



Western Australia

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
To be held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Thursday 20th December **2012**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
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/Lost	For:	Against:

5. NEXT MEETING

Being no meeting in January the next meeting of Council is scheduled for the 15th February 2013.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 16th November 2012

Background:

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 16th November be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 16th November 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

8.1 Special Council Meeting – 7th December 2012

Background:

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting of 7th December 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting of 7th December 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried/Lost

For:

Against:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

10.1 10.00am Presentation by Travis Bate of Bird Cameron in connection with the Integrated Planning Process



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Shire of Murchison

Integrated Strategic Planning

Agenda for Council Meeting Thursday 20th December 2012

1. Brief overview of current situation – how did we get here?
2. Objectives of Integrated Strategic Planning:
 - a. Strategic Community Plan;
 - b. Asset Management Plan; and
 - c. Long Term Financial Plan.
3. Roles and Responsibilities
 - a. CEO/Shire Administration;
 - b. RSM Bird Cameron;
 - c. Council; and
 - d. Community.
4. Timeframe for completion and key milestones.
5. Progress to date and key inputs.
6. Community Consultation.

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10.2 _____ 11.30am:- Ant Schinckel, ASKAP Director, James Abbot, CSIRO Property Manager, Penny Griffin, Department of Commerce and Steve Douglas, MWDC – Discussion on Road Agreement.

11. ACTION LIST

No.	Item	Action	Action
1.	CEO Residence	Decorative front fence – need input from new CEO	Ongoing – Design pending
2.	Kalli Road roadworks Aboriginal Heritage Act	Letter sent to Aboriginal Corporation	Reply received – item at today's meeting
3.	Improve shade house south of Road House See Point 20	Per MSDC meeting and September Council meeting. Changed per November 2012 meeting	RLCIP funding changed – further input required
4.	Low level wall Sports Club	Brick wall erected. Uprights in place Crosslands funding transferred	Completed
5.	Concrete front of motel units	Council staff to do	Not yet actioned
6.	Beringarra-Pindar Road New Road Agreement	Draft agreement sent to James Abbott – acknowledged but no action	Continuing – James Abbott attending meeting today
7.	Provision for open fires at Caravan Park	Investigate – get quotes	Not yet actioned
8.	Investigate Replacement Patient Transport Vehicle	Approval from Dept of Transport. Awaiting suitable vehicle to become available	2-3 months to completion – chased up 12/12/12
9.	28 Kms unsealed Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd	Quote for Shire to do work provided – no response but road has been graded by CGG	Still no formal reply
10.	Murchison Freight Service	Pick up points decided and advised and accepted by Keros. Trying to establish a drop off point within Geraldton	Drop-off point to be established
11.	Kalli Road classification as a road of regional significance	Matter raised at Murchison Regional Road Group Meeting on the 26 th September	See item re – Roads 2030 today's meeting
12.	Bitumen and Sealing works Carnarvon-Mullewa Road	Greenfields to call tenders	Tenders called
13.	Stripping of Road south of settlement	Report received – Greenfields served notice of non-conformance. Bitumen Spraying disputing.	Ongoing - Greenfields in negotiation
14.	MSDC – Variation to grant and plans for laundry	Variation to grant approved. Laundry plans being worked on.	Roller shutters Completed. Quotes for laundry still awaited.
15.	Radio Transmitters	Letter to CSIRO and obtain current GPS Co-ordinates	Email from Dr Storey advising to go ahead as originally planned
16.	Classification of Pindar Beringarra and Carnarvon Mullewa Road	Assessments have been carried out	See item at today's meeting.
17.	Nookawarra Airstrip	Assessed as part of Pindar-Beringarra Road review	See item at today's meeting.
18.	Ballinyoo Bridge	Business case draft received. Tim Glenister and Steve Douglas working on.	Completed at special meeting 7 th December

