



Western Australia

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Thursday **24th May 2018**, commencing at 12 Noon.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the meeting open at 12.10pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

R Foulkes-Taylor President
A Whitmarsh – Deputy President
Cr E Foulkes-Taylor
Cr G Mead
Cr Q Fowler
Cr P Squires

Staff

Peter Dittrich - CEO
William Herold – Acting Works Supervisor
Rose Jones - DCEO

Apologies – Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor Q Fowler

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: 6

Against: 0

5. NEXT MEETING

28 June 2018

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Discuss two items pursuant to LGA s. 5.23 (2) (c) and (e) – 1. Road Agreement – SKA Route and 2. CEO Appraisal.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 April 2018

Background:

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

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 April 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor Q Fowler	Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor	
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 26 April 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.		
Carried	For: 6	Against: 0

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

11. ACTION LIST

No	Item	Action	Status
1	Community Project Officer	Still sitting on the table. Meeting held 11 th March 2016 and recommendations presented to Council at the April OCM – the item was left to lay on the table while Council explored other options.	Working Group have identified potential projects and some of the issues relating to the appointment of a Project Officer.
2	Cemetery and Remembrance Walk	Completion of the cemetery and names for the remembrance walk. Community to be contacted to suggest names for inclusion. Community Advisory Group to advise Council on these projects. Invitation sent to CAG to meet on Friday 3 June. A surveyor will be at the Murchison Settlement shortly to survey the tip, so will plan to have the Cemetery done as well.	Following the discussions at the Budget Workshop further work on this project is to be undertaken in 2018/19.
3	Review of Road Network	Council to conduct a whole of shire road review. Establish roads to be closed/position of roads etc. and work with Landgate and surrounding shires. The status (ie a road defined by description; a dedicated road; a gazetted road; a closed road) of roads no longer maintained needs to be identified before the Shire can progress with this.	Updated map of roads of interest has been supplied to Landgate.

Recommendation:

That the Action List be accepted.

Discussion: CEO advised that the Project Officer working group had not met yet. The Community Advisory Group held a meeting to discuss a long term plan for gardens. The requirement for a Niche Wall at the cemetery to be considered with budget deliberations.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor G Mead	Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh	
That the Action List be accepted.		
Carried	For: 6	Against: 0

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Peter Dittrich declared a financial interest in item 22.2 and Cr P Squires declared a proximity interest in item 21.1.

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**13.1 Monthly Plant Report – Works Supervisor**

April 2018			Hours					YTD	
* No Meter ** New Meter			Start	End	Total		Operating Costs		
Plant Item	Year	Rego	1 July '17	Hrs/kms	Hrs/km	Month	YTD	Plant	Fuel
P.01 JD Grader	2011	MU1063	9242	10236	10322	86	1080	16,319.03	19,092.35
P.02 Cat Grader 12H	2005	MU 141	15732	16021	16021	Traded	16021	6,047.65	5,530.80
P15003 JD 6WD Grader	2012	MU121	1829	2894	2987	93	1158	9,119.17	25,262.97
P081 JD Grader	2017	MU105	0	802	910	108	108	5,406.98	16,502.38
P.04 New/H Ford Tractor	2006	MU 380	2167	2410	2418	8	251	523.01	577.42
P.05 Dolly 1-Red **	2001	MU 2003	0	8671	10273	1602	10273	3,799.67	n/a
P.07 Nissan UD	2009	000 MU	217729	222784	228802	6018	11073	4,703.12	9,210.92
P.08 Dolly 2-Black	2000	MU 2009	17885	24689	25570	881	7685	5,857.83	n/a
P.09 Iveco P/Mover	2003	MU1065	333380	344086	345438	1352	12058	7,461.12	12,629.19
P.10 Iveco W/Truck (hrs) *	2004	MU 00	11403	11927	11927	0	524	2,628.48	6,127.50
P.11 Komatsu Dozer	1997		2300	3203	3281	78	981	16,404.10	20,363.09
P.13 Tri-Axle L/L Float	2008	MU 663	28490	32457	38605	6148	10115	5,799.41	n/a
P.14 No. 2 Float	2001	MU 2004	10505	11427	11427	0	922	953.29	n/a
P.17 Side Tipper	2001	MU 662	25124	34821	36401	1580	11277	4,915.19	n/a
P.18 Side Tipper	2001	MU2010	10314	20654	22243	1589	11929	6,875.90	n/a
P.24 30K W/Tanker Trailer	2005	MU 2024	7658	21145	22493	1348	23841	8,039.12	n/a
P.27 Volvo Loader	2006	MU 65	8787	9507	9587	80	9667	3,782.52	12,577.92
P.28 Isuzu Dmax	2009	MU 300	225000	234890	235611	721	10611	1,811.35	1,534.89
P.32 Construction Gen			25281	27945	28412	467	3131	352.97	2,391.17

