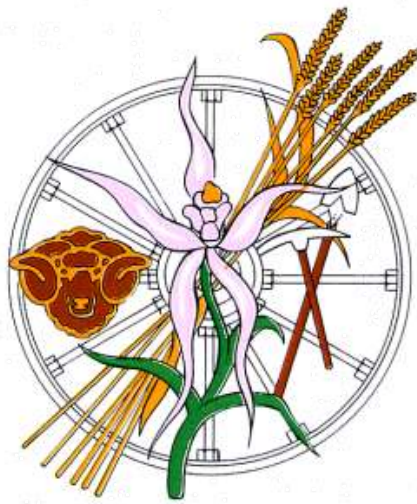
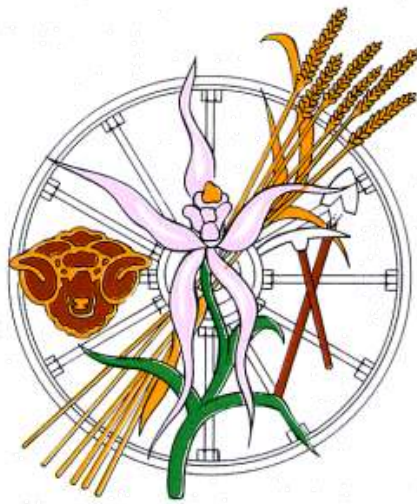


Shire of Westonia



*Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Council
Thursday 18th February 2016*

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*Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Council
Thursday 17th December 2015*

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Acting President, Cr Hermon welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.30pm .

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr D Hermon Acting President
Cr ML Geier
Cr B Huxtable
Cr JJ Jefferys
Cr RS Corsini

Mr JC Criddle Chief Executive Officer

2.1 APOLOGIES

Cr KM Day President

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.11pm – 3.26pm)

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Geier and Cr Huxtable requested a leave of absence for the March meeting.

01-02/16 Moved Cr Jefferys, seconded Cr Corsini that Cr's Geier and Huxtable be granted a leave of absence for the March meeting.

Carried 5/0

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 17th December, 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Resolution

02-02/16 Moved Cr Corsini seconded Cr Huxtable that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 17th December, 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 5/0

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of Council held on Monday 8th March, 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Resolution

03-02/16 Moved Cr Jefferys seconded Cr Corsini that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of Council held on Monday 8th March, 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried 5/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Fund Project Meeting held at Shire of Bencubbin 3rd February, 2016 be received

Resolution

04-02/16 Moved Cr, seconded Cr that the minutes of the Biodiversity Fund Project Meeting held at Shire of Bencubbin 3rd February, 2016 be received

Carried 5/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Acting President, Cr Hermon advised having attended the following meeting:

- Annual Electors meeting on 8th March with the CEO and Cr's Geier, Corsini, Jefferys and Huxtable.
- Regional Road Group meeting in Mukinbudin with the CEO.



Cr Corsini advised having attended the following meeting:

- Westonia Golf Club AGM with the CEO.

8. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

8.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

8.1.1 Accounts for Payment

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements	
Date of Report	2 March 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits may be obtained.

Comment

Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of December 15 & January 16. The credit card statements currently show:-

CEO **December 15 \$ 2,515.54** associated with the purchase of; Diesel, License Office vehicle, Change of plate work crew ute, license 04WT crew cab ute, conference meal beverages, sure hook masonry, moth balls museum, floral gift Dr Olga Ward, Social club dinner, bank fees.
January 16 \$ 1,530.32 associated with the purchase of; Diesel, Councillor Recharge various Ipads

Works Supervisor **December 15** associated with the purchase of; Nil
January 16 \$ 166.34 Prime Industrial – wire rope

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.

Strategic Implications

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.

Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2015/2016 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



That December 15 & January 16 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3305 to 3343 and D/Debits EFT 1572 to EFT 1671 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$1,122,249.91 be passed for payment.

Resolution

05-02/16 Moved Cr Corsini, seconded Cr Huxtable that the December 2015 & January 2016 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3305 to 3343 and D/Debits EFT 1572 to EFT 1671 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totaling \$1,122,249.91 be passed for payment.

