

# **MINUTES**

# **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Menzies Council Chambers, Shenton Street Menzies

> Friday March 25th, 2011 Commencing At 9.26am

## SHIRE OF MENZIES



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BWS: drs

## SHIRE OF MENZIES

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Commencing at 9.26 am

In the Shire Council Chambers, Shenton St. Menzies

## **MINUTES**

#### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President (Cr. Gregory Dwyer) declared the meeting open, welcomed the attendees and proceeded with the agenda as planned

# 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Attendance:

Councillors Cr Gregory Dwyer President

Cr Greg Stubbs Deputy President

Cr Kevin Pusey Councillor
Cr Aileen Kelly Councillor

Staff: Mr Brian Seale Chief Executive Officer

Ms Carol McAllan Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Apologies Cr Jill Dwyer Councillor

Cr Ian Tucker Councillor
Cr Lloyd Lansdown Councillor

Visitors Mr Vern Mc Kay Department of Local Government.

Mr Andrew Borrett Department of Local Government.

BWS: drs

Adjourned 9.27 am Resumed 10.52 am

## 3 RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME TAKEN ON NOTICE

N/A

#### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

N/A

#### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Cr Stubbs declares an interest in item 9.12 and 9.17

#### 6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

N/a

Adjourned 10.55am Resumed 11.12 am

#### 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 7.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the ordinary Council held *February 24<sup>th</sup>*, 2011 as presented be adopted.
- 7.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Council held <u>March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011</u> as presented be adopted.
- 7.3 Confirmation that the recommendations from the audit committee as conducted on <u>March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011</u>, be adopted as proposed, noting the amendment as presented to reflect an amendment in item 9.5 in the summary section to show "**To note** the annual report and not to adopt.

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

"Carried 4/0"

#### **8 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE.**

8.1 Questions on Notice

None.

#### 9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

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#### 9.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS TO FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25th, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, A/Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY**

That the Financial Statements and Reports to the statements to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as presented be adopted.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

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

#### **COMMENT:**

Included in these Financial Reports, (which are an equivalent of a quarterly financial report) are a rates report and a report on reserves funds

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Ms Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton. Reporting on Financial Activity

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

None

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.1** 

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

That the Financial Statements and Reports to the statements to February 28<sup>th</sup>,2011 as presented be adopted.

As addressed by the audit committee.

## 9.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TO FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, A/Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### SUMMARY

To note cheque numbers from 908 to 957 including direct debits and bank statement transfers totalling \$260,586-93 as presented for payment in terms of the submitted lists.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This report is a standard mandatory requirement.

#### **COMMENT:**

This report was deferred from the November meeting due to the submission, preventing the Council opportunity to address the report at that time.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Ms Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations1996 Regulation 13, 34

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

All signing of cheques were carried out as per Policy 3.8.

(All amounts over \$15,000.00 were counter signed by a Council Member).

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Reduction to the Municipal Fund Balance

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.2** 

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To note cheque numbers from 908 to 957 including direct debits and bank statement transfers totalling \$260,586-93 were paid as presented in terms of the submitted lists.

#### As addressed by the Audit Committee.

## 9.3 AGED RATE AND SUNDRY DEBTOR REPORT TO FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider the report of aged rate debtors and Sundry Debtors as at February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as required by Council on a monthly basis, to evidence the extent of outstanding indebtedness and to display the evident controls being applied and the collections achieved in this critical aspect of the Shire's operations.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This reporting mechanism is a standard requirement as called for by Council

**CONSULTATION:** 

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** 

Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.3** 

MOVED Cr Pusey

SECONDED Cr Kelly

BWS: drs

To receive the report of aged Rate debtors and Sundry Debtors as at February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as required by Council to be submitted on a monthly basis, to evidence the extent of outstanding indebtedness and to display the evident controls being applied and the collections achieved in this critical aspect of the Shire's operations, with a write-off of the following debtors being recommended as uncollectable for the following illustrated reasons..

"Carried 4/0"

#### 9.4 NOTICE OF INTENTION – LOT 769 AND 770 WEBB STREET.

Shire of Menzies

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

LOCATION:

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, A/Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### SUMMARY.