P.33 Maintenance Gen			11798	14166	14508	342	2710	1,158.17	3,679.10
P.34 Generator Perkins *		Mechanic	1744	4545	4545	0	2801	972.67	1,729.43
P.35 Generator 1-110kva	2011		26523	27377	27402	25	879	7,544.38	111,456.70
P. 17035 New Generator	2016		2446	8291	8938	647	6492		
P.37 Forklift			12634	12719	12730	11	96	2,700.87	339.60
P.40A Toyota Hilux	2014	01MU	104000	117927	117927	Traded	13927	1,433.33	2,743.79
P.41 Cat 938G Loader	2004	MU 193	5850	6139	6216	77	366	1,619.23	5,429.47
P.43 Bomag Roller	2012	MU1027	3537	3755	3768	13	231	4,996.61	3,520.87
P.48 Dog Fuel Trailer *	1979	MU 2026	0	0	0	0	0	93.46	n/a
P.49 Dog Fuel Trailer *	1972	MU 2005	0	0	0	0	0	239.56	n/a
P.54 Isuzu T/Top	2005	MU 1002	181148	182491	182491	Traded	1343	499.24	467.09
P.55 Toyota Prado	2012	MU1011	100507	125650	128410	2760	27903	767.29	3,940.38
P.57 Great Wall	2012	MU 167	63922	73960	74366	406	10444	4,190.45	1,627.73
P.59 45ft Flat Top *	1978	MU2044	0	0	0	0	0	2,270.87	n/a
P.60 Mercedes PTV	2004	MU 1009	103624	104434	104482	48	858	2,884.20	104.36
P.61 Kenworth P/Mover	2004	MU 000	104665	117155	118751	1596	14086	9,588.21	18,825.84
P.64 Isuzu Construction	2013	MU 140	136312	155491	159199	3708	22887	7,773.52	7,265.71
P.65 Generator 9KVA *	2013	H/ Maint	6391	9038	9038	0	2647	1,999.17	7,896.21
P.67 Roadwest S/Tipper	2013	MU2042	83079	94644	96253	1609	13174	2,752.49	n/a
P.68 Bomag Padfoot	2013	MU1071	2055	2495	2523	28	468	3,503.83	7,232.82
P.72 Isuzu Fire Truck	2013	MU1068	2149	2381	3026	645	877	5,703.08	14.26
P.73 Toyota Fast Attack	2014	MU1069	8900	8900	8900	0	0	1,256.39	n/a
P.80 Fuso Canter	2017	MU120	0	8589	10352	1763	10352	4,553.73	2,063.30
P.82 Isuzu/Dmax W/S Ute	2017	01 MU	0	20767	24925	4158	24925	7,890.70	3,719.18
Caravans				n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,634.35	n/a
P11076 JD Ride on mower			937	1062	1062	0	125	462.78	n/a
P15006 Isuzu Maint	2015	MU1018	48269	73146	75422	2276	27153	4,541.26	7,340.62
P16063 Toyota Prado	2016	MU 0	29327	54803	57719	2916	28392	7,874.36	4,272.00
P16075 Kuboto Mower	2016		175	337	356	19	181	506.20	575.50

13.2 Works Report – Works Supervisor

Construction Crew

The Construction Crew are moving along well with the works in the Byro area on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road between SLK 47 - 52.

As at the start of this week (14th of May) crew have commenced work on the drains and bunds.

Further sheeting is required on some sections as the road is still low and water may pool after heavy rains.

Two floodway's have had concrete walls put in place by Yuin Station contractor. 1 x 133m long wall just north of the Tathire River and a 30m long wall approx. 3km north of Byro turn off on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.

As mentioned in last month's report some small jobs are being completed while crew are in the area.

- Blasting of the sharp crest on the Beringarra-Byro Road.
- Placing in an extra 2.4m length of culvert onto an existing culvert.
- Within the next 2-3 weeks crew will remove two 12ft grids on the Beringarra-Byro Road and two on the Byro-Woodleigh Road.
- Boxing out of the Tathire crossing and replacing with cement stabilised gravel.
- There is a bad wash-out section on the Beringarra-Byro Road (under Flood Damage Repairs) and as crew had approx. 15cm of cement stabilised gravel left over they will put this in the wash-out before leaving the area.

Maintenance Crew

The Maintenance Crew are progressing well with grading in the eastern section of the Shire. At this stage they have stopped grading on the Beringarra-Pindar road finishing approx. 15km north of Boolardy. They are currently 40km along the Boolardy-Kalli road and with the completion of Boolardy-Kalli crew will then move back and continue grading north on Beringarra-Pindar.

Bunding of Old Roads

Expressions of Interest for the bunding of old main roads within the shire has been called and was awarded to Squires Resources.

Roads for bunding this year:

- Old Erong road (from the Innouendy turn-off to northern boundary) approx. - 18 bunds required.
- Old main road on Byro Station east of the woolshed - 12 bunds required
- Small section just north of Byro - approx. 6 bunds required.
- Approx. 12km south of Byro an old road that had some bunds on now requires more bunding as in the last heavy rain (January 2018) some of the sections washed out and this has a big impact on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road.

Concrete Walls

Concrete Walls have been included in this year's works program. These walls are approx. 250mm wide x 500mm deep and to the length required at each wash-out. The purpose of the walls is to prevent the road from washing away on the down side at small creek crossings and floodway's.

Flood Damage Contract Crew

Robbro and THEM Earthmoving have now completed the 2017 Flood Damage repairs. I have inspected both sections and the road works was of top quality. Well done to both crew.

Works Supervisor - General

- 22nd April - Final inspection of Robbro flood damage road repairs north of Boolardy.
Inspection of blow-out and erecting warning signs on the Carnarvon-Mullewa road.
- 24th April - Inspection of construction works.
- 1st 2nd May - With Construction Crew plus prestart meeting for Bunding of Old Roads with Paul Squires.
- 7th May - 8hrs with Construction Crew.
- 14th May - 10hrs with Construction Crew.