From November meeting of Council

19.	10A Kurara Way and 14 Mulga Crescent	Funds authorised to carry out repairs and maintenance as listed in the building inspection report.	Cleaning and painting done. Report included in finance section.
20.	Alternative to shade area south of roadhouse. Point 3	Approval of three 'seaside shelters' and 'Hudson' seat and table settings.	All ordered.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That the Action List be accepted.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 Monthly Plant Report - Works Supervisor

HEAVY PLANT							
Plant Item	Year	REGO	Start Hours	End Hours/km	Total	Service	Ownership
Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	8916	9110	194		
Cat Grader 12M	2008	MU 51	4961	5153	192		
Volvo L110 Loader	2006	MU 65	4711.6	4880.3	168.7		
Komatsu Dozer	1997			In town for repairs			
Cat Vibrating Roller	2005	MU 177	975.5	1055.1	79.6		
John Deere Grader	2011	MU 121	1950.8	2153.7	202.9		
Bomag M/Tyre Roller			626	679	53		
Cat 938G Loader	2004		3527	3616.8	89.8		
Iveco Prime Mover	2003	MU 000	257597	260713	3116		
Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	126144	127382	1238		
Iveco Tipper	2004	MU 00	157725	157725	Not used		
Generator 2-110kva	2011		4105.6	4609	503.4		
Generator 1-110kva	2011		4275.6	4580	304.4		
Maintenance Genset			18151	18577.5	426.5		
Construction Genset			8334	9116.6	782.6		
Mitsubishi Canter	2011	01 MU	59340	62895	3555		
Mitsubishi Canter	2004	MU 140	139900	142846	2946		
Toyota Prado	2010	MU 0	56044	57561	1517		
Holden Rodeo	2008	MU 167	158129	158956	827		
Isuzu DMAX	2009	MU 300	131389	134759	3370		
Toyota Hilux	2011	MU 1018	66549	70845	4296		
Isuzu T/Top	2005	MU1002	99515				
Toyota P/T Vehicle	1986	MU 1017	21162	21162	Not used		
Side Tipper	2001	MU 2010	12259	14983	2724		
Side Tipper – Evertran	2009	MU 662	54522	57718	3196		
Tri-Axle Low Loader	2008	MU 663			Not used		
No. 2 float	2001	MU 2004	20581	20581	Not used		
30000lt Water Tank	2005	MU 2024	18139	20153	2014		
Dog Fuel Trailer	1993	MU 658					
Dog Fuel Trailer	1972	MU 2005					
Dolly 1-Red	2001	MU 2003		23700			
Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009					

New Holland Ford Tractor	2006	MU 380	1514.6	1518	340		
Forklift			11752	11767	15		
Caravans							
Various small plant							
Ride on Mower - JD			175.4	188.6	13.2		

13.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

This month things were progressing well until Sunday 9th December when Billabalong had 24mm rain right where we are working on the floodways.

All gravel has been carted in and spread and rolled. In last months report I mentioned that gravel was hard to find. We have since located a fairly good supply about 7-8kms in west of Billabalong homestead and this should get us to the bridge. Construction road works have now almost finished for the year and we are about 3km short of the bridge.

On Monday 17th December, crew will finish spreading out remaining floodways (both gravel and floodways have now dried out). All signs will then be erected to make sure road works are safe over the Christmas and staff break.

Work will recommence after Christmas when all crew have returned. We should only need to do a light grade and roll in readiness for sealing. Once tenders are received back from Greenfields we can proceed with the sealing which is scheduled for March/April.

Maintenance Crew

John and Glen have finished their maintenance and patch grading for this year. As of Monday 17th they will finish shoulder grading of bitumen road south of the settlement. They will then proceed to grade Errabiddy Bluff and around the settlement. Once completed they will then wash down their plant, ute and caravan in readiness for the Christmas break.

Flood Damage

Two thirds of the flood damage repairs have been completed on Butchers Track and the remainder will be done after the Christmas break.

Quotes for repairs to the low level crossing should be to hand this week and work will also begin after the new year.

Grids

The last of the three new grids scheduled for completion this year was finished by Rossco on the Boolardy-Kalli Road last week.

