's Information Report be received.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 111/14

6 Accounts Paid by Authority

Council considered report numbered 10.3.1 in the agenda. The Chief Executive Officer advised she would follow-up some of the water charges that appeared quite high and/or were it was not clear what property the charge related to (from the report).

Moved: Cr Graham Harris

Seconded: Cr Clinton Farmer

That the report "*Accounts Paid by Authority for the period 01.07.2014 to 31.07.2014 totalling \$602,861.04 be received.*"

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 112/14

7 Financial Report

Council considered report numbered 10.3.2 in the agenda. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the anticipated actuals/financial position for 30.06.2014 was yet to be confirmed through the audit process and changes (if any) would be reported back to Council.

Moved: Cr Graham Harris

Seconded: Cr Chris Webb

That:

- 1 The financial report, including the Statement of Financial Activity, for the period ending 30 June 2014 be received
- 2 Council notes that the position for 30.06.2014 as per affixed report is subject to Auditor confirmation.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 113/14

7 CSRFF Small Grants Application

Council considered report numbered 10.5.1 in the agenda. It was noted that, given budget had been adopted, that the Shire has already made provision for this project in the budget but this is subject to the CSRFF grant application being successful.

Moved: Cr Stacey Petterson

Seconded: Cr Kim Ovens

That Council:

- 1 Approves the following application to the Dept. of Sport and Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund Small Grants 2014/15 for funding, assessed as follows:

Application	Project Rating Assessment	Priority Ranking
Upgrade of Outdoor Sports Courts and Cricket Practice Wickets	A (Well planned and needed by municipality)	N/A

- 2 Requires that the project proceeding will be subject to the grant application of \$68,500 being approved by the Dept. of Sport and Recreation
- 3 Requests that the Chief Executive Officer investigates whether there might be alternative/other sources of funding/grants for this project

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 114/14

ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN Nil

URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

- 1 Late Item – Wiluna Remote Community School Sport Carnival

Council considered late item (affixed hereto)

Moved: Cr Kim Ovens

Seconded: Cr Clinton Farmer

That Council waives the hire fees, being \$120.00, for the hire of the oval and pavilion by the Wiluna Remote Community School on 10 September 2014, subject to all other hiring terms and conditions being met including requirement of \$400.00 bond.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 115/14

- 2 Late Item Numbered 12.1.1: Information Report Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair (to be considered behind closed doors)

MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Moved: Cr Graham Harris

Seconded: Cr Chris Webb

That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss item:

12.1.1 Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair: meeting to be closed pursuant to S5.23 (b) for Council to consider information report containing information about a person's personal affairs

13.1.1 RFT 2013-02 Water bores Tender: meeting to be closed pursuant to S5.23(c) for Council to consider information regarding new tender RFT 2013-02

Presentation by Anthony Quahe and Karyn Thompson: meeting to be closed pursuant to S5.23(d) and (f) for Council to consider briefing on: Current state of defamation proceedings, breach of contract and potential misconduct on tender processes, and to communicate with Council generally about legal counsel provided

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 116/14

The meeting was closed to the public at 3.20pm

Moved: Cr Graham Harris

Seconded: Cr Kim Ovens

That the Officer's report, entitled *Information Report Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair* be received

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 117/14

Moved: Cr Kim Ovens

Seconded: Cr Stacey Petterson

That the Officer's report, numbered 13.1.1 RFT 2013-2 Establish Water Bores, is received.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 118/14

Moved: Cr Kim Ovens

Seconded: Cr Chris Webb

That the Officer's report, numbered *13.1.1 RFT 2013-2 Establish Water Bores*, is received.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 119/14

Moved: Cr Chris Webb

Seconded: Cr Graham Harris

That standing orders be suspended to consider the presentation from Anthony Quahe and Karyn Thompson

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 120/14

Moved: Cr Stacey Petterson

Seconded: Cr Chris Webb

That standing orders be resumed

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 121/14

Moved: Cr Stacey Petterson

Seconded: Cr Chris Webb

That the meeting now be opened to the public

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 122/14

The meeting opened to the public at 5.14pm

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.15pm

These minutes are yet to be confirmed by resolution of Council

LATE ITEM

Subject/Applicant:	WILUNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL
File:	
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer; Andrea Nunan
Date of Report:	26 August 2014
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

Council resolution sought for the waiver hire fees and donation.

Background

The Wiluna Remote Community School booked to hire the oval and sports pavilion on 10 September 2014 for their sports carnival. It has been requested that the hire fees be waived.

Comment

Reporting Officer is too “new” to have been involved in any previous school sports carnivals but generally speaking: school carnivals in small towns are one of the “highlights” of the school year. Students participate but often, the community including parents and caregivers will also take part as spectators and volunteers.

There would not be any argument of the value of the school community to a small town and the support the community can offer back, and therefore there is no compelling reason not to waive the fees. Council has the discretion to approve or not approve the request, as it sees fit.

Consultation

Wiluna Remote Community School

Statutory Environment Local Government Act Section 6.12 empowers the Council to grant discounts, defer, and waive or write-off any debts owed to it (with the exception of rates and related charges). This must be done by absolute majority of Council.

Policy Implications

Current Council Policy 1.10 *Donations* provides as follows:

“1. Council will consider requests for donations greater than \$500 from local and regional bodies and all such requests will be considered on merits.

2. Donations of \$500 or less may be made at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer in liaison with the Shire President having regard to budget provisions.

3. Council declines under any circumstances to provide standing or annual donations, preferring to re-assess the needs of individual organisations in such cases as and when appropriate.”

The Chief Executive Officer does have the authority to approve donations up to \$500.00 in liaison with Shire President however; this request has been included in this report for Council consideration.

Financial Implications

The forgone income (“cost”) to waive the hire fees for the oval and pavilion is \$200.00. A suitable budget allocation exists to allow the hire fees to be waived.

Strategic Implications

There are a number of key strategies/outcomes and actions in the *Strategic Community Plan* that would support the goals of this Event including:

- Supporting community generated activities (A Proud Wiluna)
- Creation of employment opportunities for local residents (A Go-Ahead Wiluna)
- Supporting sport and recreational activities and participation in Wiluna
- Support creation of creative industries (A Go-Ahead Wiluna)

Voting Requirement ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Officer Recommendation

That Council waives the hire fees, being \$120, for the hire of the oval and pavilion by the Wiluna Remote Community School on 10 September 2014, subject to all other hiring terms and conditions being met including requirement of \$400.00 bond

These minutes are yet to be confirmed by resolution of Council