As this is my last report for council (William will now be taking over) I would like to thank council for all their support and help over the last 8 years.

ROADS GRADED APRIL - MAY

Name	Length of Road		SLK's Graded this month	Heavy Maintenance	Comments
Beringarra-Pindar	319.80km		75km		13km south of Murgoo to 15km north of Boolardy
Boolardy-Kalli	57.30km		40km		
Mt Wittenoom	37.55km		37km		Full length

Total roads graded this month 152km shire crew

Recommendation:

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

Discussion: That Roads to Recovery works will be completed next week and the Construction crew will prepare grid approaches followed by remedial work on Carnarvon-Mullewa Road patching section where new gravel is required.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor G Mead

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

Carried

For: 6

Against: 0

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING MEETINGS ATTENDED**14.1 Shire President**

Nil

14.2 Councillors

Cr A Whitmarsh has submitted the following report:

SKA Stakeholders Meeting – 1/5/2018

SKA partnership convention (international) was confirmed on the 10/4/18, with Australia to still to sign off with a deadline of September. Looking like Portugal is now keen to get on board. Once all partners have signed then funding negotiations will start.

Procurement is planned to start in 2020 and construction in 2021. Design review is underway, with early production arrays delayed to November to make decision when to start.

Still a funding gap so far and risk of getting bigger with inflation and what not, but technology will get cheaper.

Roads pushing for 40% aboriginal involvement. Maintenance program not finalised with Main Roads still waiting on SKA on traffic loads.

I mentioned some issues that Murchison shire and community still have issues with and David Luchetti requested a meeting set up to discuss and solve.

MWA underway 256 antennae have been operating since November and appearing to be more robust than expected. No upgrades planned due to no funding available. Gco Electrical based in Geraldton have maintenance contract. Will be obsolete by the time SKA Lo will be commissioned.

MWDC Gavin (very brief as we ran out of time due to discussion about Murch shire issues)

- *Murchison Interpretative Centre/WA Museum Geraldton SKA Digital Production*
- *Full single lane bitumen seal between Mullewa and Murchison Settlement*
- *Establishing dedicated NBN fibre link between SKA and Murchison Settlement & Pia Wajarri*
- *Establishment of R&D capacity (i.e. 3 qualified researchers) within MW Region, through CSIRO, located in Geraldton*
- *National Space Centre to be located in the Mid West*

- A Mid West SKA Economic/Free Trade Zone linked with SKA providing incentive opportunities for international organisations to locate in the Mid West
- Pollinators led Mid West Education & Community Support Initiative linked with SKA learnings for potential establishment of new businesses, etc
- Mid West Procurement Consortium Initiative (partnership/JV between key regional businesses & Wajarri community), positioning/maximising MW business opportunities to secure work both for the construction and operational phases of SKA

Rob Jefferies is the new EO for MWAC

Cr Whitmarsh reported that the CSIRO / Community meeting planned for 31st May 2018 has been postponed by CSIRO to allow more time for investigation.

Cr P Squires tendered his apology for the inappropriate manner in which he raised an item relating to grid works in the works program.

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor attended a Geotourism International Conference. The report is shown below:

Report to Council

The Business of Geotourism and Geoparks- International Workshop

May 14th 2018

Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Kensington

Thank you to the Shire of Murchison for the opportunity to represent the council at this workshop.

What is Geotourism?

Tourism which focuses on an area's geology and landscape and the basis for providing visitor engagement, learning and enjoyment.

What is a Geopark?

A Geopark is an area with a geological heritage of significance, which has a strong management structure and where a sustainable economic development strategy is in place. Geoparks are not national parks. There are four levels of Geoparks – Pre-aspiring, Aspiring, National and Global. There is one national geopark in Australia (SA/Vic boarder)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanawinka_Geopark There are 6 aspiring geoparks/georegions in WA

UNESCO Geopark Definition

'Single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscaped of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development'

A note on UNESCO Geoparks

'Even if an area has outstanding, world famous geological heritage of outstanding universal value, it cannot be a UNESCO Global Geopark (UGG) unless the area also has a plan for the sustainable development of the people who live there.'

Unless a UGG has the support of local people it will not succeed. UGG status does not imply restrictions on any economic activity inside a UGG, where that activity complies with indigenous, local, regional and /or national legislation.' Source: UNESCO Global Geopark Brochure

Geoparks are a vehicle for:

- Economic growth
- Job creation
- Community well being
- Cultural revival
- Conservation
- Tourism development
- Aboriginal enterprise
- Educational links
- Scientific research
- A global network

Key factors of Geopark Development in Australia 2018

- *Pre-aspiring Geopark development needs to be state/local government agency initiated and supported*
- *A high level of community (including other land user) engagement is essential to meet UNESCO requirements*
- *The key driver of Geopark development must be focused on regional development ie jobs and growth and demonstrate economic benefit to offset perceived political risk*
- *The approval of Government Geological Surveys for individual projects is an absolute necessity*
- *Australian Govt approval for UNESCO nomination may be achieved if state government endorsement and funding is clearly established.*

Karen Morrissey capably represented the Murchison GeoRegion with a presentation. She identified the following Geotourism assets in the region:

- *Jack Hills- oldest rocks on the planet*
- *Gold formed during collision of neutron stars*
- *Historic gold rush towns*
- *Pioneering settlement and outback stations*
- *Largest gallery of Aboriginal rock art in WA*
- *Oldest mine in the world (ochre)*
- *Ancient Aboriginal story lines in country*
- *Location of SKA*
- *Meteorite craters*
- *Largest magma chamber- volcanic circle*
- *Rare orbicular granite*
- *Unique flora and fauna*
- *Cache ancient and picturesque, unpopulated semi-arid landscapes*

Karen believes we are ready for a Geopark. In my opinion, realistically, the Murchison Region should be aiming for Geotrails in the short to medium term. After hearing about Geoparks around the world I think the 'Murchison' proposal has a long way to go before becoming a geopark and even further to becoming a UNESCO Geopark.