To consider the potential objections to the proposed merger of Lots 769 and 770 Webb Street Menzies as presented in the attached detail of request as received from the Department of Regional Development and Lands.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Council will recall the application from Anthony Snelling in 2010, who is the listed proprietor of Lot 770 and where the adjacent lot number 769 is a piece of U.C.L. land., where it appears has been successful in the acquisition of this lot to be merged with his site.

#### **COMMENT:**

Council is being asked if any objections exist relative to this proposed merger.

**CONSULTATION:** 

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

None

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** 

None

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** 

Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.4** 

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

To advise the Department of Regional Development and Lands that the Shire of Menzies has no objections to the proposed merger of Lots 769 and 770 Webb Street Menzies as presented in the attached detail of request as received from the Department of Regional Development and Lands.

"Carried 4/0"

#### 9.5 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **BACKGROUND:**

To formalize the approval for the deferral of the Council meeting date by one day to Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as previously discussed with all councillors during the last month.

#### **COMMENT:**

Upon receipt of a request from a councillor to defer the March meeting to Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and with the President's approval, I attempted to contact all other councillors for a consensus, where the vast majority agreed to the amendment. Accordingly, appropriate advertising was undertaken as required and notices put up around town to publicize this amendment to the standard meeting day for the ordinary meeting of Council.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Email responses and phone responses were received from the majority of Councillors supporting the amendment.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Clause 12(2.)

Local Government Act 1995 – Clause 5.25 (1.) (g.)

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

None

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** 

None.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** 

Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.5** 

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

To formalize the approval for the deferral of the Council meeting date by one day to Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as previously discussed with all councillors during the last month and as discussed as a result of a formal application from a Councillor being received requesting the delaying of the meeting by one day.

BWS: drs

"Carried 4/0"

#### 9.6 TENDER FOR SALE OF GENERATOR.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, A/Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY**

To consider the Sale of the Shire Generator as advertised, in terms of the attached detail from the Tender Register.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This item was purchased for the temporary purpose of the provision of Power at the Caravan park whilst the mains power was being arranged. This saved the Shire approximately \$8,000 per month in Diesel fuel usage. And although it cost \$26,000, the sum of \$20,000 was allocated in the budget for this purpose and at date it is anticipated the value of the item is still \$20,000 (approximately)

#### **COMMENT:**

Despite the appropriate advertising and the limed use the item, no submissions were received. Accordingly, in view of the impending "Cy-classic Event" scheduled for early June, it is proposed that the item may have a future use for the Shire and it is recommended that this piece of plant be retained for at least the short term.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

• Local Government (Function and General) Regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 - Clause 3.58

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.6** 

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

To retain the Shire-owner Generator for the short term and reconsider the sale of this item later in the year, following the community events scheduled for this Shire in 2011.

BWS: drs

"Carried 3/1"

#### 9.7 TENDER FOR THE SALE OF PIG TRAILER.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

**APPLICANT:** 

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

**SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:** 

#### SUMMARY:

To consider the selling of the Pig Trailer, by Private Treaty to Breakaway Earthmoving, in terms of the attached proposal, incorporating a surplus water tanker for the sum of \$1,650 inclusive of G.S.T.

Council should be aware of the Council resolution to sell this item by Tender, in terms of the attached minute from the January meeting, despite an earlier resolution to sell this by Private Treaty in June 2010.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This item was addressed during 2010 for sale by Private Treaty, though a subsequent meeting approved the sale by Tender. Copies of both minutes are appended to assist in this matter.

#### **COMMENT:**

Not applicable.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Not applicable.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** 

Simple Majority required

#### COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.7

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

To approve of the selling of the Pig Trailer, by Private Treaty to Breakaway Earthmoving, in terms of the attached proposal, incorporating a surplus water tanker for the sum of \$1,650 inclusive of G.S.T.

BWS: drs

"Carried 4/0"

#### 9.8 POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT – TENDER POLICY PROCEDURES. 2.5.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT:

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

**SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:** 

#### SUMMARY:

To consider an amendment to the policy manual to reflect an amendment to bring clarity to this matter and potentially avoid being in breach of the Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996, clause 16.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This matter was highlighted by a councillor illustrating an anomaly in that the provisions and requirements for the opening of Tenders is already captured by clause 16 of the (F & G.) Regulations and it seems the Council Policy manual clause 2.5 is surplus to requirements. However, I seek guidance from council in this matter as I am currently unaware of the need for this requirement, though I have no objection to a Councillor being involved, though it does necessitate a councillor being available at these times, for which there is no reward.

