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Unconfirmed Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday 16 January 2009, commencing at 1.00pm.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council open at 12.52 pm

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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| MEMBERS | Cr S A Broad, Shire President Cr M W Halleen, Deputy Shire President Cr P R Squires Cr D J Pollock Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor Cr P M Walsh Cr W McL Mitchell |
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| STAFF | Mr R J Adams, Chief Executive Officer |
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| APOLOGIES | Nil |
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| LEAVE OF ABSENCE | Nil |
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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Mitchell requested a Leave of Absence for February and March 2009

Cr Walsh requested a Leave of Absence for February 2009

SM090101 Leave of Absence

Moved Cr M W Halleen, Seconded Cr D J Pollock

That Cr Mitchell be granted a Leave of Absence for February and March 2009

That Cr Walsh be granted a Leave of Absence for February 2009

Motion put and carried 7/0

5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 Road Inspection Report

BACKGROUND

Councillors and staff have completed a road inspection of the southern section of the shire

Notes from the road inspection and to be read in conjunction with 2008 Notes

2009 Road Inspection Southern part of the Shire

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| SLK | Settlement to Mount Wittenoom Rd |
| 0 | Settlement |
| 27.6 | Water running down road |
| 31.4 | Bunds required |
| 31.8 | Pipe required under corner |
| 38.2 | Bund to stop road washing out at Wooleen creek |
| 40.2 | Wooleen shed corner (water gathering) |
| 44.1 | Wooleen shed, creek needs Caution/ slow sign |
| 60.9 | Dangerous S bend (couple of corners need straightening) |
| 73.4 | Grid needs cleaning out (1st grid east of C Bill) |
| | Beringarra-Pindar Road (South of Mt Wittenoom Rd) |
| 0 | Sandford crossing - water |
| | Murgoo driveway - gravel when crew is on Pindar rd |
| 11.1 | South of Murgoo turn off - Bund angle needs changing to allow water to cross |
| 16 | Area where crew are grading - number of bunds required - Close to south end if possible |
| 20.3 | Water crossing and re crossing road |
| 22.3 | Road down to coffee rock |
| 27 | Corner has incorrect camber |
| 30.4 | Water washing across road - exposing cap rock |
| 43 | McNabbs creek needs DIP sign |
| 46.7 | Very rough dip - needs stabilising |
| 49.3-50 | Approx 3 Bunds required |
| 51.9 | Corner needs to be slightly straightened |
| 64.6 | Bunds (2) washed out |
| 96.6 | Grid base needs removing |
| 122 | Rubble in washout required - couple of culverts would be good |
| 122.4 | Cement stabilising required on corner to stop rutting |

McNabbs Twin

Peaks Rd

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| 0 | At McNabbs turn off |
| 2.6 | Wash needs work |
| 4.9 - 6. | Bunds required |
| 11.1 | Sharp Dip |
| 11.6 | North side of grid rough wash out |
| 12.4 | Rough wash outs |
| 12.4 - 13 | Bunds required |
| 14.2 | bad wash out on roadside |
| 15.5 | Mulga wash out |
| 17 | Wash out on each side of wanderrie slope |
| 18.2 | Water rushing down edge |
| 18.6 | Sharp Dip |
| 40 | Sharpest Dip |
| 43.6 | Sandford south crossing |
| 44.2 | Sandford north crossing |

Carnarvon-Mullewa Road (South of Settlement)

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| 0 | At Settlement |
| 46.4 | Water rushing down west side of the road and scouring out when it comes across |
| 55.6 | Sand bank needs grading off the road |
| 57.3-57.8 | Cap rock coming through |
| 58.1 | Sign- slow down required |
| 60.5 | Road quite deep- below surrounds |
| 61 | Corner and slow down sign required on dangerous grid on corner |
| 66.7 | Deep creek needs a slow down sign or 50km or something |