Geotrails Should:

- *Be constructed around routes currently used by tourists. They should form logical journeys linking accommodations destinations*

- *Meld the geological heritage features of a region with a cohesive story*
- *Incorporate and package the biodiversity and cultural components (including mining heritage) of the region through which the geotrail traverses.*

A very good example of a geotrail is the Grand Canyon.

A couple of things I found interesting:

In 2000 China had 11 geoparks. In 2018 it has 207 – 37 of which are UNESCO geoparks. Most are self-sustaining from ticket sales

There are 800 geotrails in China

A proposal by Etheridge Council (Far north QLD) for a Geopark was strongly objected to by landholders who feared increased regulation/restrictions and tourists. I felt these fears were somewhat dismissed by the presenter but made a point privately to him that I felt they are very valid concerns from a landholder point of view.

Because of these sorts of concerns the recommendation is to use the term ‘Georegion’ rather than Geopark.

More info on UNESCO geoparks: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/unesco-global-geoparks/>

Shire of Murchison Strategic Community Plan 2016/17 – 2026/27 – March 2017

Tourism Development

To promote and support a sustainable tourism industry in the Shire of Murchison.

Ranking

Council (1- 20) 15F16: 12.80 Community (1 – 10) 16F17: 6.93 (Tourism Marketing) 7.50 (Decentralisation of Tourism Infrastructure)

16 Council overall ranking of all 20 priorities from the Community Consultation process. Refer to Council Overall Ranking of Priorities for further detail.

17 Community ranking of the 10 economic priorities identified from the Community Consultation process. Refer to How Our Community Had a Say for further detail.

Rationale

The potential for tourism development is wide across the region, with the opening up of the inland areas through the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways and the growing opportunities for ‘station stays’. There is also a growing eco-tourism industry with the Kennedy Ranges 163 kilometres east of Carnarvon, and Mount Augustus, 450 kilometres east of Carnarvon, which is twice the size of Ayres Rock.

Tourism activity has the capacity to help to stimulate improved business and industry growth, provides alternative forms of income streams to local residents and the Shire via council assets (recreational parks, camping grounds etc.). In return, local economic stimulus via tourism development and increased visitor demand can also stimulate investment into infrastructure upgrading from a State level.

The Shire of Murchison and the settlement itself is currently not identified on a number of main tourist routes or maps within the Mid-West Region. Due to the Shire’s geographical extremities and isolation, the locality generally appeals to tourists travelling “off the beaten track” exploring the natural landscape, wildflowers and outback.

The Shire’s road conditions along key tourism routes present both opportunities and challenges. The area has the potential to be daunting to travellers due to the road conditions, lack of telecommunications, distances between services and facilities and the isolation. On the other hand this is a key draw card for tourists who are seeking adventures down the roads less travelled.

Constraints to success

☒☒ Attraction and retention of suitable staff to support tourism development.

☒☒ Adequate Infrastructure (Roads and Accommodation).

Actions taken to date

Construction of a waste dump point, laundry and more accommodation at the Murchison Settlement Caravan Park.

Development of a Regional Tourism Strategy with neighbouring Shires to promote tourism in the region – Upper Gascoyne Murchison Tourism Development Strategy 2015-19 was adopted by Council on the 18th December 2014. This is a collaboration between eight Shires (Shire of Murchison, Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Shire of Meekatharra, Shire of Wiluna, Shire of Cue, Shire of Mt Magnet, Shire of Sandstone and Shire of Yalgoo) to grow tourism visitation, stay and expenditure across the upper Gascoyne Murchison region.

Actions planned for the future

☒☒ Expansion of the Murchison Settlement Caravan Park's accommodation facilities and construction of a camp kitchen.

☒☒ Consideration of developing Tourism infrastructure in locations throughout the Shire other than the Settlement.

☒☒ Support for a proposed regional Geotourism venture.

Performance measures

☒☒ Increased visitor numbers.

☒☒ Longer duration of stay by visitors.

Cr. Emma Foulkes-Taylor

May 21st 2018

15. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

16. FINANCE**16.1 Financial Activity Statements April 2018**

File:	
Author:	Rose Jones – Deputy Chief Executive Officer Peter Dittrich – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	17 May 2018
Attachments:	Financial Activity Statements to 30 April 2018 Statement of Financial Position Operating Statement by Program Operating Statement by Nature & Type Accounts Activity General Ledger Trial Balance

Matter for Consideration:

Council is to consider adopting the Monthly Financial Statements for April 2018.

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.