Sandy McTaggart will now cart dirt onto the approaches and then open the grid to traffic.

In the new year I intend to look at repairs on some of the older grids. (welding and concrete)

Plant/Repairs

Bob and Pai have finished as our casual mechanics and Trevor is now in full swing ordering parts for maintenance on all plant over the Christmas break.

Staff

I would like to wish all staff a safe and happy Christmas.

ROADS GRADED Nov/Dec 16/11/2012 - 16/12/2012

NAME	Length of Road	SLK's Graded this month	Road Maintenance Repairs Loader--truck	Comments
Beringarra /Pindar	319.80km	127---230=97km + patch grade to Beringarra		* light grade plus drains
Erong	63.12km			
Beringarra/Byro	90.89km	Full grade from Beringarra to Milly Milly39km, then patch grade to Byro		*light grade
Twin-Peaks/Wooleen	47.65km			
Boolardy/Kalli	57.30km			
Byro/Woodleigh	71.00km			

New Forrest/Yallalong	16.36km			
M ⁿ Nabb/Twin-peaks	49.75km			
Yallalong-West	16.72km			
Mileura/Nookawarra	49.08km			
Muggon	38.75km	38.75km		Full grade
Manfred	34.55km			
Beringarra/Mt Gould	34.80km			
Tardie/Yuin	13.20km			
Innouendy	9.30km			
Boolardy Homestead	2.00km			
Yunda Homestead	32.80km			
Meeberrie /Woolleen	25.22km			
Mt Wittenoom	37.55km	Patch grade		
Woolleen/Mt Wittenoom	33.85km			
Beringarra Cue	109.82km	Patch grade		
Boolardy Wooleen	19.08km			
Kalli Cue East	21.87km			
Coodardy Noondie	19.92km			
Butchers Track	64.54km			
Butchers Muggon	23.80			
Murchison Settlement	2.00km			
Pinegrove Yallalong	-----			
Carnarvon-Mullewa	278.63km	35km 194km		Shoulder grading By contractor
Woolgorong-South	15.00km			
Ebabbidy-Bluff	12km			
Air strip Graded				

* These roads - light grade (4 cuts over then 4-5 cuts back) plus drains where required
 Total this month full grade-----209.75= km +194 by contractor

Plus 3 days spreading of gravel and rolling in at new grid at Beringarra

Recommendation:

That the Work’s Supervisor’s report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor		Seconded: Councillor
That the Work’s Supervisor’s report be accepted.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED

14.1 Shire President

14.2 Councillors

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

15.1 Plant Committee meeting held on 7th December 2012

Minutes have been emailed to councillors. The main item addressed was the purchase of a second hand Kenworth Truck from Mr Barry Kempton. The truck is currently being rebuilt. Full details are provided in the committee minutes.

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor****Seconded: Councillor**

That the minutes of the Plant Committee meeting of 7th December, 2012 be received and Council note the item for Council decision as follows:-

Recommendation to Council that they proceed with the purchase of the Kenworth T604 from Barry Kempton.

Carried/Lost**For:****Against:****16. FINANCE****16.1 Financial Activity Statements 30 November 2012**

File:

Author: Dianne Daniels – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 17 December 2012

Attachments: Financial Activity Statements for five months to 30th November 2012

Balance Sheet

Income Statement Detail

Income Statement by Nature & Type

Income Statement Summary

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider adopting the monthly financial statements for November 2012.

Background:

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Regulation 34 requires that local government report on a monthly basis and prescribes what is required to be reported.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4—Specifies that a local government is to prepare “such other financial reports” as is prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 34 states:

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1) (d) for that month in the following detail:

(a) Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1) (b) or (c);

(b) Budget estimates to the end of month to which the statement relates;

(c) Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates;

(d) Material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and

(e) The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

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

Consultation:

UHY Haines Norton

Comment:**Summary of Financial Results November 2012**

The Current Position at 30 November 2012 is a surplus of \$2,807,182 which is up on YTD Budget by \$1,280,051 as summarised below:

Opening Funding Surplus up by \$169,196K (see comment below)
Less Operating Revenues down by \$563,556K
Add Operating Expenditure down by \$910,132K
Less Funding Balance Adjustment down by \$68,225K
Less Capital Revenue down by \$127,000K
Add Capital Expenditure down by \$959,504K

Refer to Notes 9, 12 and 14 in the Financial Report for comments and explanations on variances.

