
SHIRE OF MENZIES

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF MENZIES, HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MENZIES ON FRIDAY 23rd JUNE 2006 COMMENCING AT 9.15AM

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:

The Shire President welcomed all elected members and declared the meeting open at 9.15am. He extended a special welcome to the visitors present and said he looked forward to their respective presentations.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED:

Present:	Cr S Tonkin	Shire President
	Cr A Kelly	Deputy Shire President
	Cr J Dwyer	Member
	Cr I McGregor	Member
	Cr I Tucker	Member
Staff:	Mr P Crawford	Chief Executive Officer
	Mr B Pepper	Minutes
Apologies:	Cr P Kennedy	Member
	Cr K Purchase	Member
Visitors:	Gary Goldsworthy	Principle Environmental Health Officer / Building Surveyor
	Arianne Webb	Golden Quest Discovery Trail

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Arianne Webb, Golden Quest Discovery Trail Project Manager delivered a presentation to Council on her role and the future objectives that she is keen to pursue for the betterment of the trail. \$10,000 was requested from the Menzies Shire to continue with progressing and marketing of the trail.

CEO left the room at 9.35am.

CEO returned to the room at 9.40am.

Gary Goldsworthy, the Principle Environmental Health Officer / Building Surveyor outlined the projects that he has been working on e.g., inspecting food outlets, swimming pools and hotels in Menzies and Kookynie.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their presentations and invited them to stay for the remainder of the Meeting.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

An Application for Leave of Absence from the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held Friday, 21 July 2006 was requested in writing by Cr K Purchase.

COUNCIL DECISION**ITEM 4.1**

MOVED Cr I Tucker

SECONDED Cr I McGregor

That Cr K Purchase is granted Leave of Absence from the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Friday 21st July 2006.

CARRIED 5/0

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SHIRE PRESIDENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The President advised the Meeting that he had attended meetings with the Tjuntjuntjarra Committee in respect to budget requests and also discussed the Lady Shenton building as a possible Visitors Centre in which the sale of art could be incorporated.

He and the CEO also met with Minister John Bowler and discussed the Board of Enquiry into the Tjuntjuntjarra area and whether the Shire of Menzies will keep that area or if it will be handed to the Shire of Laverton. Also discussed was the possibility of an access road to the Anglogold Ashanti Tropicana deposit coming direct from the site to the Kurnalpi / Pinjin Road.

He and the CEO met with Anglo Ashanti Gold mines and discussed future mining operations in the Plumbridge area.

The President, Council and CEO met with Mr A Gormley to discuss future outcomes in relation to the Lake Ballard Statues.

COUNCIL DECISION**ITEM 5.**

MOVER Cr I McGregor

SECONDED Cr J Dwyer

That the President's report be received

CARRIED 5/0

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD FRIDAY, 19 MAY 2006****COUNCIL DECISION****ITEM 6.1**

MOVED Cr I Tucker

SECONDED Cr A Kelly

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 19 May 2006 as previously circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record, subject to the following change:

That the wording : "The following transaction has been actioned on 8 January 2006" in Item 8.3 Investments – April 2006 be corrected to read: "The following transaction has been actioned on 8 April 2006"

CARRIED 5/0

7. STATUS REPORT:

MOVED Cr I McGregor

SECONDED Cr J Dwyer

That the Status Report as at 23 June 2006, be received.

The Status Report entered into the Agenda was not updated and the CEO verbally added the updates and new items.

CARRIED 5/0

The CEO reported on the items in the Status Report.

No Resolution of Council was made.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 Financial Statements to 31 May 2006

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council Friday,
23 June 2006

LOCATION: Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

FILE REF: 103a

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: 13 June 2006

AUTHOR: Brad Pepper, Works Supervisor/Finance Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SENIOR OFFICER: Peter Crawford, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

BACKGROUND:

The Financial Reports (AAS27) are presented monthly, generated by our off-site Accountants, Haines Norton and printed in our office.

COMMENT:

Included in these Financial Reports, (which are an equivalent of a quarterly financial report) is a Detailed Income Statement, Monthly Statement of Financial Activity and a Reserve Funds Cash Position.

CONSULTATION:

Ms Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: As per Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34 (i) (e)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Reporting on Financial Activity

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION**ITEM 8.1**

MOVED Cr A Kelly

SECONDED Cr I McGregor

That the Financial Statements to 30 May 2006 as presented, be adopted

CARRIED 5/0

8.2 Accounts for Payment

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council Friday,
23 June 2006

LOCATION: Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

FILE REF: 103

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: The senior officer has an interest to the extent that he is the
co-owner of a the local roadhouse, one of the creditors

DATE: 13 June 2006

AUTHOR: Brad Pepper, Works Supervisor / Finance Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SENIOR OFFICER: Peter Crawford, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF
SENIOR OFFICER:**

BACKGROUND:

Cheque numbers 3634 to 3682 and bank statement transfers totalling \$148,150.45 are presented for payment as per the submitted lists.