Comment:

The Current Position at 30 April 2018 is a surplus of \$3,090,660

	Budgeted closing surplus YTD	\$3,782,149
Plus	Variance to Operating Surplus	0
Less	Operating revenue down	-814,992
Less	Operating Expenditure up	-394,318
Less	Operating activity excluded	-103,393
Plus	Investing activities down	2,819,213
Plus	New Debentures up	2,453,610
Less	Transfers from reserve down	-3,155,637
Less	Repayment of Debentures	-1,917,482
Plus	Transfers to reserves down	421,510
	Total Variances	-642,738
	Actual Surplus as at 30 April 2018	\$3,090,660

The following Term Deposits are currently held as at 30 April 2018:

Beringarra Cue Road Reserve Term Deposit	\$3,499,963	@ 2.82% Maturity 18/07/2018
Crosslands MCF Term Deposit	\$ 376,037	@ 2.23% Maturity 25/05/2018

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

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Budget/Financial Implications:

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

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

Moore Stephens

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30 April 2018 as attached.

Discussion: Cr Squires sought clarification of expenditure relating to maintenance of plant and the polo-cross ground. Councillors also discussed the revaluation of plant and equipment and concluded that inaccurate valuation or depreciation rates that are not linked to remaining useful life have resulted in apparent losses on plant disposal. DCEO noted that the YTD surplus noted in the Agenda was incorrect and should read \$3,782,149.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority.

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor****Seconded: Councillor P Squires**

That Council adopt the financial statements for the period ending 30 April 2018 as attached

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0****16.2 Accounts Paid since the last list was endorsed by Council**

File:	4.37.1
Author:	Sharon Wundenberg – Administration/Finance Officer Peter Dittrich – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	18 May 2018
Attachments:	EFT & Cheque Details for April 2018

Matter for Consideration:

Endorsement of accounts paid during the month of April 2018.

Background:

If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, then the CEO is to prepare a list of accounts paid by the CEO during the month to present to Council.

Comment:

A list of payments made during the month of April 2018 is attached.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Regulation 13 states:

- (1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —
 - (a) the payee's name; and
 - (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —
 - (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
 - (i) the payee's name; and
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented
- (3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be —

- (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
- (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Budget/Financial Implications:

Payment from the Municipal, Trust and Reserve Bank Accounts.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

Moore Stephens

Recommendation:

That the accounts for the Month of April 2018, as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$4,829,766.61 which includes \$2,132,844.92 of intra account transfers and one payment to WA Treasury in respect of the Short Term advance totalling \$754,547.40, be endorsed by Council.

Discussion: Councillors considered the inclusion of internal funding transfers in the total of payments inflated the total and created a perception that more cash had been paid out. It was decided that future payment totals report only payments to third parties.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh****Seconded: Councillor G Mead**

That the accounts for the Month of April 2018, as per the attached Schedule presented to this meeting totalling \$4,829,766.61 which includes \$2,132,844.92 of intra account transfers and one payment to WA Treasury in respect of the Short Term advance totalling \$754,547.40, be endorsed by Council

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0****16.3 Budget Review Revision**

File:	2.4
Authors:	Rose Jones – Deputy Chief Executive Officer Peter Dittrich – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	10 May 2018
Attachments:	2017-18 Budget Review

Matter for Consideration:

A further review of the 2017-18 Budget based on financial performance between 1 July 2017 and 28 February 2018 following identification of anomalies in the Review presented to Council in March 2018.

Background:

As required by the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopted a budget for the 2017-18 financial year based on forward plans and best estimates at the time. According to the Local Government (Financial

Management) Regulations 1996, each year, between 1 January and 31 March, a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year, considering its financial performance for at least the first six months of the year, its position at the date of review and its forecast position to the end of the financial year.

Comment:

The Budget review for 2017-18, as adopted, has been forwarded to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and noted by Alan Carmichael as satisfactory. After the amendments were processed in the Synergy accounting system the resulting deficit result was reported to the April Ordinary Meeting of Council. A subsequent review of the variances has been conducted and includes patching works to be carried out on Carnarvon Mullewa Road in 2017-18. These amendments are detailed in the amended Statutory Budget Review attached.

Opening Carried Forward figure:

The opening carried forward figure was increased from \$4,870,024 to \$4,913,068 due to end of year final adjustments. This is an increase in the carried forward surplus of \$43,044

Operating Income:

1. There have been no material changes to the expected operating income.

Operating Expenditure:

1. The removal of housing from the Asset Register and the associated depreciation has reduced the overheads to be allocated to works and administration.
2. The additional work associated with the correction of the asset register impacted on the audit fees and remote accounting service fees.
3. Anticipated expenditure to 30th June 2018 is in aggregate lower than budgeted resulting in a surplus at end of 2017-18.

Infrastructure Roads:

1. Opening up work following the January 18 flood has been funded by transfer from reserve.
2. The maintenance budget has been reviewed and adjusted with funds being allocated to grid work, loan interest payable (WANDRRA), Fuel and Oil, and maintenance in the recreation area.

Building & Improvements:

1. The budgeted capital expenditure on staff housing will not take place this financial year and therefore the transfer from reserve has been adjusted accordingly.

Detailed amendments are shown at Note 5 in the Statutory Budget review.