The 2012-13 Budget was adopted with an opening funding surplus of \$3,065,414 with the opening position now being calculated as a \$3,234,610 surplus, which is up on budget by \$169,196. The major portion of this is the write back of the provision for doubtful debts of \$148,700 for 2010-11 as per instructions from the Auditor. This provision was initially posted to account for the difference between Roadhouse fuel purchases and sales on 30 June 2011 and a decision has since been made by the Auditor to account for the loss in the year it occurred as it appears to be unrecoverable.

Another adjustment posted into 2010-11 based on advice from the Auditors was a credit of \$19,126 to account for inconsistencies in transactions and payments to the Fuel supplier at the time between 1 September 2008 and 28 February 2011. Apart from those two major adjustments, there were some minor adjustments to bring us to the variance of \$169,196.

The 30 November 2012 deadline for payment of the first Rates Instalment (or full payment) has been and gone, with work having commenced on raising interim rates, pursuing tardy payers and sending out reminder notices for the second instalment.

On the Audit front, the 10-11 and 11-12 accounts are still sitting with the Auditor. The latest report from them is that 10-11 will be ready to sign off week ending 21 December and we can then swing into finalising 11-12. As we are now very close to Christmas, the 11-12 Audited Financial Report won't be ready for adoption until the February, or possibly the March meeting next year.

Capital Expenditure has been continuing on the Mullewa Carnarvon Road between SLK 199-206 and SLK 206-213 and is progressing well with \$.94 million of the \$1.93 million budget left in kitty. The CEO and gardeners vehicles have been ordered, with delivery and payment scheduled for early December. The new computers for the Works Supervisor and Roadhouse have been picked up and invoiced in November as has the new stove for 14 Mulga Crescent. The Sports Club wall is nearing completion with only minor expenditure expected in December to complete it in time for the Community Christmas Tree.

We have received \$ 10,391 in insurance recovery for the fire in the Komatsu bulldozer and have been working with/providing information to the insurance company regarding the flood damage to the community generator. It looks positive that we will receive a reasonable recovery for the generator early in the New Year.

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to the challenges that will be presented to us and the achievements realised in the New Year that are unique to working and living in a relatively remote location.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30 November 2012, as attached.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending November 2012, as attached.		
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

16.2 Accounts Paid during the period since the last list was adopted/endorsed by Council

File:	
Author:	Dianne Daniels Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	17 December 2012
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for November 2012

Matter for Consideration:

Authorisation of accounts paid during the month of November 2012.

Background:

Accounts paid are required to be submitted each month.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
 Reg 13(1)–Requires that where the Chief Executive Officer has delegated power to make payments from the Municipal or Trust funds a list of accounts paid is to be prepared each month.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Financial Implications:

Payment from Council’s Municipal Account

Consultation:

None

Comment:

Payments made during the month of November as per attached schedule.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Recommendation:

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,757,625.59 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor****Seconded: Councillor**

That the accounts as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$1,757,625.59 be passed for payment/endorsed by Council.

Carried/Lost**For:****Against:****16.3 Details of Expenditure on 10A Kurara Way & 14 Mulga Crescent**

File:	9.31
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Expenditure 10A & 14

Matter for Consideration:

Update on status of properties at 10a Kurara Way and 14 Mulga Crescent.

Background:

At the November meeting of council the Minutes of the Building Committee meeting were received and a resolution was made for repairs and maintenance work as listed in the building inspection reports to be undertaken up to a sum of \$40,000.

