



MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
13 JUNE 2017

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MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The chairperson opened the meeting at 10.08 am and requested Crs Walton and Williams to make their declarations as an elected member of Council.

Crs Bethel Lilian Walton and Karen Williams made their declaration at the Council meeting before the Chief Executive Officer.

Cr Eliz Morris was not present at the meeting and her declaration will be made at a later time.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present: Cr Neil Grinham (Chairperson)
Cr Jason Homewood (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Bethel Walton
Cr Les Price
Cr Carol Hodshon
Cr Ross Pigdon
Cr Karen Williams

Apologies: Cr Robert Grinham, Cr Harvey Nichols and Cr Kerry Key.

Leave of Absence: Nil

Also in Attendance: Mr Dominic Carbone CEO and Mr Ashley Dowden

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

The chairperson requested Mr Ashley Dowden to make his presentation. Mr Dowden informed the Council that representatives of the WA Wild Dog Alliance have met with the Minister, detailed funding availability for cells and the ability for the MRVC to make direct application for funding shortly.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Ashley Dowden for his presentation.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14 March 2017

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Pidgon

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 March 2017 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- Request from John Grant from Grant Consulting for the MRVC to share information contained in the Economic Feasibility Analysis with the Gascoyne Development Commission.
- Business Plan, Revitalisation Plan and Economic Feasibility Study along with covering letters have been forwarded to the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, Minister for Regional Development and Agriculture and Food, The Hon Ken Baston and WA Senator Hon. Dean Smith.

9. PETITIONS

Nil

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

11. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

12. REPORTS

12.1 Reports of the Audit Committee

12.2 Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

12.2.1 Financial Activity Statement for the Period 1 July 2016 to 31 May 2017

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 6 June 2017

Attachment 1

- Financial Activity Statement for the Period 1 July 2016 to 31 May 2017
- Summary of Current Assets and Liabilities as at 31 May 2017
- Detailed Worksheets

Matter for Consideration

Adoption of the monthly financial statements.

Background

The Local Government Act and Regulations require local governments to prepare monthly reports containing the information that is prescribed.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4-Specifies that a local government is to prepare such other financial reports as are 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 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.

Sub regulations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 prescribe further details of information to be included in the monthly statement of financial activity.

Strategic Implications

Provision of timely accounting information to inform Council of the financial status and financial affairs of local government.

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

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

Accordingly the Chief Executive Officer has produced the above mentioned financial statements in order that the MRVC meets its statutory compliance.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Moved: Cr Jason Homewood	Seconded: Cr Bethel Walton
<i>That Council adopts the Financial Activity Statement for the period ending 31 May 2017.</i>	
CARRIED 7/0	

12.2.2 Accounts for Payment 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2017

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	6 June 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

Council approve the Accounts for payment list for the period 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2017 as detailed in the report below.

Background

The Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a list of accounts paid and/or payable to Council and such to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

6.10. Financial management regulations

Regulations may provide for —

- (a) the security and banking of money received by a local government; and
- (b) the keeping of financial records by a local government; and
- (c) the management by a local government of its assets, liabilities and revenue; and
- (d) the general management of, and the authorisation of payments out of —
 - (i) the municipal fund; and
 - (ii) the trust fund,
of a local government.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.

- (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 subregulation (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

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment:

The list of accounts paid for the period 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2017 are as follows:

**MURCHISON REGIONAL VERMIN COUNCIL
LIST OF ACCOUNTS PAID AND PAYABLE
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH 2017 TO 31 MAY 2017**