Carried 5/0

8.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity – December 15 & January 16

File Reference	F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Reports	
Date of Report	2 March 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

Background

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31st December 15 & 31st January 16 is attached for Councilor information, and consists of:

1. Summary of Bank Balances
2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
3. Balance Sheet
4. Budget v Actuals Schedules

Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council
Council 2015/2016 Budget
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996
Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4

Policy Implications

Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.

Strategic Implications

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council's activities and financial performance during the reporting period.

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation



That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st December 15 & 31st January 16 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Resolution

06-02/16 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Corsini that Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31st December 2015 & 31st January 2016 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

Carried 5/0

8.1.3 GST Reconciliation Report

File Reference	F1.4.4 Audit Reports	
Date of Report	2 March 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Kay Geier Senior Finance Officer	
Signatures	Officer 	CEO 

Background

The Reconciled Balance of the GST Ledger to the General Ledger as reported as at ending 31st December 15 & 31st January 16 is provided to Council on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current GST liability.

Comment

The GST Reconciliation Report is attached for Councilor consideration.

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in regards to Goods and Services Tax.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The GST reconciliation is presented to Council as a means of indicating Council's current GST liability, which has an impact on Council's cash-flow.

Voting Requirement

Majority

Officer Recommendation


That the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$17,124) for the period ending 31st December 15 & (\$11,972) for the period ending 31st January 16 be adopted.

Resolution

07-02/16 Moved Cr Jefferys, seconded Cr Corsini that the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$17,124) for the period ending 31st December 15 & (\$11,972) for the period ending 31st January 16 be adopted.

Carried 5/0

8.1.4 Appointment of Authorised Officers

File Reference	A2.10.2	
Date of Report	10th February 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

With the appointment of a new Ranger (Kim Michael Joseph Friis), within the Central Wheatbelt Ranger Service and the addition of new employees in previous years, Council is required to appoint staff as authorised persons to enforce the provisions of various laws and regulations.

Comment

It is recommended that Council appoint the following persons:

Jameon Criddle;
Judd Hobson;
Kay Geier; and
Kim Friis

as authorised persons in accordance with the following acts:

Section 449 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
Section 9.10 of the Local Government Act 1995 for Local Laws;
Section 17(1) of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995;
Section 29(1) of the Dog Act 1976 and Regulations;
Section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and Regulations;
Section 26(1) of the Litter Act 1979;
Section 38(3) of the Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978;
Shire of Westonia Local Laws.

The following persons have been authorised as Registration Officers in accordance with the Dog Act 1976 and Regulations:

Jameon Criddle;
Judd Hobson;
Kay Geier;
Jasmine Geier;
Stacey Geier;
Carol Pomery; and
Kim Friis

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1960, Part XX (Ranger/Pound Keeper);
Local Government Act 1995, Part 3—Executive Functions of Local Government and Part 9—Miscellaneous Provisions;
Caravan and Camping Grounds Act 1995;
Dog Act 1976 and Regulations;
Bush Fires Act 1954 and Regulations;

Litter Act 1979 and Regulations;
Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978 and Regulations;
Shire of Westonia Local Laws.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Cost of advertising appointments of authorised persons.
2015/2016 Budget.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Appoint the following persons:

Jameon Criddle;
Judd Hobson;
Kay Geier; and
Kim Friis;

as authorised persons in accordance with the following acts:

Section 449 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
Section 9.10 of the Local Government Act 1995 for Local Laws;
Section 17(1) of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995;
Section 29(1) of the Dog Act 1976 and Regulations;
Section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and Regulations;
Section 26(1) of the Litter Act 1979;
Section 38(3) of the Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978;
Shire of Westonia Local Laws; and

2. Appoint the following persons as registration officers in accordance with the Dog Act 1976 and Regulations:

Jameon Criddle;
Judd Hobson;
Kay Geier;
Jasmine Geier;
Stacey Geier;
Carol Pomery; and
Kim Friis

3. Cancel all previous appointments.

Resolution

08-02/16 Moved Cr Huxtable, seconded Cr Corsini that Council:

1. Appoint the following persons:

**Jameon Criddle;
Judd Hobson;
Kay Geier; and
Kim Friis;**

as authorised persons in accordance with the following acts:

Section 449 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960

Section 9.10 of the Local Government Act 1995 for Local Laws;

Section 17(1) of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995;

Section 29(1) of the Dog Act 1976 and Regulations;

Section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 and Regulations;

Section 26(1) of the Litter Act 1979;