Comment:

Since the last meeting we have had both properties professionally cleaned and painted. We still have plumbing jobs to be completed and vertical blinds to be installed at 14 Mulga Cres.

A detailed list of expenditure to date and budgeted work still to be done is included in the attachment for councils' information.

The new Shire mechanic has moved into 10A.

The Works Supervisor and Administration Officer are planning on moving into 14 Mulga Cres once the plumbing works and blinds have been completed. This will hopefully be early in the new year. The cleaners did a very professional job and the painting has made a huge difference to both properties.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

No decision is required. Item is for information only.

17. DEVELOPMENT**18. ADMINISTRATION****18.1 Meeting Dates for 2013**

File:	4.32
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

A formal resolution of Council is required to set the ordinary Council meeting dates for 2013.

Background:

Precedent is that Ordinary Council meetings are held on the third Friday in each month. This is with the exception of January when a recess is traditionally observed

Comment:

This would give the following proposed dates for meetings to be held in 2013:-

January – no meeting

February 15th 2013

March 15th 2013

April 19th 2013

May 17th 2013

June 21st 2013

July 19th 2013

August 16th 2013

September 20th 2013

October 18th 2013

November 15th 2013

December 20th 2013

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 scheduled meetings for 2013 as follows:-

**Shire of Murchison
2013 Ordinary Council Meeting Dates**

The following ordinary Council meetings are open to the public commencing at 10am on the dates as shown below. All meetings are held in Council Chambers, Murchison Settlement, WA.

Ordinary Council Meeting Dates 2013 – 10am Friday

January – No meeting	19 July
15 February	16 August
15 March	20 September
19 April	18 October
17 May	15 November
21 June	20 December

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.2 Kalli Road – Yamatji Marlpa

File:	12.8
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Kalli Road Reply; Kalli Road Response, Kalli Road Inspection

Matter for Consideration:

Response to the shires letter of 6th July 2012.

Background:

Following advice from Mr Marcus Holmes of Land Equity Legal the shire sent a letter to Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation concerning the Kalli Road deviation road works the shire had carried out near the Kalli homestead in 2011. The letter acknowledged that the shire had not advised the claim group prior to the work being undertaken and offered to meet on site with two heritage inspectors from the claim group and walk the length of the road deviation to inspect for any aboriginal sites.

Comment:

We have now received a response from Ethical Engagement Consultancy, the Heritage Service Providers for the Wajarri Yamatji claimants, who advise that Mr Colin Hamlett, one of the traditional owners would be able to ask members of his family to inspect the area in mid January when they will be in the area doing an inspection for Sinosteel.

The proposed cost of the inspection would be \$1,940.40 for two consultants. This is based on the fact that the shire would not be charged for travel as the consultants would already be in the area. I have sent copies of the correspondence to Marcus Holmes for his review and hope to have his reply by the meeting.

I would suggest that as long as the Wajarri Yamatji Working Group are happy for Mr Holmes or members of his family to undertake the inspection that we accept the offer and authorise them to undertake it. Yamatji Marlpa acts on behalf of the Wajarri Yamatji Working Group and has advised that at the last meeting of the Working Group they considered the matter and asked for it to be forwarded to the Heritage Service Providers to deal with.

Statutory Environment:

Native Title Act 1993 and Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Cost of inspection would need to come from the amount budgeted for road construction and maintenance but would not have a major impact on the shire’s financial position.

Consultation:

Marcus Holmes – Land Equity Legal

Recommendation:

That council advise Ethical Engagement Consultancy to proceed with the inspection in mid January as offered in their letter of 11th December.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.3 Roads 2030

File:	12.1
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Roads 2030; Guidelines

Matter for Consideration:

Response to Main Roads request for review of Roads 2025 to Roads 2030 regional programme.

Background:

At the November meeting Council resolved to request a variation to Roads of Regional Significance to include the Boolardy-Kalli Road as well as the Wittenoorn-Meka Road. I spoke to Robyn Duncan of Main Roads regarding this and she advised that they were just about to do a review of all roads in connection with the roads 2030 programme. Roads of Regional Significance will now be Significant Roads and we can include the additional road as part of this review.