General Ledger Structure

The current structure of the Chart of Accounts does not provide clarity for users to determine the nature of the revenue or expense items. It is proposed that separate GL accounts are created to identify transactions such as depreciation, overhead allocations and individual transfers to and from Reserve Accounts to assist with 2018-19 budget.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

33A Review of Budget

- (1) Between 1 January and 31 March in each year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.
- (2) The review of an annual budget for a financial year must –
 - (a) Consider the local government's financial performance in the period beginning on 1 July and ending no earlier than 31 December in that financial year; and
 - (b) Consider the local government's financial position as at the date of review; and
 - (c) Review the outcomes for the end of that financial year that are forecast in the budget.
- (3) Within 30 days after a review of the annual budget of a local government is carried out it is to be submitted to council.
- (4) A council is to consider a review submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the review, any parts of the review or any recommendation made in the review.
*Absolute majority required.
- (5) Within 30 days after a council has made a determination, a copy of the review and determination is to be provided to the Department.

Strategic Implications:

The budget has been developed based on existing strategic planning documents adopted by council.

Sustainability Implications

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations.

Policy Implications:

The budget is based on the principles contained in the Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan and informing strategies.

Financial Implications:

The changes suggested in the budget review are based on the local government's financial performance for the financial year up to 28 February 2018. Adjustments have been made to better reflect actual performance for the period and to give a more accurate projection of a small surplus at 30 June 2018.

Consultation:

CEO

Works Supervisor;

Gardener

Alan Carmichael, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the amended Review of the 2017/18 Budget as presented in the attachment 2017/18 Budget Review.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor R Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh

That Council adopt the amended Review of the 2017/18 Budget as presented in the attachment 2017/18 Budget Review

Carried by absolute majority

For: 6

Against: 0

16.4 Finance Facility

File:	4.37.1
Author:	Peter Dittrich – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	18 May 2018
Attachments:	Nil

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider accepting the offer from the WA Treasury Corporation of an \$8,000,000 finance facility to be applied to the works required under WANDRRA AGRN 781.

Background:

Following ex Tropical Cyclone Joyce the damage to the Shire's roads was assessed by Greenfield Technical Services. The approved estimate of the works is \$15,336,954.32.

Comment:

As required, Council has advertised its intention to borrow funds. No submissions were received by the close of the advertising period. Council may now resolve to apply for the short term credit facility.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

6.20. Power to borrow

(1) Subject to this Act, a local government may —

- (a) borrow or re-borrow money; or
- (b) obtain credit; or
- (c) arrange for financial accommodation to be extended to the local government in ways additional to or other than borrowing money or obtaining credit,

to enable the local government to perform the functions and exercise the powers conferred on it under this Act or any other written law.

(2) Where, in any financial year, a local government proposes to exercise a power under subsection (1) (power to borrow) and details of that proposal have not been included in the annual budget for that financial year —

- (a) unless the proposal is of a prescribed kind, the local government must give one month's local public notice of the proposal; and
- (b) the resolution to exercise that power is to be by absolute majority.

Strategic Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

Budget/Financial Implications:

A short term credit facility is required to finance the cash flows associated with WANDRRA AGRN 781.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant considerations

Consultation:

Moore Stephens

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to enter into a new WA Treasury Corporation short term facility of \$8,000,000 for a period of 2 years to fund the cash flows required to undertake the repairs identified under WANDRRA AGRN 781.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

That Council resolves to enter into a new WA Treasury Corporation short term facility of \$8,000,000 for a period of 2 years to fund the cash flows required to undertake the repairs identified under WANDRRA AGRN 781

Carried by Absolute Majority

For: 6

Against: 0

17. DEVELOPMENT

Council made a decision to change the order of business and bring forward item 21.1 Proposed Road Works Program for 2018-19 for consideration under this section.

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor P Squires

That Council resolve to consider urgent business item 21.1 Proposed Road Works Program for 2018-19.

Carried:

For: 6

Against: 0

21.1 Proposed Road Works Program 2018/19

File:	12.9
Author:	Peter Dittrich
Interest Declared:	Cr P Squires – proximity Interest
Date:	21 May 2018
Attachments:	Proposed Road Works Program 2018/19 and Maps

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider the Road Works Program 2018/19 and prioritise the jobs listed.

Background:

Last year, councillors and senior staff undertook a two day road trip to inspect the roads in the Shire. The road inspection was undertaken on the 28th and 29th March 2017, with the team travelling the roads to the South of the Shire.

Comment:

The Works Supervisor maintains a list of capital road works required. Each year, tasks that have been completed are removed and any new are added. The Works Supervisor has prioritised the jobs that he feels are the most important to complete in the 2018/19 financial year. He has prioritised them taking into account the logistics of moving camp.

Statutory Environment:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Development and maintenance of an efficient road network is a core function of the Shire and features strongly in the Community Strategic Plan.

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental:**
A well-built road network with efficient drainage helps to disperse water flows efficiently during rain events, helping to prevent erosion and land degradation.
- **Economic:**
An efficient road network within the shire supports the pastoral, tourism, science and mining industries.
- **Social:**
There are no known significant social considerations

Policy Implications:

N/A

Financial Implications:

The prioritised Road Works Program will be allowed for in the 2018/19 budget.

Consultation:

Works Supervisor

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Road Works Program 2018/19 as prioritised by the Works Supervisor in the Attachment.

Discussion: Councillors reviewed the items in the program and CEO advised that consideration should be given to prioritising the program and not necessarily the timing of works as the timing of the program may be adjusted by management.