#### **COMMENT:**

**CONSULTATION:** 

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** 

"Absolute" Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.8

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

To approve an amendment to the policy manual to reflect support for clause 16 (3.)(a.) of the Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996, with a deletion of Policy item 2.5 (5.), in terms of the attached data..

BWS: drs

Carried 4/0"

"Absolute" Majority

#### 9.9 RATE ARREARS – RON ANDREI

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider the submission from the rate payer as attached, relative to his rate arrears situation amounting to the sum of \$12,511-27 as displayed in the attached data.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This item was presented to the February Council meeting and deferred until the March meeting.

#### **CONSULTATION**

The rate-payer visited the Shire in early February to declare his concerns which largely reflect the following issues.:

- 1. Request for contiguous rating on Freehold land.
- 2. The sum of \$3,300 was allegedly paid in cash and not applied to the assessments, though receipts have not been produced to support this.
- 3. Allegation that the mining rates should be so high and suggesting these are double the previous years rates.
- 4. Request to reverse out the interest factor as applied to this matter.
- 5. Request to "Work" out the remaining Shire entitlement by pushing up the refuse site in Kookynie.

BWS: drs

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

Not Applicable

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not Applicable

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The sum of \$12,511-27 has been budgeted for as collectable in this financial year.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority required

MOVED Cr

#### SECONDED Cr

To support the submission from the rate payer (Ron Andrei) as attached, relative to his rate arrears situation amounting to the sum of \$12,511-27 as displayed in the attached data with the following recommendations:

- 1. Approve contiguous rating for adjacent freehold land (lot 283/284 Cosmos) and back date this to the earliest rate entitlement remaining unpaid.
- 2. Provide a one off dispensation of 50% of this alleged sum to be applied in the sum of \$1,650 as written –off as a bad debt to the cost centre for this purpose.
- 3. Provide formal advices to the Rate=payer that opportunity to object to the Valuer General remains with the rate-payer and requires an application to be submitted.
- 4. As it seems this has been a long standing issue from some years back, the reversal of the accrued interest factor is seen as reasonable, without attracting further interest until this balance has been extinguished.
- 5. To establish a reasonable "Work Programme" to work out this remaining balance with gravel.

"Defer to the April meeting with a clear value determined"

BWS: drs

**Explanation** – The reason Council did not adopt the officers recommendation was that the value of the recommendation was not clear.

## 9.10 APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING LICENSE – 29/2215

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT:

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider the application for a Prospecting License as received from Venus Metals Corporation Limited for a tenement over the Town site of Menzies, as presented.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This application impacts on privately owned land and also the town site of Menzies and the town common.

#### **COMMENT:**

Not Applicable.

CONSULTATION: Not Applicable

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:** Not Applicable

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9. 10

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To approve the application for a Prospecting License as received from Venus Metals Corporation Limited for a tenement over the Town site of Menzies, as presented, subject to there being no mining activity to be undertaken over any portion of the Town site of Menzies, or over any local Road or essential Shire infrastructure or any Reserve within the boundary of the tenement application..

"Item Lapsed from loss of quorum"

BWS: drs

Adjourned 12.11 pm. Resumed 12.53 pm

#### 9.11 REQUEST TO DONATE THE SEPTIC TANKS TO ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE

**SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council** LOCATION: **Shire of Menzies APPLICANT: FILE REF: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** None DATE: March 25th, 2011 **AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer** SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR: **SENIOR OFFICER:** Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer. SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER: **SUMMARY:** Council is in receipt of advices seeking support for the donation of the installed sceptic Tanks at the Ambulance hall in the sum of \$1,400-00 in terms of the attached data. **BACKGROUND:** The tanks were purchase in conjunction with the tanks required for the Shire property in Mercer Street, though purchased without the awareness that this cost was to be recovered. Once having determined this aspect the Ambulance administration provided this office with the attached letter of required. Council will recall being in receipt of a request for a donation, where approval was granted to assist to the extent of \$5,000, with the Police, St John Kalgoorlie and F.E.S.A. all contributing \$1,000 each to this purpose, as \$8,000 was required. **COMMENT:** This after thought request is in addition to the \$5,000 already donated. **CONSULTATION: STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: POLICY IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.11

MOVED Cr Stubbs SECONDED Cr Pusey

To approve of the donation of the installed sceptic Tanks at the Ambulance hall in the sum of \$1,400-00 in the 2010/11 year, in terms of the request as received from the Menzies Subbranch of the St. John's Ambulance Association as evidenced in the attached data.