Comment:

The review needs to be back with Main Roads by the 20th February. Per the attachments we need to review the roads that appear in the Roads 2025 Development Strategy – compare these with the listing of Roads of Regional Significance and decide which roads need to be added. This is where we can complete details for the inclusion of the Boolardy-Kalli Road. Once the document has been reviewed and any amendments made then we can return it to Main Roads where the Technical Working Group will go through all the submissions and then forward their recommendations on to the RRG for endorsement.

Statutory Environment:

S3.53 of the Local Government Act1995 and s.55 (20 of the Land Administration Act 1997. The local government within the district of which a road is situated ahs the care, control and management of the road.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Robyn Duncan - MRWA

Recommendation:

That the Shire reviews the list of roads and updates details as necessary. That the shire completes a Roads 2030 – Road justification and Development Strategy Submission form for inclusion of the Boolardy- Kalli Road.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.4 Assessment of Beringarra-Pindar and Carnarvon-Mullewa Road Classifications

File:	12.24
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Beringarra-Pindar Road, Carnarvon-Mullewa Road

Matter for Consideration:

Results of the assessments carried out by Main Roads to review the possibility of upgrading to Network 9 RAV.

Background:

At the October meeting council resolved:-

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Seaman	Seconded: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor	
That the Shire requests Main Roads to assess the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road and the Beringarra-Pindar Road for their suitability to allow access to larger class vehicles than currently allowed.		
Carried	For: 4	Against: 0

Main Roads have carried out the assessments and their reports are attached.

Comment:

Carnarvon-Mullewa Road

Rod Gills has inspected the road and recommended that it be upgraded from a RAV 7 network to a RAV 9 network from our southern boundary as far as the Wooramel River crossing. This recommendation has been forwarded to Main Roads heavy Vehicle Operations for their final approval and adding to the network. Once this has been actioned they will advise the shire. The upgrade will be subject to condition CA07- Shire Approval and for daylight operation only.

Pindar-Beringarra Road

Rod Gills has inspected this road and cannot recommend it for use by RAV 9 class of vehicles. He has highlighted the fact that the airstrip at Nookawarra is crossing the road and says that he will not approve any general RAV access until the airstrip is relocated. If the airstrip is made compliant then the road may be acceptable for Network 4 combinations up to 27.5m in length subject to certain conditions.

Statutory Environment:

S3.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 and s.55 (20) of the Land Administration Act 1997. The local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control and management of the road.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Rod Gills – MRWA
Rich Bain - MRWA

Recommendation:

That the reports from main roads be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.5 Nookawarra Airstrip

File:	12.14
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
No Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Issue of the Nookawarra Airstrip crossing the Beringarra-Pindar Road

Background:

At the October meeting of council the ongoing problem of the Nookawarra airstrip crossing the Beringarra-Pindar road was discussed and it was resolved to give notice to the lease holder that council will be ripping the air strip within the road reserve area to prevent its' use. This was to be done once Main Roads had conducted their inspection so that their comments could be included.

Comment:

As we can see from the previous item Main Roads have completed the inspection of the Beringarra-Pindar Road and have noted:-

There is an airstrip that crosses the road at approximately SLK 287.65 near Nookawarra. Within MRWA Emergencies Airstrip Policies and Guidelines are specifications and details for the construction of emergency airstrips/runways, including traffic management, signage etc and although this airstrip is situated on a local government road MRWA will not approve any general RAV access until the airstrip complies to MRWA standards, or is relocated or removed from Beringarra Pindar road.

Statutory Environment:

S3.53 of the Local Government Act1995 and s.55 (20 of the Land Administration Act 1997. The local government within the district of which a road is situated ahs the care, control and management of the road. Regulation 12(1) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires that:

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That council proceed with the recommendation to stop the airstrip crossing the Beringarra-Pindar road and give notice to the lease holder that they will be ripping the airstrip within the road reserve area to prevent its' use.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.6 Fuel Supply Contract

File:	4.53
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	Fuel Purchases

Matter for Consideration:

Review of the contract for the supply and delivery of fuel and oils to the Shire of Murchison.

