



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
2 MAY 2016**

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman, Cr Neil Grinham, opened the meeting at 11.43am.

The Chairman requested that the meeting be adjourned, it was then moved Cr Homewood, seconded Cr Pigdon that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was then put by the Chairman and carried 6/0.

The adjourned meeting resumed at 11.45am with all members present at the adjournment being present at the resumption of the meeting.

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

Present

Chairman

Cr Neil Grinham (in the Chair)

Deputy Chairman

Cr Jason Homewood

Member

Cr Joe O'Brien

Member

Cr Carol Hodshon

Member

Cr Ross Pigdon

Member

Cr Les Price

Apologies

Member

Cr Robert Grinham

Member

Cr Kerry Key

Member

Cr Harvey Nichols

Member

Cr David Hodder

Leave of Absence

Nil.

In Attendance

Project Co-ordinator

Mr Dominic Carbone

Administration Supervisor

Ms Ronella Kelly

Core Business Australia

Mr Bruce Lorimer

Core Business Australia

Mr Mark Weller

Core Business Australia

Mr Ben Talbot

Core Business Australia

Mr Matthew Lorimer

Shire of Sandstone Shire President

Mrs Beth Walton

Shire of Cue Chief Executive Officer

Mr Rob Madson

Members of the Public

Ms Eliz Morris

Ms Karen Williams

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Appointment of a CEO or Acting CEO.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Mr Dominic Carbone declared an interest in the item and after some questions from members and clarifications by Mr Carbone it was.

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That Council appoints Mr Dominic Carbone as the Acting Chief Executive Officer for a maximum period of up to 12 months on a part time basis of 220 hours per annum at \$75 per hour plus superannuation and travel.

CARRIED 6/0

4.2 Clarification on Cost Pertaining to Engagements of Consultants

The Board members sought clarification from the consultants as follows:

To undertake the following on behalf of the MRVC:

- (i) Business Plan
- (ii) Business Cases
- (iii) Other Studies and consultancies that the Regional Council was not previously informed.

The Acting CEO advised the meeting that the costs of preparing the Business Plan was \$15,000.

The Chairman invited Mr Bruce Lorimer from Core Business Australia to make a presentation to the Board. Mr Lorimer made the following comments and/or clarifications.

- Core Business Australia's Managing Director Mr Bruce Lorimer introduced his team.
- Project 1: The Business Case proposal amounted to \$44,695.00 (excluding GST) plus minor variations of \$5,560.00 (excluding GST).
- Project 2: National Stronger Regions Fund Business Case consisted of developing content and mapping at a cost of \$19,780 (excluding GST).
- Core Business Australia's Executive Manager Business Advisory Mr Mark Weller addressed Council and stated that he had to identify why the previous plan did not pass and address these issues which involved detailed research. He had to prove that wild dogs are a problem, prove that a fence will work and that a fence would work for the pastoralists.
- Letters of support are required.

The Chairman viewed his concerns regarding Core Business Australia's Principal Associate Mr Paul Rosair speaking on behalf of the Council and requested that the Acting CEO consult with Mr Paul Rosair in regards to the scope of the original proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:50pm. All councillors who were present at the adjournment were present at the resumption of the meeting.

4.3 Review of the Draft Establishment Agreement

The Chairman stated that a Draft Establishment Agreement has been prepared by Civic Legal and is attached for consideration and to provide feedback to the Council's solicitors in relation to the preferred options and other matters highlighted in the agreement. The members provided comment in relation to the highlighted matters and it was then.

Moved: Cr Ross Pigdon

Seconded: Cr Jason Homewood

That the Acting Chief Executive Officer meet with Civic Legal and make the relevant changes to the Draft Establishment Agreement.

CARRIED 6/0

4.4 Presentation of the Latest Version of the Business Plan.

The Chairman made the following comments.

- Terry Redman has asked Neil, Dominic, Karen and a fourth person to present the Plan personally towards the end of May.
- Gavin Treasure has spoken against the Cell.
- Council requested that an invitation be sent to Terry Redman and Gavin Treasure to travel the fence.

The Chairman then requested the Acting CEO for an update on the finalisation of the Plan.

The Acting CEO provided the following comments.

- The Business Plan was updated to incorporate the revitalisation program which was prepared by Dr Karen Cosgrove. (The detailed report will be an attachment to the Plan).
- The financial analysis of the Plan was updated to incorporate the loan repayments, costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the fence and for the renewal cost annual allocations.
- An estimate of sources and applications of funds for the first five years of the Plan has been incorporated detailing the current MRVC operations and for the proposed new project the 326 kilometre fence to close the cell.

The Chairman thanked the Acting CEO for the update.

4.5 Presentation of Business Case's.

The presentation of the Business Cases was dealt with at Item 4.2 – Clarification of Costs Pertaining to Engagement of Consultants of the Agenda and Minutes.

5. NEXT MEETING

TBA.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 2:39pm.