Section 38(3) of the Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978;

Shire of Westonia Local Laws; and


2. Appoint the following persons as registration officers in accordance with the Dog Act 1976 and Regulations:

**Jameon Criddle;
Judd Hobson;
Kay Geier;
Jasmine Geier;
Stacey Geier;
Carol Pomery; and
Kim Friis**

3. Cancel all previous appointments.

Carried 5/0

8.1.5 Pensioner Rate Concessions 2016/17

File Reference	R1.1.12	
Date of Report	10th February 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

As part of the 2015-16 State Budget, the Barnett led government announced that from the rating year commencing 1 July 2016, the 50% concession allowed to eligible pensioners on local government rates and water rates would be restricted to capped limits.

This change results in the pensioner concession being administered in a similar manner to the concessions currently available to eligible seniors.

Legislative amendments to the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 were included in the Revenue Laws Amendment Act (Act No. 27 of 2015), which received Royal Assent on October 2015.

Comment

The Pensioner rates cap amount will be prescribed each year, consistent with the manner in which seniors' rates caps are set every year. The gazettal of the cap amounts usually occurs in late June, prior to the commencement of the rating year.

Council will need to amend their rating systems each year to accommodate the cap applicable for pensioner concessions. The Office of State Revenue will continue to check the payment claims and verify the amount of payment that will be recouped.

Statutory Environment

Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

N/A.

Financial Implications

There will be no effect on the Budget.

There will be a slight increase in the Rates paid by pensioners due to reduction of concession claimed.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officers report and advise local residents of the proposed changes.


Resolution

09-02/16 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Corsini that Council receives the Chief Executive Officers report and advise local residents of the proposed changes.

Carried 5/0

8.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

8.2.1 Application for Exploration Licence (E77/2344)

File Reference	ES1.6.1	
Date of Report	11th February 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Crucible Resources Pty Ltd (E77/2344).

Crucible Resources Pty Ltd is an active junior company active in mining and exploration throughout Western Australia.

The application relates to land in the Elachbutting area (roughly south of Maisefield Road and north of Elsewhere Road), surrounding and including the Elachbutting Nature Reserve. See Attached.

The same company applied a similar exploration licence slightly north of this area in September of last year, (roughly east of Grosser Road and south of Jinadarra Rock).

Comment

Environmental concerns

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) *That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;*
- 2) *That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;*
- 3) *Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;*
- 4) *All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;*
- 5) *All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;*
- 6) *A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;*
- 7) *No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;*
- 8) *Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;*
- 9) *All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;*
- 10) *If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;*

- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

Statutory Environment

The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Consultation

Dept Parks & Wildlife
Dept Minerals & Energy

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council grants approval to Crucible Resources Pty Ltd (E77/2344) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-

1. That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
2. That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company’s mining conditions;
3. Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
4. All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
5. All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;
6. A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;
7. No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;
8. Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;
9. All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
10. If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
11. That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
12. That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.


Resolution

10-02/16 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Huxtable that

- 1. Council grants approval to Crucible Resources Pty Ltd (E77/2344) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-**
 - a) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;**
 - b) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;**
 - c) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;**
 - d) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;**
 - e) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;**
 - f) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;**
 - g) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) – refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;**
 - h) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards – to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;**
 - i) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;**
 - j) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;**
 - k) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter “Westonian” prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and**
 - l) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.**
- 2. Council Denies access to Reserve 23339 (Elachbutting Nature Reserve) which is under vesting order with the Shire Council for Water and Conservation of Flora and Fauna.**

Carried 5/0

8.2.2 Old School Site Ablutions

File Reference		
Date of Report	11th February 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Council were successful in their application for funding under the Royalties for Regions – Wheatbelt Community Chest Fund for assistance in the redevelopment of Old Primary School including the installation of disability access toilets.

The grant amount that has been approved amounts to \$ 22,000 inclusive of GST which will partially meet the costs of the construction of the toilets.

The grant funding is to be spent by 31 March 2016.

Council are also waiting on a response of a Federal grant of \$15,000 via the member of O'Connor's office, Rick Wilson.

Comment

The Old Westonia Primary School site is adjacent to the existing aged accommodation and proximal to the town's CBD and other community facilities. This gives aged residents easy access to the site and any new facilities allowing the Council to forward plan future investment on the site for a variety of public uses.

