



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
20 FEBRUARY 2016**

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President, Mr Neil Grinham, opened the meeting at 10:18am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

PRESENT: Cr Neil Grinham (in the Chair), Cr Jason Homewood, Cr Robert Grinham, Cr Joe O'Brien, Cr Carol Hodshon, Cr Harvey Nichols, Cr Ross Pigdon, Cr Les Price.

APOLOGIES: Cr David Hodder, Cr Kerry Key.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil.
(PREVIOUSLY GRANTED)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Warren Olsen (Chief Executive Officer), Ronella Kelly (Administration Supervisor), Ms Maureen Murar (Finance Manager), Mr Ashley Dowden, Mrs Beth Walton (Shire President - Shire of Sandstone), Mr Jorgen Jensen (Shire President – Shire of Mount Magnet), Mr Rob Madson (CEO - Shire of Cue), Mrs Karen Cosgrove (Social Innovations Pty Ltd), Mr Stephen Cosgrove (Manager Compliance – Shire of Yalgoo), Mr Dominic Carbone (Dominic Carbone and Associates).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Presentation by Dominic Carbone and Karen Cosgrove - Update on the Business Plan for the last section of the Cell Fence and all other matters related to the Business Plan

In discussions;

- Cost components completed today, by distributing costs (fixed & unit), costs could come down. Justifying costs (i.e. fence specifications) would build a credible plan.
- MRVC to work in collaboration with Rangeland Associations (Mount Magnet, Yalgoo) to achieve a common goal (revitalisation). Pastoralists to devise a strategy within the Cell.
- Project plan required to move forward - new establishment agreements, signatories of all 4 Councils, easement application with the Department of Lands (accessibility to land - licence or management order).
- Dominic requested history on the No. 1 and No. 2 Vermin Fences.
- Emphasise Environment, Social and Economic benefits to Councils/Shires outside the Cell when seeking funding.
- Minister Baston and the MWDC are keen to see organisation in the Plan.

*Cr Carol Hodshon left the meeting at 11:43am.
Cr Carol Hodshon return to the meeting at 11:45am.*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jason Homewood

Seconded: Cr Robert Grinham

That the meeting adjourns for lunch.

CARRIED 9/0

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

The meeting resumed at 12:18pm. All councillors who were present at the adjournment were present at the resumption of the meeting.

4.2 Council to discuss the MRVC Administration Structure and arrangements we have with the Shire of Mount Magnet

In discussion;

- It was suggested that a submission be made to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal in regards to the ability to employ a CEO. In the meantime Council will employ a project officer who will report to the Chief Executive Officer. The CEO will report to the next Ordinary Meeting on the Shire of Mount Magnet's costs in servicing the MRVC.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jason Homewood

Seconded: Cr Joe O'Brien

That Council authorises the CEO to appoint Mr Dominic Carbone as Project Officer at a salary negotiated between the CEO and Mr Carbone.

CARRIED 9/0

5. NEXT MEETING

8 March 2016

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 12:55pm.