BWS: drs

"Carried 4/0"

#### 9.12 MORAPOI OUTBACK RODEO EVENT 2011.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

**APPLICANT:** 

FILE REF:

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### SUMMARY:

To consider the promotion of the Morapoi Outback Rodeo Event for 2011, with a funding request of \$65,000, as presented in terms of the attached letter of request.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Council supported this event in 2010 with \$65,020 in cash and approximately \$5,000 of "In-Kind" support.

#### **COMMENT:**

Whilst clear directive has issued by Council to the CEO relative to items requiring budget provision to be collated as one item for attention at a special meeting of council, this particular request seeks a commitment from council due to the need and requirement for forward planning and entering into contractual obligations to book participants for this event well in advance lest we run the risk of not being able to hold the event at the last moment.

There is no attempt deliberate or otherwise to disobey council in this item, but a genuine request for consideration of support to the concept to enable the convenors to commence the process of preparation and booking commitments in the knowledge of funding.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.12

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To approve of the promotion of the Morapoi Outback Rodeo Event for 2011, with a funding request of \$65,000, as presented in terms of the attached letter of request, to be funded in the 2011/12 budget year, subject to the budget adoption meeting scheduled for June/July 2011.

"Lapsed through a loss of Quorum"

## 9.13 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS TO JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, D/Chief Executive

Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### SUMMARY.

To adopt the Annual statements as presented for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

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

#### **COMMENT:**

Included in these Financial Reports, (which are an equivalent of a quarterly financial report) is a rates report and a report on reserves funds

The acceptance of the Annual financial report is mandatory, prior to adopting the Annual Report required to be advertised for the annual meeting of Electors.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Ms Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton. Reporting on Financial Activity

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

#### COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**ITEM 9.13** 

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

That the Annual Financial Statements and Reports to the Statements to June 30th, 2010 as presented be adopted.

As addressed by the Audit committee.

## 9.14 AUDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, D/Chief Executive

Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **BACKGROUND:**

To receive the annual audit certificate, as presented for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### **COMMENT:**

At the time of writing, the Audit report and certificate for the Financial Report for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was not available for presentation to council, though it is anticipated this certificate will be available in time for the meeting.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Ms Chris Mc Laughlin – Anderson Munro and Wiley (Company Auditors.)

Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13, 34

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.14** 

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To receive the Annual Audit certificate as presented by the shire auditors for the year Ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, together with the standard management report for action with further reporting to Council by April 2011 to evidence the satisfactory attention to the matters raised.

As addressed by the Audit Committee.

## 9.15 ANNUAL REPORT TO JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 AND MEETING OF ELECTORS.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: February 24<sup>h</sup>, 2011

AUTHOR: Carol McAllan, D/Chief Executive

Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY**

To adopt the Annual report for the Shire of Menzies for the 2010 year as required and as presented.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This report is a standard statutory requirement and is required to be adopted prior to the conduct of the Annual meeting of Electors..

#### **COMMENT:**

This report was deferred from the November 2010 meeting due to the submission not being available for presentation, preventing the Council opportunity to address the report at that time. The report will issue to Councillors under separate cover.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Ms Mandy Wynne, Haines Norton.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.27(2.), 5.52(2.). 6.4 (2.)

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

#### **COUNCIL DECISION / OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**ITEM 9.15** 

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To adopt the Annual Report for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as presented and as attached and to conduct the Annual Meeting of Electors on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5pm.in Council Chambers, subject to the statutory advertising being addressed.

As addressed by the Audit Committee.