COMMENT:

None required.

CONSULTATION:

Ms Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Local Government (Financial Management)
Regulations 1996 Regulation 13(2)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: All signing of cheques were carried out as per Policy 3.8.
(All amounts over \$15,000 were counter signed by a Council Member).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Reduction to the Municipal Fund Balance

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION**ITEM 8.2**

MOVED Cr J Dwyer

SECONDED Cr I McGregor

That cheques numbered 3634 to 3682 and direct bank payments totalling \$148,150.45 which have been paid by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority, be adopted.

9. WORKS REPORT:

9.1 WORKS SUPERVISORS REPORT

9.1.1 Roadworks and General Report

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Friday
23rd June 2006

LOCATION: Menzies Shire

APPLICANT: N/A

FILE REF: 405a

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: 14 June 2006

AUTHOR: Quenton Seignor, Works Supervisor

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SENIOR OFFICER: Peter Crawford, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

Sand has been carted and spread on the oval, it has been graded and is ready for reticulation. The Contractors are due to start work this week. The water tanks arrived at the Council depot on Tuesday and most of the pipes are also here.

We have been whipper snipping the approaches to town and tidying up the garden beds and they are starting to take shape.

Council has received the key for the Old Power Station and gardens are now being maintained.

The Menzies Remote Community School contracted Council to erect a shed structure over the new kiln that they have, to provide a safe environment for the teachers and children.

Breakaway Earthmoving commenced clearing for road widening on the Snake Hill - Riverina Road. Permits have been granted by the Department of Environment to clear selected roads to 20 metres wide as per application. Vegetation that is disturbed will be removed from the road side as per conditions of the permit.

Breakaway Earthmoving have finished grading and watering sections of the Yarri Road after trucks carting material from the Yarri Battery to Kalgoorlie started to break through the road pavement. The sections of the road that were damaged have now settled quite well.

Garry Miller is working approx 120 kms out on the Evanston - Menzies Road.

Westrac was hired to attend to the grader for its 1000 hour service. A faulty electrical joint was discovered which led to a console warning light continually being turned on. The problem is now rectified.

We have had quite a lot of trouble with the undercarriage on the ride-on mower. The machine is really too light for the job it is doing.

All workers in the yard attended a safety course at the Council Offices and are now accredited in Safety Standards and the safe use of all Council plant.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: As per Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 relating to General Functions provisions.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM 9.1.1

MOVED Cr J Dwyer

SECONDED Cr A Kelly

That the Works Supervisor's report, as presented, be received.

CARRIED 5/0

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

11.1 Road Closure – Goldfields Highway – Menzies to Leonora

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council Friday,
23 June 2006
LOCATION: Menzies Shire
APPLICANT: Fugro Spatial Solutions Pty Ltd
FILE REF: 402
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None
DATE: 12 June 2006
AUTHOR: Peter Crawford, Chief Executive Officer
SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SUMMARY:

This Item is to request Council Resolution to close portions of the old Goldfields Highway.

BACKGROUND:

A request was previously received from Fugro Spatial Solutions Pty Ltd for Council to agree to the closure of certain sections of the original alignment of the Goldfields Highway that are no longer in use (See attached plans).

Council consented to this request at the ordinary Meeting of Council held Friday, 21 April 2006.

COMMENT:

Now that the statutory advertising had been carried out, Fugro Spatial Solutions are requesting Council to now resolve to close the road.

Should Council agree to the request, his resolution will be forwarded to the Department of Planning and infrastructure for their action.

Council's consent is only a formality and has no ramifications for Council.

CONSULTATION:

None

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: As per Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 relating to general functions provisions.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 11.1
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MOVED Cr A Kelly

SECONDED Cr I McGregor

That Council Resolve to close the old sections of the Goldfields Highway and all requirements pursuant to Section 58 of the Land Administration Act and Regulation 9 of the Land Administration Regulations.