Cr Q Fowler asked for an explanation as to the process followed in relation to obtaining quotes for works. The CEO outlined how the purchasing policy provided guidelines for this and how the Shire currently utilises a list of local contractors.

A question was raised regarding consultation with the City of Geraldton if a bitumen seal is proposed for the section of Beringarra-Pindar road near wreath flowers.

Rosco Foulkes-Taylor advised that a new insert design is required for approx. 23 grids already installed to facilitate maintenance of these grids as required.

The grid program has been modified to include a grid on the Twin Peaks by-pass road and remove the one proposed for the Byro boundary.

Cr Squires commended the Works Manager on the content of the proposed works program for being both practical and consistent with identified requirements.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor P Squires****Seconded: Councillor R Foulkes-Taylor**

That Council endorse the Road Works Program 2018/19 as prioritised by the Works Supervisor in the Attachment and amend the grid program to include the Twin Peaks by-pass and exclude the grid at the Byro boundary.

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0**

Reason for change to recommended motion is that Council determined that the grid at Twin Peaks is a higher priority than the one excluded.

18. ADMINISTRATION**18.1 Local Government Week**

File:	4.6
Author:	Peter Dittrich - Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	16 th May 2018
Attachments:	Convention Program, Convention Registration, and WALGA Accommodation List

Matter for Consideration:

Confirmation of attendance at the 2018 Local Government Convention.

Background:

The Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition is being held on the 2nd and 3rd of August this year, with the WALGA AGM and Opening Welcome Reception being held on Wednesday the 1st August. Under Shire of Murchison Policy it is necessary to discuss attending conference, seminar or training courses prior to attending the event to obtain council approval.

Comment:

Full details of which individual sessions have previously been circulated to all Councillors. Councillors are requested to nominate their attendance and identify the sessions they wish to attend. Some sessions have a limited number of place available and Councillors will be requested to indicate a second preference when registering for those sessions.

WALGA has a supply of multi entry parking vouchers for the PCEC for purchase at \$39 per day. WALGA has negotiated room rates at various hotels as per the attached. In the past Councillors have been accommodated at the Parmelia Hilton due to its proximity to the PCEC.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

- **Civic Leadership**
Regional Collaboration
The attendance at the WA Local Government Conference affords the attendees the opportunity to develop and enhance their relationship with neighbouring shires and State Government departments enhancing the ability to work collaboratively. In addition, it affords the opportunity to discuss Local Government best practice and future developments that impact on the Shire of Murchison.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The Local Government Convention is an annual event and a relevant budget provision will need to be included in the 2018/19 budget.

Consultation:

Nil

Recommendation:

- 1) That the following Councillors will be attending the Local Government Convention for 2018:
Crs TBA
- 2) That Councillors and the CEO be accommodated at Parmelia Hilton for the duration of their attendance.
- 3) That the Councillors and the CEO will nominate their attendance for the sessions as per the attached Local Government Week 2018 Registration Forms.
- 4) That the total cost of the attendance at the Local Government Week 2018 Convention be provided for in the 2018-19 Budget.

Discussion: Council discussed the importance of attending the convention and the benefit it provided to the Council. Nominations to attend and the attendance at concurrent sessions were discussed. Delegates to the WALGA AGM were discussed and President Foulkes-Taylor and Cr E Foulkes-Taylor were nominated as the Shire of Murchison delegates.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Q Fowler****Seconded by: Councillor A Whitmarsh**

- 1 That the following Councillors will be attending the Local Government Convention for 2018: R Foulkes-Taylor (President), Cr E Foulkes-Taylor, Cr P Squires and Cr G Mead
- 2 That Councillors and the CEO be accommodated at Parmelia Hilton for the duration of their attendance
- 3 That the Councillors and the CEO will nominate their attendance for the sessions as per the attached Local Government Week 2018 Registration Forms
- 4 That the Councillors R Foulkes-Taylor and E Foulkes –Taylor are the nominated delegates to the WALGA AGM 2018.
- 5 That the total cost of the attendance at the Local Government Week 2018 Convention be provided for in the 2018-19 Budget

Carried:**For: 6****Against: 0****18.2 Policy Manual Review**

File:	4.16
Author:	Peter Dittrich - Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	18 May 2018
Attachments:	Councillors Expenses Policy Donations and Grants Policy

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider adopting the following policies:

- Councillors Expenses Policy (Amended)
- Donations and Grants Policy (Amended)

Background:

The Shire Policy Manual is currently undergoing a review. As policies are reviewed they will be presented to Council for consideration.

Comment:

The Councillors Expenses Policy has been amended to reflect the current practice of paying allowances quarterly instead of every six months. The policy has further been amended to clarify the attendance of the President and Councillors at WALGA Local Government Week and the payment of meal and accommodation expenses.

The Donations Policy has been amended to clarify that donations authorised in the budget are able to be paid without first referring them to Council. The amended policy lays out the procedure relating to applications for donations not otherwise included in the annual budget.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

The Policy Manual may be amended to reflect the above changes.

Budget/ Financial Implications:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Consultation:

Review of policies of other shires.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Councillors Expenses Policy and Donations and Grants Policy as presented and attached.

