Preamble

The Mount Magnet Shire Council embraces the Heritage of the land on which we meet. Council pays respect to the Elders and Ancestors of this land. Council acknowledges the Culture forever embedded with the custodians of the Country.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Shire of Mount Magnet held in the Council Chamber, 90 Hepburn Street Mount Magnet on Friday 19th February 2016

The meeting commenced at 1:07pm

PRESENT:  Cr Jorgen Jensen (in the Chair), Cr Jason Homewood, Cr Eliz Morris, Cr Carole Minney, Cr Joe O’Brien, and Cr Mary Ford.

APOLOGIES:  Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  Nil.

(PREVIOUSLY GRANTED)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:  Warren Olsen (Chief Executive Officer), Ronella Kelly (Administration Supervisor), and Patrick O’Brien (Works Manager, for report no. 12.6 only)

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:  Nil.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:
In response to questions from Ms Karen Williams, the Chief Executive Officer advised:
1. That he was in receipt of the Ramelius Resources Community Benefit Fund application on behalf of the Mount Magnet Seniors Group; it was in order and registered into the system but it would be helpful to the Steering Committee if the application form could also be submitted.
2. The application forms had only recently been finalised, because it was a body of work that had to be accommodated among other duties.
3. The application period was very short, because there was a balance to be struck between having a longer and better publicised application period and getting some applications dealt with more quickly. Some of the applicant groups had indicated they had tight schedules as there were other funding rounds (i.e. from other funding sources) closing soon and they were seeking Community Benefit Fund co-funding in support of other applications.
4. He anticipated that future rounds would be better publicised and have a longer application period, now that the documents had been produced.
5. The Steering Committee would probably make a recommendation as to when the next “round” of applications should be invited, after it had received and considered the applications received in the first round. The problem was that there wasn’t presently
much money in the fund, so he expected that it would depend at least to some extent whether there was any further money available to be distributed after the first round of applications.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  Nil.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Cr Jason Homwood Australia Day 26 January 2016, Meeting with Hon Colin Holt MLC and Mr Vince Catania MLA 4 February 2016, MRVC Special Meeting of Council 16 February 2016.


Cr Carole Minney Australia Day 26 January 2016, Land Use Planning tutoring 27 & 28 January, Asset Management training 2 February 2016, Monday Night Basketball 1st, 8th & 15th February 2016, GRAMS Child Health Day 9 February 2016. Cr Minney informed Council that Ollie George was flown out to hospital. Also that she was approached by members of the Indigenous community with enquiries regarding disposal of jelly rubber at the rubbish tip.

Cr Mary Ford Australia Day 26 January 2016 and thanked all involved, Meeting with Hon Colin Holt MLC and Mr Vince Catania MLA 4 February 2016, attended the funeral of David Hines.

Cr Joe O'Brien MRVC Special Meeting of Council 16 February 2016, MRVC Special Meeting of Council 22 December 2015.


Chief Executive Officer An apology for the Yamatji Reference Group Meeting 11 February 2016.

PETITIONS:  Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Moved:  Cr Eliz Morris  Seconded:  Cr Carole Minney
That the minutes of the ordinary meeting held of the Council held on 11 December 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 2016-001
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION:
Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
Cr Mary Ford declared a financial interest in item no. 12.2 in the agenda, due to being a joint owner in a property subject to the commercial sanitation charges that are the subject of that report.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

1. **Boundary Change Proposal by the Shire of Dalwallinu**
   The Council considered the Chief Executive Officer’s report numbered 12.1 in the agenda.

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<th>Seconded: Cr Eliz Morris</th>
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<td>That the draft submission to the Local Government Advisory Board in response to the Shire of Dalwallinu’s submission dated September 2015 be endorsed as presented, and be sent to the Local Government Advisory Board.</td>
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   *Resolution no. 2016-002*

   *Cr Mary Ford exited from the meeting at 2:15pm.*

2. **Commercial Sanitation Charges**
   The Council considered the Chief Executive Officer’s report numbered 12.2 in the agenda.

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<td>That, pursuant to section 6.47 of the Local Government Act 1995, 75% of the commercial sanitation charges for 2015-2016 be waived for the following assessment numbers:</td>
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<td>A18 A19 A20 A22 A324 A335 A336 A460 A424</td>
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   *Resolution no. 2016-003*

   *Cr Mary Ford returned to the meeting at 2:20pm.*

3. **Adoption of Risk Assessment Matrix**
   The Council considered the Chief Executive Officer’s report numbered 12.3 in the agenda.
Moved:  Cr Eliz Morris  
Seconded:  Cr Carole Minney  
That the attached risk matrix be adopted as presented:

**Proposed Risk Matrix – Shire of Mount Magnet**

![Risk Matrix Image]

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<th>Level</th>
<th>Descriptor</th>
<th>Injury</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Insignificant</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>&lt;4 hrs</td>
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<td>Minor</td>
<td>First aid</td>
<td>Up to 1 day</td>
<td>Minor short term</td>
<td>$20k-$100k</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Medical treatment</td>
<td>1 day - 1 week</td>
<td>Wide short term</td>
<td>$100k-$500k</td>
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<td>Major</td>
<td>Disability</td>
<td>1 week - 1 month</td>
<td>Wide long term</td>
<td>$500k-$1m</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Catastrophic</td>
<td>Fatality</td>
<td>More than 1 month</td>
<td>Irreversible long term</td>
<td>&gt;$1m</td>
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4. **Request to establish Geocaches in Mount Magnet**

The Council considered the Chief Executive Officer’s report numbered 12.4 in the agenda.