New Forrest-Yallalong Road

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| 23.3 | Couple of Sharpish dips |
| 27.6 | Several sharp dips on grid approach |
| 27.8 | Sandy Creek-looks ok |
| 30.7 | Grid needs welding |
| 32.6 | Grid wing broken off |
| 36.8 | Bridge- new depth gauge required |

Most grid approaches on road were a bit rough.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

SM090102 Road Inspection notes

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr W McL Mitchell

Notes from the road inspection be recorded as being a true and correct record

Motion put and carried 7/0

7.2 Ballinyoo Bridge

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 10 January 2009
Attachments: Report from BG & E and Greenfields

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION
Consideration of the future of Ballinyoo Bridge

BACKGROUND

The Ballinyoo Bridge is currently “lying on table” as an issue still to be resolved.

I have spoken to the Heritage Council (Claire Menck) about a possible heritage site. The current status is that the bridge is not listed as a heritage project. The Heritage Council would like to be able to get full report and inventory of the bridge should it be demolished. They would also look favourably at retaining some of the bridge for “heritage” purposes.

The bridge is principally a state issue; unfortunately the shire may have to use some of its own resources to construct a low level crossing, as funding will not be forthcoming from them.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS
Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
That:

Council construct a low level crossing utilising funds available from R2R and MRWA along with a part of the Royalties for Regions funding over the next four years.

The Chief Executive Officer changed his recommendation due to extra information that was not available at the time the report was written.

COUNCIL DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

SM090103 Replacement of Ballinyoo Bridge

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr M W Halleen

That;

1. In conjunction with MRWA design and specification of a new bridge be sought for replacement of Bridge 837 at Ballinyoo.
2. The Ballinyoo Bridge be preserved in its current state

Motion put and carried 7/0

7.3 Review of Road Hierarchy

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 10 January 2009
Attachments: Council road Hierarchy

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To review and make necessary adjustments to Councils Road Hierarchy

BACKGROUND

Council formally adopted the "Road Hierarchy" at the Ordinary Council meeting 21 October 2005.

Several changes have occurred since its adoption including bitumen seal on the Carnarvon Mullewa Road

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

Make the necessary changes as determined by council for adoption at February Ordinary meeting.

COUNCIL MOTION/COUNCIL DECISION

SM090104 Review of the Road Hierarchy

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr P R Squires

That the necessary advice be sought from RRG and the effects of changing our hierarchy before making any adjustments.

Motion put and carried 7/0

Reason: More information required before pursuing a review

7.4 Royalties for Regions

File:
Author: Ron Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 10 January 2009
Attachments:

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION
Discuss the Royalties for Regions funding

BACKGROUND

The State Government recently announced the Royalties for Regions funding program. This funding is required to be spent by September 2009.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT
Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Nil

CONSULTATION

COMMENT

VOTING REQUIREMENTS
Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Council discuss and explore projects that this funding can be utilised for.

COUNCIL MOTION/COUNCIL DECISION

SM090105 Royalties for Regions

Moved Cr R E Foulkes-Taylor, Seconded Cr P R Squires

The Royalties for Regions Grants be utilised to build a new bridge to replace bridge 837 at Ballinyoo

Motion put and carried 7/0

8. URGENT BUSINESS

President Broad allowed a discussion on the status of the Construction Crew

The Chief Executive Officer gave a verbal report;

- Currently have two men with a third to start in February 2009
- Tom Milo is doing much more “Managing” than driving of machines
- We have a lot of equipment with no operators
- Dozer has not been used since the Beringarra-Byro realignment
- Brief overview of the incoming funding on RRG and R2R on whiteboard
- Budget process for 2009-2010

COUNCIL MOTION/COUNCIL DECISION

SM090106 Construction Crew

Moved Cr W McL Mitchell, Seconded Cr

That the Construction crew be increased to a four man team

Motion put and carried 7/0

9. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA

Nil

10. MEETING CLOSURE

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.58 pm