Background:

At the council meeting in October 2011 it was resolved to offer a twelve month contract to Oil Tech for the supply of fuel and oils, as required, to the Shire of Murchison. The twelve months is now up and council needs to renew or negotiate a new contract.

Comment:

Purchases over the past year have amounted to a total of 419,957 litres of diesel at a cost of \$588,717.18 and 45,280 litres of ULP at a cost of \$59,565.66. These figures are for the shire and roadhouse combined. I would suggest that we advertise for Expression of Interest/quotes for the supply of fuel and oils to the shire for the next two or three year period, with approaches to Oil Tech and the BP, Caltex, and Shell distributors in Geraldton so that a comparison can be made. Whilst we do not have to call tenders I feel we do need to obtain costings for comparison before making a decision.

Statutory Environment:

Part 4. R.11 (2) (g) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996. Tenders to not have to be called if the goods to be supplied under the contract are: - (i) petrol or oil; or (ii) any other liquid, or any gas, used for internal combustion engines.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

This is in compliance with the Shire of Murchison's Purchasing Policy

Financial Implications:

A contract for the supply of fuel and oils will form an ongoing part of the budgeting process of the shire.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That the Shire advertise for Expressions of Interest for the supply of fuel and oils to the shire, on an as required basis, for the next two/three years.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

18.7 WALGA Survey on Financial Assistance Grants

File:	4.53
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	20 th December 2012
Attachments:	WALGA FAG's Survey; FAGS Review Summary

Matter for Consideration:

Completion of the FAG Survey sent by WALGA

Background:

The Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) is reviewing the impact of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) on Local Government financial sustainability. This will inform recommendations for changes to the allocation of FAGs to Local Governments.

Comment:

Submissions to the review are due by 1 March, 2013. WALGA is seeking Local Governments' views on FAGs to inform its submission to the CGC.

WALGA requests that you use the attached survey form to record your council's views on FAGs. Please record the council's collective position on each applicable question (so only one copy of the form is to be completed per Local Government).

I have also attached a short summary document to explain some of the key issues the review is examining. The due date for the survey is 31 January 2013.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

This is in compliance with the Shire of Murchison's Purchasing Policy

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

That the Shire completes the WALGA FAG's Survey and forwards their response to WALGA.

	found to be causing no threat to property and burnt out over night.
27 th November	Had meeting with prospective road house operators and showed them around the settlement and roadhouse and motel facilities.
27 th November	Met with Cr Squires and builder to look at the proposed site of the new Laundry Block. Quote to be forwarded.
29 th November	With Cr Seaman I attended the WARAG meeting in Geraldton. Very informative
30 th November	Attended the MWA lunch following their official opening out on site earlier that morning. Cr Halleen also attended and I spoke with Dr Stephen Tingay regarding the donated telescope.
6 th / 7 th December	Attended the MEG meeting at Wooleen Station as the hosting shire. Good discussion on regional tourism – meeting being arranged for February
7 th December	Special meeting of Council
8 th December	Carried out stock take of road house for hand over to new operators
9 th December	Met with new roadhouse operators on their arrival in town and carried out hand over of premises and stock.
10 th December	New road house operators commenced - lease being negotiated with Civic Legal but some delay due to transfer of business name from previous operators.
12th December	Meeting with Ben from Camp Quality. Fund raising bash coming to Murchison next year on the 4 th August. Approx 25 entrant cars and 8 support vehicles – 80 people who will want dinner, bed and breakfast. Discussed route they will be taking etc. Had met with new roadhouse operators and found them to be very supportive and helpful regarding planning of the event.

Recommendation:

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor	Seconded: Councillor	
Carried/Lost	For:	Against:

21. URGENT BUSINESS

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

23. MEETING CLOSURE