**Moved:** Cr Joe O’Brien  
**Seconded:** Cr Mary Ford

That approval be given to Kristine Simpson and Neil Davis to place a series of geocaches along the Mount Magnet Tourist Trail.

*CARRIED 5/1*

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Cr Eliz Morris requested that her dissent to resolution no. 2016-005 be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
5. **Broadband Services in Mount Magnet and the Murchison Zone**

The Council considered the Chief Executive Officer’s report numbered 12.5 in the agenda.

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<td><strong>That:</strong></td>
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<td>1. The CEO be instructed to write to WALGA seeking its support for the provision of broadband services in Mount Magnet of at least fixed mobile data quality.</td>
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<td>2. The CEO be instructed to prepare an agenda item on broadband telecommunications for the next Cue Parliament.</td>
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*Resolution no. 2016-006*

CARRIED 6/0

The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:40pm. All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting.

6. **Works Manager’s Report to 19 February 2016**

The Council considered the Works Manager’s report numbered 12.6 in the agenda.

In discussion:

- Consideration was given to whether the old stone fence on the southern and eastern sides of Federation Park or to be removed prior to the installation of the new garrison fencing, or whether the garrison fencing should be installed on the inside and the old stone fence be left in situ. It was generally agreed to install the garrison fence inside the stone fence on the Naughton Street frontage, to see how it looks before making a decision in respect of the Hepburn Street frontage.

- It was generally agreed not to proceed with the Wallace Street drainage project as scoped by the consulting engineers, due to the project being too expensive. It was felt that better value for the limited Roads to Recovery funding could be obtained by spreading the money over a number of smaller jobs. Consequently, it was generally agreed that the officers should get separate quotes for the following:
  - Racecourse Road reseal
  - Seal stabilisation at the intersection of Naughton and Warren Streets
  - A re-scoped (i.e. simplified) treatment of Wallace Street

- It was requested that a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Wallace Street with Hepburn Street. The Chief Executive Officer explained that he would have to refer that request to Main Roads WA, which would doubtlessly assess the intersection to see whether it met the warrant for a stop sign. The Chief Executive Officer elaborated that the Shire does not have the authority to install a stop sign, which is why the matter has to be referred to Main Roads WA.

- The officers were requested to investigate the following for inclusion in the 2016-2017 budget:
  - Solar lighting at the airport entry; and
  - An Airport Entry Statement.

- The officers were requested to investigate the state of street lighting throughout the town. It was reported that a number of street lights are not working. The CEO undertook to arrange a streetlight patrol with a view to reporting to Horizon Power those street lights that are not working and those street lights that are sufficiently dim to require replacement.
• The Works Manager advised the Council that a kerbside refuse collection was being arranged for the days leading up to “Clean Up Australia Day” on 12 March. The Shire’s Schedule of Fees and Charges included a charge for the removal of car bodies, and he was seeking direction from the Council as to whether that fee should be waived in respect of car bodies collected from the kerbside during this cleanup event. The CEO advised that, if the Council wished to waive the charge, it should make a resolution by absolute majority.

• In relation to expending surplus CLGF funding now that all the projects have been completed, it was generally agreed that the money should not be used to install lights for the skate park.

• The officers were requested to fill the vacant grader operator position as soon as possible.

### Proposed Bed and Breakfast – Lots 80 and 81 Laurie Street

The Council considered the EHO/Building Surveyor’s report numbered 12.7 in the agenda.

**Moved:** Cr Eliz Morris  
**Seconded:** Cr Mary Ford

That Mr Bailey and Mr Chapman be notified:

1. That the Shire will give notice of their application it has received in regard to the proposed development of a Bed and Breakfast business over Lots 80 and 81 Laurie Street in Mount Magnet in accordance with Clause 9.4.3.(b) and (c) of the Shire of Mount Magnet Local Planning Scheme No. 2; and

2. That the costs for this will be levied against the proponents and Council will make a decision on the application received once all submissions are received and assessed following the required advertising period.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 2016-008

**Cr Mary Ford exited from the meeting at 4:14pm.**  
**Cr Mary Ford returned to the meeting at 4:15pm.**

### Financial Activity Statement to 31 December 2015

The Council considered the Finance Manager’s report numbered 12.8 in the agenda.