DATE	PAYEE	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
PAID	No.		\$
3/1/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	5.00
3/1/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	0.15
3/3/2017	ANDERSON MUNRO AND WYLLIE	COMPLETION OF 2016 AUDIT	2,475.00
3/3/2017	CIVIC LEGAL	ESTABLISHMENT AGREEMENT VARIATION	558.80
3/3/2017	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	REIMBURSEMENT SATELITE PHONE RENTAL	200.00
3/3/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY	500.00
3/3/2017	CIVIC LEGAL	ESTABLISHMENT AGREEMENT VARIATION	400.40
3/3/2017	SWAGMAN ROADHOUSE	CATERING MEETING	250.00
3/9/2017	WA SUPER	SUPER CONTRIBUTIONS ACTING CEO	1,015.31
3/9/2017	ATO	BAS OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2016	8,448.00
3/25/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE AND ASSOCIATES	REIMBURSEMENT PRINTING & BINDING BUS PLAN ETC	466.29
3/25/2017	CONNOR JONES	FENCE MAINTENANCE	6,160.00
4/1/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	5.00
5/1/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	2.50
5/1/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	5.00
5/1/2017	COMMONWEALTH BANK	ACCOUNT FEE	0.15
5/23/2017	SWAGMAN ROADHOUSE	CATERING MEETING	250.00
5/23/2017	SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET	REIMBURSEMENT SATELITE PHONE RENTAL	100.00
5/23/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE AND ASSOCIATES	PART PAYMENT BUSINESS PLAN	8,250.00
5/23/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE	SALARY	2,162.08
5/23/2017	NEIL GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	300.00
5/23/2017	ROSS PIGDON	MEETING FEE	150.00
5/23/2017	JASON HOMEWOOD	MEETING FEE	150.00
5/23/2017	KERRY KEY	MEETING FEE	150.00
5/23/2017	THE WEST AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER	ADVERTISING PUBLIC NOTICE	321.00
5/23/2017	DOMINIC CARBONE AND ASSOCIATES	REIMBURSEMENT	207.35
5/23/2017	ROBERT GRINHAM	MEETING FEE	150.00
5/23/2017	CAROL HODSHON	MEETING FEE	150.00
5/23/2017	LES PRICE	MEETING FEE	150.00
	TOTAL		32,982.03

Voting Requirement:

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Ross Pigdon

Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That Council approve the list of accounts paid for the period 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2017 amounting to \$32,982.03 and the list be recorded in the minutes.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.3 Debtors – Outstanding as at 31 May 2017

File:
Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 6 June 2017
Attachment: Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the Debtors Outstanding Report as at 31 May 2017.

Background

Council be informed of debtors outstanding

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment:

The outstanding debtors as at 31 May 2017 are detailed below:

Fence Rental	\$ 1,246.37	
Fence Rental Old	<u>\$ 8,773.37</u>	(Council approved write-off entries yet to be done)
Total	<u>\$10,019.74</u>	

Details of Outstanding debtors are available to members under a separate document.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That Council Receive the Outstanding Debtors Report as at 31 May 2017.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.4 Investments as at 31 May 2017

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	6 June 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the Investment Report as at 31 May 2017.

Background

Money held in the Municipal Fund of a Regional Local Government that is not required for the time being may be invested under the Trustee Act 1962 Part III.

Local Government Act 1995

Statutory Environment

6.14. Power to invest

- (1) Money held in the municipal fund or the trust fund of a local government that is not, for the time being, required by the local government for any other purpose may be invested as trust funds under the *Trustees Act 1962* Part III.
- (2A) A local government is to comply with the regulations when investing money referred to in subsection (1).
- (2) Regulations in relation to investments by local governments may —
 - (a) make provision in respect of the investment of money referred to in subsection (1); and
 - [(b)deleted]
 - (c) prescribe circumstances in which a local government is required to invest money held by it; and
 - (d) provide for the application of investment earnings; and
 - (e) generally provide for the management of those investments.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

19. Investments, control procedures for

- (1) A local government is to establish and document internal control procedures to be followed by employees to ensure control over investments.
- (2) The control procedures are to enable the identification of —
 - (a) the nature and location of all investments; and

- (b) the transactions related to each investment.

19C. Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s. 6.14(2)(a))

- (1) In this regulation —
- authorised institution** means —
- (a) an authorised deposit-taking institution as defined in the *Banking Act 1959* (Commonwealth) section 5; or
- (b) the Western Australian Treasury Corporation established by the *Western Australian Treasury Corporation Act 1986*;
- foreign currency** means a currency except the currency of Australia.
- (2) When investing money under section 6.14(1), a local government may not do any of the following —
- (a) deposit with an institution except an authorised institution;
- (b) deposit for a fixed term of more than 12 months;
- (c) invest in bonds that are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government, or a State or Territory government;
- (d) invest in bonds with a term to maturity of more than 3 years;
- (e) invest in a foreign currency.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The worksheet below details the investments held by the MRVC as at 31 May 2017.