#### 9.16. DELEGATES TO REPRESENT COUNCIL AT THE NEWLY FORMED R.C.G.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

**APPLICANT:** 

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider the names of delegates to represent Council at the newly formed "Regional Collaborative Group" at the regional meetings.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Council has been a member of the "Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organization of Councils" (i.e.) The G.V.R.O.C. for some time with two representatives being voting members, where President Dwyer and B.W.Seale. are presently those delegates.

The issue that has now arisen is that having very recently entered into an agreement with the GVROC membership and the Minister for Local Government to form a "Regional Collaborative Group", which will take over from the GVROC at some future undetermined date. However, the GVROC continues to function at present during this transitional stage, though there appears not to be any Transitional arrangements in place to cope with the "Voting of Delegates" issue and thus I suggest that this matter be presented to Council for consideration.

**COMMENT:** The present GVROC agreement provides for two voting delegates where these can be both councillors, or may include the CEO, as Council determines.

**CONSULTATION:** 

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:** 

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** Simple Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.16

MOVED Cr Kelly SECONDED Cr Pusey

To approve of the Shire President and the CEO to be the appointed voting delegates to represent Council for the Shire of Menzies at the newly formed "Regional Collaborative Group" at the regional meetings, as the two delegates for this purpose, with the Deputy President of the Shire of Menzies being appointed as the Deputy for either of the appointed delegates.

BWS: drs

"Carried 4/0"

#### 9.17 TRAVEL SUPPPORT PROVISION FOR MORAPOI - BUDGET VARIATION.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider a budget variation of \$8,000 in the current 2010/11 financial year to assist the Morapoi Sporting group opportunity to continue with the transport of the players to Kalgoorlie for the remainder of the season, as requested in the attached letter of request.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Again, I re-enforce my earlier comments that notwithstanding Councils clear comments of guidance that items of budget variation and/or provision be referred to the "Budget Workshop/Special Meeting of Council" and to avoid these items being presented piece-meal during the year and reassure council that this is not any type of deliberate attempt to disobey the directive, but an earnest advice from the group that without continue support they may not be able to continue with the transport arrangements for the remainder of this sporting cycle.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Not applicable

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** 

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** "Absolute" Majority required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.17

MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To approve an additional budget variation of \$10,000 in the current 2010/11 financial year to assist the Morapoi Sporting group opportunity to continue with the transport of the players to Kalgoorlie for the remainder of the season, as requested in the attached letter of request, with funding to be applied from the cost centre labelled "G.R.O.H. Housing Purchases, recently reduced in February 2011 to \$180,000 and now proposed to reduce to \$160,000 and the "Travel Expense Cost Centre" to be increased to \$20,000 to accommodate current expenditure and this proposed level of support.

"Lapsed through loss of Quorum."

#### 9.18 REQUEST FOR SHORT TERM LEAVE - C.E.O. (APRIL 2011.)

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT: N/A

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:** 

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider a period of short term annual leave of three days for the C.E.O. during the Easter week in order to relocate the C.E.O.'s family into a new home in Perth during the last week of April..

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Whilst it very customary and appropriate to seek guidance from the President for applications of leave of this nature, at date this has not been presented to the President for comment due to the crisis of urgency in having to purchase a temporary suitable home while the family home is being built, which will take some months and the family need a home to live in immediately and as such this concept only emerged on the week-end and as a courtesy to the President I prefer not to bother him on week-ends or evenings.

I will seek his views during the week, though the agenda will by necessity be completed today (Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011) without his views being expressed.

#### **COMMENT**

It is anticipated Debra will make an offer to purchase a home today (Sunday 20/3/10) and where settlement should occur within thirty days which provides adequate timing to relocate some essential effects for the family to the new home during Easter Week, commencing with "Good Friday" being April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

Accordingly, with the following public holidays for Easter Monday falling on 25/4/11 and Anzac Day falling on 26/4/11, annual leave is sought from Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 201, where it is proposed I return to work on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

Approximately 60 days leave has been accrued during the engagement in Menzies so adequate leave is available for this application.

The C.E.O. will have the Shire mobile with him at all times in case of need.

It is further commented that the April council meeting is scheduled to be conducted during this leave time on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, though with the Deputy's experience, this is not anticipated to pose a problem.

The Deputy CEO is happy to relieve in this role for this period of annual leave for the C.E.O.