CARRIED 5/0

Mr Gary Goldsworthy left the meeting at 10.54am

12. REPORTS:

12.1 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- Cr Tucker: Lake Ballard, would like to see some type of Board of Recognition for all people from Menzies who are exhibited on the Lake
- Cr McGregor: Suggested that in the new information centre that is planned, there should be a short video display that informs the public of the general weather conditions that may prevail when visiting the statues
- Cr Tonkin: That the CEO could present an Agenda Item some time in the future to determine Council's position regarding the transportation of nuclear waste through the Shire of Menzies

12.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

- CEO tabled a quotation from the Local Government Insurance Services for the 2006/2007 renewal
- DLI geographic names committee requested Council's opinion on the naming of the Connie Sue Highway, Council agreed that the current name should remain.
- Barry Cable bike ride – Council has agreed to donate \$500 towards the bike ride
- Vacant blocks of land – CEO tabled a letter from the DLGRD in response to the enquiry over unpaid rates on land
- CEO advised Council that Austral Mercantile have secured the WALGA contract for debt collection and that the Shire of Menzies would probably sign up with them
- A quotation has been received from Jesse Brampton to supply signage for the proposed Kookynie Walk Trail

- Council will be calling tenders for various items of plant hire
- A copy of the Lake Ballard Master Development Plan has been received from the architect, Mr Richard Hammond for Council's comments prior to it being presented to the Advisory Group.
- Banners in the Terrace – a photo of the completed banner was shown to Council, all expressed compliments at the item.
- GWN – an offer to participate in an advertising project of Lake Ballard was not taken up by Council

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE:

Nil

13.1 ELECTED MEMBERS:

Nil

13.2 OFFICERS:

COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 13.2
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MOVED Cr I McGregor

SECONDED Cr J Dwyer

That Council receive New Business of an Urgent Nature.

CARRIED 5/0

13.2.1	Tender MN 134 – Rural Roads Maintenance
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SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council Friday,
23 June 2006

LOCATION: Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

FILE REF: 408

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: 19 June 2006

AUTHOR: Peter Crawford, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SUMMARY:

As per Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council is required to advertise for public tender for goods and services if the supply is expected to exceed the \$50,000 threshold.

COMMENT:

Tender MN 134 – Rural Roads Maintenance was advertised in the West Australian and Kalgoorlie Miner newspapers on Saturday, 27 May 2006 and closed at 4.00 pm on Friday, 16 June 2006.

Tenders were opened in the Shire of Menzies Council Office at 08.45am on Monday, 19 June 2006 in the presence of:

Mr Paul Kennedy
Mr Peter Crawford

Councillor
Chief Executive Officer

Mr Brad Pepper

Works Supervisor / Finance Officer

and in the following order:

G S Hobbs Contracting
Gary Miller Grading Contracting P/L

A summary of the tender is below:

COMPANY	PLANT	PRICE
GG S Hobbs Contracting	Mitsubishi MG330	\$125.00
GG S Hobbs Contracting	Mitsubishi MG430	\$135.00
Garry Miller Grading	John Deere 770BH	\$115.00
Garry Miller Grading	John Deere 670B	\$110.00

CONSULTATION:

None

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 relating to general functions provisions and Section 3.58 relating to tendering for purchases or services supplied to Council that will exceed \$50,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Provided for in the current Budget

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION

ITEM 13.2.1

MOVED Cr A Kelly

SECONDED Cr I Tucker

That Council Resolve to:

- (i) Ratify the decision to call Tender MN 134 - Rural Roads Maintenance
- (ii) Award Tender MN 134 – Rural Roads Maintenance, in accordance with the specifications contained therein, to Garry Miller Grading Contracting Pty Ltd for the hire of a

John Deere 770BH grader @\$115.00 per hour, and
John Deere 670B grader @\$110.00 per hour

CARRIED 5/0

13.2.2 Appointment of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council, held Friday,
23 June 2006
LOCATION: Shire of Menzies
APPLICANT: FESA
FILE REF: 211
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None
DATE: 19 June 2006
AUTHOR: Peter Crawford – Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SUMMARY:

This report requires Council to elect a Chief Bush Fire Control Officer to oversee the prevention and control of wild fires within the Shire of Menzies.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held Friday, 18 August 2005, Council Resolved to appoint Mr Brad Pepper as the temporary Chief Bushfire Control Officer for a restricted period.

COMMENT:

This temporary period has now expired and it is required to make a permanent appointment to this office.

As Mr Pepper has indicated that he would accept the position on a permanent basis, it would be in order for Council to now make the appointment.

The position of Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officers would be the Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Crawford, and the reappointment of Mr Kevin Pusey of Kookynie.

CONSULTATION:

Mr Brad Pepper.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 relating to general functions provisions.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION	ITEM 13.2.2
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MOVED Cr A Kelly

SECONDED Cr I Tucker

That Council Resolve to make the following appointments:

- (i) Mr Brad Pepper to the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer,
- (ii) Mr Peter Crawford and Mr Kevin Pusey to the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers, and,
- (iii) Cancel all previous appointments.

CARRIED 5/0

14. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS:

Nil

15. NEXT MEETING:

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for Friday 21st July 2006 at the Council Chambers, Menzies, commencing at 9.00 am

16. CLOSURE:

There being no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the Meeting closed at 11.34pm pm

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings, at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st July 2006

CONFIRMED

SHIRE PRESIDENT.....