MRVC INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2017								
INSTITUTIONS	SHORT TERM RATING	INVESTMENT TYPE	ACCOUNT NO.	TERM	DATE OF TRANSACTION	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	PRINCIPAL
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Operating A/c	65210311201	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	0.50%	25,700.55
Commonwealth Bank	N/A	Cash Deposit at Call	36558508	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	1.84%	326,899.69
TOTAL								352,600.24

INVESTMENT REGISTER

01 JULY 2016 TO 31 May 2017

Commonwealth Bank of Australia - Cash Deposit Account Number 36558508

Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Opening Balance	Interest Earned to 31.05.2017		Investment Transfers	Closing Balance 31.05.2017
At Call	1.84%	202,985.53	3,914.16		120,000.00	326,899.69
TOTAL		202,985.53	3,914.16		120,000.00	326,899.69

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Bethel Walton

Seconded: Cr Jason Homewood

That the Investment Report as at 31 May 2017 be received.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.5 Vermin Fence Report as at 31 May 2017

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 6 June 2017

Attachment: Detailed Maintenance Report – No. 1 fence – Connor Jones

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive an update from the CEO on the condition of Vermin Fence.

Background

The MRVC engaged the services of a co-ordinator to undertake an inspection of the Vermin Fence in order to determine what maintenance needs to be undertaken by the Maintenance Contractors. Two contractors have been engaged to undertake the maintenance.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultant

Nil

Comment

The two maintenance contractors have been engaged to undertake the necessary maintenance works required on the Vermin Fence based on the inspection completed by Jorgen Jensen on 24 January 2017. The contractors are currently undertaking the works. The delay in carrying out the repairs was mainly due to inclement weather and one of the contractors breaking his wrist.

An email received on 8 June 2017 from Darren Cousens the No. 2 fence maintenance contractor stating the following:

“I spent two days out at the Karbar wash with the Jones boys we have managed to place about four tonne of rock into the affected gates and re meshed most of them to try and stop the undermining that has occurred.

Connor will supply a more in depth report with photos later I will have another day out on the fence removing sand and leaf mater that is holding up flip up gates.

Tomorrow I will start on the flood gate on Pollele as there is a major hole under one gate That will take a good day to rectify”.

A detailed report was received from Connor Jones on the maintenance undertaken on the No. 1 fence and is attached for elected member information.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jason Homewood

Seconded: Cr Ross Pigdon

That Council receive the report of the CEO in relation to the maintenance of the Vermin Fence.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.6 Determination of Precepts for the 2017-18 Financial Year

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	6 June 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matters for Consideration

That Council request each Constituent Municipality to provide the unimproved Capital Values of their area as at 30 June 2017 in accordance with Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC) Constitution.

Background

The MRVC Constitution states as follows:

“Contributions

- (a) Each Constituent Municipality shall be levied on a Precept of “X” cents or part thereof in the dollar on the Unimproved Capital Value of the area of the said Municipality on figures supplied by the individual municipality.
- (b) A Rent shall be raised against all (Pastoral) Leaseholders adjacent to the No. 1 and No. 2 Vermin Fence.
- (c) Matching monies from Agricultural Probation Board, via R.A.C (Agricultural and Related Resources Protection Act on a Dollar for Dollar Basis”.

Statutory Environment

MRVC Constitution

Financial Contribution

The MRVC to determine the Precepts to be levied on Constituent Municipalities.

Comment

In order to determine the Precepts to be levied on member local governments each Constituent Municipality be requested to provide their Unimproved Values as at 30 June 2017.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Carol Hodshon

Seconded: Cr Bethel Walton

That Council request each Constituent Municipality to provide their Unimproved Values as at 30 June 2017 in accordance with the MRVC Constitution.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.7 Review of Delegations

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 6 June 2017

Attachment Nil

Matter for Consideration

That Council review the delegations to the Chief Executive Officer and other persons.

Background

The delegations were last reviewed on 5 December 2016. Council is required to review the delegations at least once every financial year.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.46 (2)

At least once every financial year, delegations under this Division are to be received by the delegator.

Strategic Implications

Maintaining proper governance and administration of the Local Government.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

As previously mentioned Council last reviewed Delegations on 5 December 2016 however it's required to undertake the task at least once every financial year.

