



Western Australia

Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,  
In accordance with Section 5.4(a) (i) of the Local Government Act 1995  
a Special Meeting of the Shire of Murchison is to be held in the  
Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,  
On Wednesday **9<sup>th</sup> January 2013**, commencing at the conclusion of the Road Inspection.

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Shire President welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 2.43pm

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****Elected members:**

Councillor S A Broad – Shire President  
 Councillor R E Foulkes-Taylor – Deputy Shire President  
 Councillor M W Halleen  
 Councillor D A McTaggart  
 Councillor P R Squires

**Staff:**

Jenny Goodbourn – Chief Executive Officer  
 Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

**Apologies:**

Councillor B M Seaman

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**4.1 Standing Orders*****Council Decision:***

**Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor**

**Seconded: Councillor Squires**

**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**

**For: 5**

**Against: 0**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil

**8. REPORTS****8.1 Reports – Chief Executive Officer**

In accordance with S5.4 (b) of the Local Government Act 1995 a Special Meeting was decided by council for the purpose of dealing with the Road Inspection report.

**Officers Recommendation:**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be accepted

**Voting:**

Simple Majority

**Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Halleen****Seconded: Councillor McTaggart**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be accepted.

**Carried****For: 5****Against: 0****9. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

None expected

**10. Administration****10.1 Report on the Road inspection Undertaken**

File:	12.24
Author:	Jenny Goodbourn- Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2013
Attachments:	Road Inspection Report

**Matter for Consideration:**

Matters arising from the Road Inspection Undertaken

**Background:**

The Shire of Murchison undertakes an annual inspection of roads within the district.

**Comment:**At the December council meeting the dates for the road inspection were set for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January.**Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor****Seconded: Councillor Halleen**That the Annual Road Inspection be held on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> January and include the following arrangements:-

2 days inspection

Overnight at Murchison Settlement

Route to be roads in the south of the shire

Bus to be hired for transport – driver to be someone other than those carrying out the inspection

Short meeting of council at the conclusion of the road inspection on day 2

**Carried****For: 6****Against: 0****Statutory Environment:**

Road inspections are well within Council's legislative boundaries.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

That council discuss the road inspection.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Halleen</b>	
That council discuss the road inspection.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**10.2 Discussion on the Road inspection**

Cr Foulkes-Taylor wanted to thank the CEO for participating in the inspection. He also wanted to thank Brian, the Works Supervisor, who had given up two days of his annual leave to join Council on the inspection and for the care and knowledge of the shires road network which he displayed throughout the whole trip.

Points noted for action:-

- Shire of Northampton to be contacted about the sign at the boundary on the New Forrest-Yallalong Road which has been erected by the 4WD club. It is misleading and needs to be removed/corrected.
- Need new Coolcalalaya sign at Yallalong Homestead Murchison crossing.
- CEO & Works Supervisor to produce full report on the inspection for presentation to council.

Cr Halleen noted that the roads were basically good and standing up well. This is a credit to the Shire.

Worst road inspected was the New Forrest-Yallalong Road and repairs are needed. Bog holes and crossings need to be addressed this year and can be funded from the heavy maintenance budget. Signs also need replacing as necessary.

Cr Squires also noted that Brian shows passion for his job and his responsibility for the roads. Full compliments to him and his staff.

Cr Halleen suggested that we need to look not only at the roads themselves but also off road with Bunding and drainage to improve the situation and prevent damage to the roads.

Cr McTaggart agreed that the New Forrest-Yallalong Road needs a hard hit with some heavy maintenance work.

<b>Council Decision:</b>		
<b>Moved: Councillor Foulkes-Taylor</b>	<b>Seconded: Councillor Halleen</b>	
That council action the following:		
Shire of Northampton to be contacted about the sign at the boundary on the New Forrest-Yallalong Road which has been erected by the 4WD club. It is misleading and needs to be removed/corrected.		
Need new Coolcalalaya sign at Yallalong Homestead Murchison crossing.		
CEO & Works Supervisor to produce full report on the inspection for presentation to council.		
<b>Carried</b>	<b>For: 5</b>	<b>Against: 0</b>

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**12. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil

**13. MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 2.55pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Signed..... Presiding Officer