Discussion: CEO confirmed that regular recipients of Council donations are to be nominated as part of the budget deliberations.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:		
Moved: Councillor G Mead	Seconded: R Foulkes-Taylor (President)	
That Council adopt the Councillors Expenses Policy and Donations and Grants Policy as presented and attached.		
Carried	For: 6	Against: 0

18.3 Community Recognition

File:	4.6
Author:	Peter Dittrich - Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	17 th May 2018
Attachments:	Biographical Details – Donald Alexander McTaggart

Matter for Consideration:

Council to consider holding a dinner to recognise the contribution that Sandy and Carol McTaggart have made to the Shire of Murchison Community.

Background:

Following the 2018 ANZAC Day celebrations Cr P Squires suggested that Sandy and Carol McTaggart be recognised for their contribution to the community.

Cr P Squires provided the following information in support of this recognition:

Sandy:

- Always willing to put up his hand to help locally
- Ready to accept Chairmanship responsibilities
- Very quick to offer help especially with emergencies and with assistance required by neighbours (Fire, Flood, mustering, local events)
- Chaired both Local and State PGA groups
- Local Fire Response group
- Local Dogging and whole area
- Keen participant in the community events

Carol:

- Is the quiet achiever
- Always there to help out, whether in a physical way or with helping to sort out “difficulties” within the community or about the community.
- She assists others to overcome the problems and difficulties that they may be facing.
- Is a passionate volunteer.
- Always involved with anything to do with the Murchison Museum. She has held positions both as secretary and Chairperson.
- The Mt Narryer home is always open to many visitors. These include both the most important of official parties and the travelling public. Carol makes certain their stay is memorable and welcoming.

Comment:

Council does not have a specific policy relating to the recognition of Community Members for their contribution to the Shire of Murchison other than that of Freeman of Shire. The award of Freeman is the highest honour that the Local Community, through its Council can confer on one of its citizens.

Council needs to consider level of Community Service over a significant period of time and in a diversity of activities within the Shire of Murchison

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Sustainability Implications:

- **Environmental**
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this decision
- **Economic**
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this decision
- **Social**
There are no known significant social considerations associated with this decision

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Council has made provision for Civic Functions in its 2017-18 Budget.

Consultation:

Cr P Squires

Recommendation:

That Council hold a Civic Reception (Dinner) to acknowledge the contribution of Sandy and Carol McTaggart to the community of the Shire of Murchison.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor P Squires

Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh

That Council hold a Civic Reception (Dinner) to acknowledge the contribution of Sandy and Carol McTaggart to the community of the Shire of Murchison

Carried:

For: 6

Against: 0

19. NOTICE OF MOTION**20. CEO ACTIVITY REPORT**

Date	Activity
23.04.2018	Discussion with Talis regarding reseal works
24.04.2018	WALGA Zone Meeting
30.04.2018	Discuss workers compensation claim with LGIS
03.05.2018	Arrange asset valuations
03.05.2018	Work with DCEO on budget
04.05.2018	Discussions GHD re supply of services
07.05.2018	Arrange heritage survey
07.05.2018	Day 1 of Interim Audit and Financial Management Review
08.05.2018	Day 2 of Interim audit and Financial Management Review
09.05.2018	EEO Survey
09.05.2018	Discuss Works Program and Budget Review
10.05.2018	Telephone call with YMAC re meeting of liaison group
14.05.2018	Community Advisory group meeting to determine future projects

Recommendation:

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Discussion: CEO advised that he would be making a presentation in Geraldton next Tuesday to a workshop hosted by the Department of Premier and Cabinet outlining the cost and time imposts of heritage surveys.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh

That the CEO's Activity Report be accepted.

Carried

For: 6

Against: 0

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Item 21.1 was considered under Section 17 - Development

The meeting was adjourned at 03:29 pm and William Herold left meeting at 03:29 pm

The meeting was reconvened at 03:40pm

22. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Discuss two items pursuant to LGA s. 5.23 (2) (c) and (e) – 1. Road Agreement – SKA Route and 2. CEO Appraisal.

Motion to close the meeting to the Public**Recommendation:**

That the meeting move behind closed doors to discuss two items pursuant to LGA s. 5.23 (2) (c) and (e) – 1. Road Agreement – SKA Route and 2. CEO Appraisal.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor Q Fowler****Seconded: Councillor P Squires**

That the meeting move behind closed doors to discuss two items pursuant to LGA s. 5.23 (2) (c) and (e) – 1. Road Agreement – SKA Route and 2. CEO Appraisal

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0**

Rose Jones left the meeting at 04:13pm

Motion to open the meeting to the Public**Recommendation:**

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Council Decision:**Moved: Councillor A Whitmarsh****Seconded: Councillor G Mead**

That the meeting move out from behind closed doors

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0****22.1 Road Agreement – SKA Route****Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor****Seconded: Councillor**

That Council:

Reviewed the amended Draft Deed of Covenant for the Construction, Operation, Use and Maintenance of the Square Kilometre Array Access Road Project version 3 and instructed the CEO on changes to be made.

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0****22.2 CEO Appraisal****Council Decision:****Moved: Councillor Q Fowler****Seconded: Councillor P Squires**

That Council:

1. Noted that the annual performance review of Peter Dittrich in his role as Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Murchison for the first appraisal period has been undertaken
2. endorsed Mr Dittrich's overall rating of "More than satisfactory"; and
3. increased the private home telephone allowance for the CEO to \$1,500 per annum.

Carried**For: 6****Against: 0**

23. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 04.36pm