The following Delegations were adopted by Council in December 2016:

1. Hire contractors, plant or machinery necessary to proceed with authorized or designated works or service provision subject to compliance with Council direction and rules under the Local Government Act (Functions and General) Regulation 1996.
2. Dispose of scrap material no longer required by Council.
3. Negotiate the entering into contracts or leases on Council's behalf that will require acceptance or otherwise by Council.
4. Payments of accounts – to be able to authorize electronic funds transfers, in accordance with the bank authority to creditors whose accounts require payment. This is to be done on the basis that any two (2) Officers, being the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Manager can jointly sign the transfer of funds electronically. Endorsement of cheques for payment (signature of the Chairperson or one Councillor also required).
5. Act as an authorized person and appoint authorized persons under the following legislation:
 - Control of Off Roads Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978
 - Local Government Act 1995
 - Litter Act 1979
 - Bush Fires Act 1954
6. Power to approve writing off debts that are less than \$100.00 and that are considered uncollectible.
7. Purchase goods and services to the value of \$10,000 (excluding GST) providing that it is a budgeted expense.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jason Homewood Seconded: Cr Ross Pigdon

That Council delegates the following powers and duties to the Chief Executive Officer and in relation to Delegation 4. also to the Chairperson and the Finance Manager Shire of Mount Magnet.

1. Hire contractors, plant or machinery necessary to proceed with authorized or designated works or service provision subject to compliance with Council direction and rules under the Local Government Act (Functions and General) Regulation 1996.
2. Dispose of scrap material no longer required by Council.
3. Negotiate the entering into contracts or leases on Council's behalf that will require acceptance or otherwise by Council.
4. Payments of accounts – to be able to authorize electronic funds transfers, in accordance with the bank authority to creditors whose accounts require payment. This is to be done on the basis that any two (2) Officers, being the Chief Executive Officer, Finance Manager can jointly sign the transfer of funds electronically. Endorsement of cheques for payment (signature of the Chairperson or one Councillor also required).
5. Act as an authorized person and appoint authorized persons under the following legislation:
 - Control of Off Roads Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978
 - Local Government Act 1995
 - Litter Act 1979
 - Bush Fires Act 1954
6. Power to approve writing off debts that are less than \$100.00 and that are considered uncollectible.
7. Purchase goods and services to the value of \$10,000 (excluding GST) providing that it is a budgeted expense.

CARRIED BY ABOSLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

12.2.8 Permit to Use Vermin Fence Access Track – Pat Darling

File:	
Author:	Dominic Carbone, CEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	6 June 2017
Attachment	Nil

Matter for Consideration

Council give consideration to granting access to portion of No. 1 Vermin Fence track.

Background

In an endeavor to control the use of its Vermin Fence access tracks the MRVC issues permits for their use. The fence reserve extends 40m wide on the outside and 20 m wide on the inside of the fence and its use is subject to a number of conditions as detailed in the Permit issued.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

A request was received from Mr Pat Darling a dogger for the MRBA and DPaW north of Beacon along the State Barrier Fence from Lake Moore east to the No. 1 barrier fence, Karoun Hill Reserve and Butlers Corner. Mr Darling is seeking permission to travel along the fence to the north on the east side of Karoun Hill to the Bimbigny boundary to conduct dogging activities along the No. 1 Barrier Fence.

Council is requested to give consideration to grant a permit subject to the conditions as detailed in the Councils' "Permit to Use Vermin Fence Access Track".

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jason Homewood

Seconded: Cr Bethel Walton

That Council grant a permit to use portion of the MRVC No. 1 Vermin Fence track to Mr Pat Darling for a period of three years commencing on 13 June 2017.

CARRIED 7/0

**12.2.9 Construction of Part of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell – CLGF
2012-13 \$1,021,675.00**

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 6 June 2017

Attachment: Project Summary

Matter for Consideration

That Council receive the report on the Construction of Part of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell.

Background

The Shire of Mount Magnet on behalf of the MRVC entered into a financial assistance agreement to undertake the construction of part of Murchison Region Vermin Cell funded by the Royalties for Region – Country Local Government Fund Regional Groups 2012-13, \$1,021,675.

Statutory Environment

Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA).

Financial Implications

Grant funding received via the CLGF – Regional Groups be spent in accordance with the FAA.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

The MRVC has completed the project as at 30 June 2016 and is now required to lodge an Annual Report for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, a Quarterly Report for the period 1 January – 31 March 2017 and a Final Acquittal.