**Moved:** Cr Joe O’Brien  
**Seconded:** Cr Carole Minney

That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 December 2015 be received.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution no. 2016-009
9. **Financial Activity Statement to 31 January 2016**

The Council considered the Finance Manager’s report numbered 12.9 in the agenda.

In discussion, it was requested that the following details be provided in the agenda for the next meeting:
- Breakdown of aged sundry debtors with debts overdue by more than 90 days; and
- An elaboration of rates debts, which according to the report:
  - Arrears relating to previous years exceeded $450k
  - In 2014-2015 were only collected to about 80%
  - Collections in 2015-2016 are tracking below the collections in 2014-2015.

**Moved:** Cr Carole Minney  
**Seconded:** Cr Jason Homewood  
That the Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2016 be received.  
**CARRIED 6/0**  

**Resolution no. 2016-010**

10. **Accounts for Payment to 31 December 2015**

The Council considered the Finance Manager’s report numbered 12.10 in the agenda.

**Moved:** Cr Eliz Morris  
**Seconded:** Cr Joe O’Brien  
That Council note the payment of accounts for payment totalling $514,030.09  
Represented by-
- EFT’s 6394 to 6493 $ 487,966.96 Municipal Account  
- Cheques 13488 to 13489 $ 26,063.13 Municipal Account  
**Total** $ 514,030.09  
**CARRIED 6/0**  

**Resolution no. 2016-011**

11. **Accounts for Payment to 31 January 2016**

The Council considered the Finance Manager’s report numbered 12.11 in the agenda.

**Moved:** Cr Jason Homewood  
**Seconded:** Cr Carole Minney  
That Council note the payment of accounts for payment totalling $465,810.16  
Represented by-
- EFT’s 6476 to 6526 $ 464,810.16 Municipal Account  
- Cheques 13490 to 13495 $ 1,000 Municipal Account  
**Total** $ 465,810.16  
**CARRIED 6/0**  

**Resolution no. 2016-012**


The Council considered the report of the Audit Committee meeting held on 11 December 2015, which was numbered 12.2 in the agenda.

**Moved:** Cr Jason Homewood  
**Seconded:** Cr Joe O’Brien  
That the report of the Audit Committee meeting of 11 December 2015 be received and noted.  
**CARRIED 6/0**  

**Resolution no. 2016-013**
MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
The Council considered a motion from Cr Eliz Morris relating to entry statements, which had been tabled by the CEO.

The CEO confirmed that Cr Morris had given him a written copy of the motion on the day of Minister Holt’s visit, and he apologised for not listing it on the agenda but said he that is able to confirm that it was a valid notice of motion because he had been given it in writing more than seven days prior to the meeting.

In discussion, it was generally agreed that the concept presented in the motion was a very good idea, that it would probably be affordable as an item in the 2016-2017 budget, and that it was generally “in theme” with entry statements in the region.

It was also generally agreed that there ought to be three entry statements:
- one at the southern entry to Mount Magnet along the Great Northern Highway
- one at the northern entry to Mount Magnet along the Great Northern Highway
- one at the Western entry to Mount Magnet, on the Sandstone Road

Moved: Cr Eliz Morris          Seconded: Cr Carole Minney
Proposed a plain stand of eight evergreen large trees at the southern entry to the township, for along each side of the road. In the area where the police sign is now placed. Too low limestone walls, in keeping with the limestone used in the main street, with Mount Magnet displayed on one and Hub of the Murchison on the other, these to be located near the trees on either side of the road. Three Metal emus to be hunting around the tree scape, in keeping with Mullewa, Yalgoo and Cue which are towns along the designated Miners Pathway; in the tourist strategy. This would be easy to achieve and reasonably affordable. As people drive in from the south along that barren expanse of ground that leads into the town, the trees should produce an “oasis” effect, then they will see the Name of our town as they drive on through the trees to be met with site of the headframe and museum. Then hopefully they will be at least intrigued if not hooked, particularly the tourists.

Resolution no. 2016-014  
CARRIED 6/0

ELECTED MEMBER MATTERS
Cr Homewood requested that problems with his emails be sorted out.

Cr Morris asked about the supply of Ipads to Councillors. It was noted that that item had been deleted from the previous year’s budget.

Cr O’Brien and Cr Minney raised some staff issues. The Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors that if they have any information about staff whose behaviour may be less than appropriate, they should advise him immediately so that the matters can be investigated and, if required, timely action can be taken. It is neither useful no appropriate to retain such information and bring it up at a Council meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the issue of resourcing had been raise at the Special MRVC meeting held on 16 February. The MRVC workload had grown considerably in recent times and was now a considerable impost on the Shire. In discussion, it was generally agreed that the MRVC should engage a project officer to assist with matters related to the vermin cell project.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 5:48pm.