BWS: drs

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not applicable

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not Applicable

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Simple Majority required

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**ITEM 9.18** 

MOVED Cr

SECONDED Cr.

To approve of three days of Annual Leave for B.W.Seale from Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 until Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with Carol Mc Allan being appointed as the Acting C.E.O. during this period at the Higher duties allowance rates of \$85,000p.a. on a pro-rata basis.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION.**

**ITEM 9.18** 

MOVED Cr Kelly

SECONDED Cr. Pusey

BWS: drs

To approve of three days of Annual Leave for B.W.Seale from Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 until Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

"Carried 4/0"

**Explanation**: The reason Council did not adopt the officer's recommendation was that the item was within Policy for the President to approve of the leave up to five days and should not have been presented to Council.

#### 9.19 LEASE OF THE TEA-ROOMS/BUTCHER SHOP for a GENERAL STORE

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

**APPLICANT:** 

FILE REF:

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

**SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:** 

#### SUMMARY:

To consider the lease of the Tea-Rooms/Butcher shop to the Proprietors of the Hotel to establish a General Store in terms of the attached proposal, in view of the proposal received from the Roadhouse proprietors planning to close the Roadhouse Business on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

With the Roadhouse closing at the end of March, some significant issues may emerge as a result requiring Council to potentially have some input to the Economics of the town and provide an innovative approach towards continued provision of essential services to the community.

#### **COMMENT:**

It seems some options are available to the Shire to capture the opportunities for retaining the business in town and to continue to provide the services to the community, as follows.

The failure to provide a continued service may drive the economy out of town, where people may possibly prefer to stay in Kalgoorlie permanently rather than travel in and out for these essential requisites.

Without a roadhouse as an operating business, tourism is potentially likely to decline to the detriment of the town and shire:

- 1. The Shire takes over the operations of the Roadhouse as a going concern from closure as a leasehold arrangement.
- 2. The Shire provide essential services from the administration Centre, Police Station building, Town Hall or Resource Centre for newspapers, milk, bread, butter, small goods and minimal essential dry goods.
- 3. The Hotel provides the services from the current Hotel facilities.
- 4. The Hotel provide these facilities from a new facility as proposed from a new facility to be located on the South side of the Hotel, yet to be constructed.
- 5. The Hotel proprietors lease the Shire Tea-rooms for this purpose, once the restoration process has been completed.
- 6. Private enterprise to enter this debate and offer an opportunity to assist in this matter.

#### CONSULTATION:

David Mc Kenna is interested in retaining the business in town and requires a little breathing space prior to the completion of his Warehouse/Store facility being constructed on the South Side of the Hotel. Thus the potential for a short term option is required.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** 

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** 

Minimal additional cost is expected to be incurred.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** 

Simple Majority required

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

**ITEM 9.19** 

MOVED Cr

#### SECONDED Cr

- 1. To approve of the Shire of Menzies administration taking over the operations of the retail section of the roadhouse with the sale of the Sunday times, the West Australian newspaper, Courier Australia agency and essential grocery lines of milk, bread and dry goods to be sold from the Resource Centre with effect of closure of the roadhouse, given the Resource Centre facility is open seven days per week and manned for two hours and Saturdays and two hours on Sundays, subject to approval being held from the Shire Environmental Health Officer as a temporary measure until David Mc Kenna sets up his operation to assume control of this facility.
- 2. To approve of the Proprietor of the Hotel setting up a Warehouse/Store facility on the South side of the hotel for this purpose as a temporary "General Store" facility pending Shire access to the Tea-rooms/butcher shop once restoration has been completed.
- 3. To approve of the lease of the Tea-Rooms/Butcher shop to the Proprietors of the Hotel to establish a General Store in terms of the attached proposal, in view of the proposal received from the Roadhouse proprietors planning to close the Roadhouse Business on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, subject to approval being held from the Shire Environmental Health Officer prior to commencement of trade.

#### COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.19

MOVED Cr Kelly

SECONDED Cr Pusey

To approve of the Shire of Menzies administration taking over the operations of the retail section of the roadhouse with the sale of the Sunday times, the West Australian newspaper, the Courier Australia agency and essential grocery lines of milk, bread and dry goods to be potentially sold from the Resource Centre or the Resource Centre with effect of closure of the roadhouse, given the Resource Centre facility is open seven days per week and manned for two hours and Saturdays and two hours on Sundays, subject to approval being held from the Shire Environmental Health Officer as a temporary measure until a Private Enterprise Provider sets up the operation to assume control of this facility, with a budget provision of \$5,000 to be determined by the budget review to be conducted in April 2011.

"Carried 4/0"

**Explanation:** The reason Council did not adopt the Officer's recommendation is that Council is waiting for Private Enterprise to approach this matter first with a business proposal so council can then divest themselves of this facility as soon as possible.

#### 9.20 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN – 2010.

SUBMISSION TO: Ordinary Meeting of Council

LOCATION: Shire of Menzies

APPLICANT:

**FILE REF:** 

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: None

DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

AUTHOR: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHOR:** 

SENIOR OFFICER: Brian Seale, Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR OFFICER:

#### SUMMARY:

To adopt the Compliance Audit Return for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, as presented under separate cover.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This submission is an annual statutory requirement as required by Clause 13 of the Audit regulations.

#### **COMMENT:**

Council is required to adopt the return or qualify its adoption and submit same to the Department of Local Government by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, where the President and Chief Executive Officer are required to execute the declaration of the document and where there is no statutory power available to approve a late submission.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

The Local Government Act 1995 – Section 7.13(i) Local Government Audit Regulations – Clause 13.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS None

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Absolute Majority required

#### COUNCIL DECISION ITEM 9.20

## MOVED Cr SECONDED Cr

To adopt the "Compliance Audit Return" for the Shire of Menzies for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, as presented under separate cover to Council and to ensure the return is submitted in sufficient time to be received by the Department of Local Government by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, as required by Clause 13 of the Local Government Audit Regulations 1996.

"As addressed by the Audit Committee."

#### 10 **STATUS REPORTS**

Shire of Menzies Status Report is Presented, in case there are any Council resolutions to be addressed from this report.

#### ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN 11 **GIVEN**

- 11.1 Elected Members motions with previous notice. No
- 11.2 Confidential Business to be held behind closed doors. No
- 11.3 REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Cr Stubbs:

Complaint over the M.Y.C.G. activity at the Town Oval 1. recently remains a concern though it is being addressed.

2. Recommend Training sessions for Councillors.

3. Clearing floodway's on the Kookynie road required.

Cr Tucker:

N/a

Cr Pusey:

No comment.

Cr Kelly:

No Comment

Cr Dwyer. (J.)

N/a

Cr Lansdown.

N/A

## Cr Dwyer G:

- 1. Attended the Spinifex people meeting in Kalgoorlie during the month.
- 2. Attended the meeting in Esperance for the signing of the GVROC agreement.

Mr Seale: B.

- 1. Consideration for guidance over the advertisement for differential rating is required. - Address this at the Special meeting.
- 2. Consideration for the date and topics to be addressed at the "Special meeting of Council requires response. - 2nd Thursday Monthly at 9 am.
- 3. Cy-classic invitation all councillors invited to attend Kalgoorlie.

BWS: drs

- All councillors to be made aware.

- 4. Letter of thanks received from the Rural Health Clinic for participation in the Kidney programme. **Noted.**
- 5. Complaint received over the M.Y.C.G. event on the town oval.

- Response awaited.

- 6. Response from the Department of Local Government over the M.O.R.E.2010 event is held.Noted.
- 7. Request for consideration for a Power and Water subsidy for the Mercer Street development is received- *Defer to the next Special meeting of Council scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to address budget considerations.*
- 8. Northern Goldfields Sports and Recreation Officer position requires consideration.
   Defer to the next Special meeting.

#### 12 INFORMATION BULLETIN

12.1 Information Bulletin as presented for discussion and resolutions (if required).

#### **NEXT MEETING / MEETING CLOSURE**

The next "Ordinary" Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, April 28th, 2011 at the Shire of Menzies Council Chambers, commencing at 9.00am.

There being no further business to discuss, the President declared the meeting closed at: 2.30 pm.

These Minutes were confirmed as a True and Accurate record of proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of Council, held on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Confirmed by the Shire of Me	nzies President,
Cr. Gregory Dwyer	