The CEO has completed a reconciliation of the income and expenditure for the project which are summarized as follows:

Income

CLGF Grant	\$1,021,675.00
Interest Received	<u>\$ 26,048.58</u>

Total Income	\$1,047,723.58
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Expenditure

Contractor – Field Co-ordination	\$ 30,435.12	
Fencing Materials	\$566,329.79	
Contractor – Clearing and Grading	\$ 73,951.52	
Contractor – Construction	\$373,253.00	
Advertising and Administration	\$ 1,370.91	
Audit Fees	<u>\$ 1,150.00</u>	<u>\$1,046,490.30</u>

Unspent Grant Funding	<u>\$ 1,233.28</u>
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The unspent portion of the grant to be spent to fund the audit fees for the final acquittal or to be refunded to the Department of Regional Development.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Ross Pigdon

Seconded: Cr Jason Homewood

That Council receive the report on the construction of part of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell funded by CLGF 2012-13 Regional Groups allocation

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.10 Shire of Meekatharra Possible Withdrawal from the Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC)

File:

Author: Dominic Carbone, CEO

Interest Declared: No interest to disclose

Date: 6 June 2017

Attachment Letter from the Shire of Meekatharra

Matter for Consideration

That Council nominate elected member/s and the CEO to meet with Cr Trenfield and the CEO from the Shire of Meekatharra.

Background

Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 March 2017 resolved as follows:

That the Shire of Meekatharra be informed as follows:

- (1) That the Shire has long association with the vermin fences and a founding member of the MRVC.*
- (2) The MRVC acknowledges that only a small portion of the Shire boundary lies within the vermin fences however a large portion of the fences are within its boundary.*
- (3) The Shire will continue to have ongoing financial obligations in relation to the fences whether or not it remains a participant in the MRVC.*

- (4) *The Shire has an obligation to represent its community on a regional basis and its continued role in the membership of the MRVC allows that to be fulfilled.*
- (5) *The MRVC requests a meeting with the Council of the Shire of Meekatharra to better understand issues and concerns of the Shire.*

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 3.65 Dissolution or partial dissolution of regional government

- (1) A participant may, in accordance with the establishment agreement, withdraw from the regional local government and cease to be a participant.

The Murchison Regional Vermin Council Constitution dated 14 October 1985 does not address the withdrawal of constituent local governments (Municipalities).

Section 329 (2a) of the Local Government Act 1960 (no longer in force) allows the Governor on application by a Regional Council or the Council of a constituent municipality to remove a constituent municipality.

Financial Implications

Will impact on the precepts levied on the Shire of Meekatharra.

Consultation

Nil

Comment

A letter dated 3 April 2017 received from the Shire of Meekatharra advising that Council resolved to appoint Cr Trenfield and the CEO to meet with MRVC at a mutually convenient time and place.

The Shire further advises that the MRVC provide some options for the meeting and who will represent the MRVC at the meeting.

Council is requested to give consideration to nominating their representative/s at the proposed meeting and determine a number of options for the time, place and location.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jason Homewood Seconded: Cr Les Price

That Council inform the Shire of Meekatharra as follows:

1. That the MRVC Council Members meet with the Shire of Meekatharra representatives at the next MRVC Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 10.00 am or at a Special Ordinary Council Meeting to be arranged.
2. That the following meeting dates, times and locations are listed for the Shires consideration.
 - Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 10.00 am Shire of Mount Magnet Council Chambers.
 - A Special Council Meeting be called for a date to be determined subject to feedback received from the Shire of Meekatharra and to be held at the Shire of Mount Magnet Council Chambers.
3. That Cr Harvey Nichols attendance at the Scheduled Meeting is welcomed.

CARRIED 7/0

12.2.11 Alignment of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence through Madoonga Station

Matter for Consideration

That Council give consideration to the re-alignment of the proposed vermin cell fence.

Background

Proposed construction of the 326 km fence to fully enclose the vermin cell

Statutory Environment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Comment

A copy of the letter dated 21 March 2017 from the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association is attached regarding the re-alignment of the proposed vermin cell fence for consideration

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Bethel Walton Seconded: Cr Carol Hodshon

That the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association be advised as follows:

- (1) That the report on the alignment of the Murchison Region Vermin Cell Fence through Madoonga Station be deferred.
- (2) Subject to (1) above the CEO be requested to further investigate the matter and report to Council.

CARRIED 7/0

13. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

15. ELECTED MEMBER MATTERS

Cr Les Price informed the Council that the Vermin Cell Fence is under consideration by a Committee of WALGA for a priority project status.

16. NEXT MEETING - 19 September 2017

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.15 pm..