With the provision of an abluion block, the following proposals could be achieved:

- Using the vacant land on the site to house an aged housing precinct
- Using the existing facilities and building to provide a Community Shed, catering for both men's and ladies' craft and machinery restoration.
- Creation of a Seniors Centre where the community can meet and service the aging population with services such as podiatrist, physiotherapists, health clinics as well as holding senior activities on site
- Using vacant land for community projects such as a community garden and other similar projects

Management have been searching for suitable second hand abluion block as the equivalent new building was priced between \$90-110,000.

The CEO has been in discussions with Ian Stevens, Advanced Transportables (Westonia Tavern), with the possibility of converting an existing transportable to suit our needs, particularly with the requirement for disabled access toilets and showers.

Councillors were emailed in early February with a proposal to convert an existing transportable to suit our needs, which was replied in the affirmative to ensure that the project was completed by the due date, being the end of March.

This decision can be ratified at the Council meeting.

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Consultation

Councillors were kept informed of negotiations.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Council budgeted \$70,000 including \$20k from WDC & \$15k from Rick Wilsons Office, leaving up to \$35k to be cover by Council funds.

Voting Requirement

Absolute majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer actions in approving the conversion of an existing Transportable from Advanced Transportables for the fully installed price of \$65,000 plus GST.


Resolution

11-02/16 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Jefferys that Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer actions in approving the conversion of an existing Transportable from Advanced Transportables for the fully installed price of \$65,000 plus GST.

Carried 5/0 by Absolute Majority

8.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

8.3.1 Main Roads WA – Review of service levels provided for rubbish collection

File Reference	T1.2.1	
Date of Report	11th February 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

As previously advised, the approved budget for maintenance in the Wheatbelt region has been reduced significantly over the last few years due to the current financial climate. This has resulted in a reduction of it level of service on non-essential services such as the collection of rubbish and emptying of bins in rest areas, truck bays, parking bays and information bays.

This has been immediately noticed by the public and the Main Roads office has received a significant number of complaints. Main Roads is new looking at rationalizing the number of bin locations with the aim of restoring the previous level of service for the remaining locations.

Main Roads Wheatbelt are considering the following scenario's:

- Any stopping places within a built up area, which may attract local or other iterant residents rubbish over and above standard use;
- Any stopping places within 2km of a built up area, which may attract local or other iterant residents rubbish over and above standard use;
- Any stopping places adjacent to existing roadhouses and commercial facilities;
- Any stopping places within 10km of a similar stopping bay.

Comment

Road	Road Name	Start SLK	LG Name	Side	Type	within a built up	within 2km of a built	adjacent to existing	within 10km of a	Approach
H005	GEH	282.28	WT	R	Info Bay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Remove
H005	GEH	288.60	WT	R	Park Bay					
H005	GEH	288.68	WT	L	Park Bay					
H005	GEH	305.30	WT	L	Park Bay					

At the time of writing this report, there seemed to be some conjecture as to the validity of Main Roads claim to being within a built up area, when in actual fact it was not (Rabbit Proof Fence Rd Information Bay), located east of Burracoppin townsite. This is a site of State significance, originally build by Main Roads in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture to commemorate 100 years since the Rabbit Proof Fence was built.

The Chief Executive Officer has written to Main Roads requesting clarification of the matter, prior to any further decision being made. (Email attached)

If the bin is eventually removed, Council will need to advise Main Roads if they wish to keep the bin and service it at Council's cost.

Statutory Environment

N/A.

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

N/A.

Financial Implications

The replacement of these vehicles is included in the current budget.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council write to the Commissioner for Main Roads WA expressing concern's over the continuing decline in the level of service provided by Main Roads WA for rubbish collection.
2. That Council request that the Great Eastern Country Zone list the matter of the continuing decline in the level of service provided by Main Roads WA for rubbish collection for discussion at the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting to be held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 25 February 2016.
3. That Council takes over responsibility of servicing the rubbish bin if Main Roads do not reverse their decision to remove the bin.

Resolution


12-02/16 Moved Cr Corsini, seconded Cr Huxtable that:

- 1. Council write to the Commissioner for Main Roads WA expressing concerns over the continuing decline in the level of service provided by Main Roads WA for rubbish collection.**
- 2. Council request that the Great Eastern Country Zone list the matter of the continuing decline in the level of service provided by Main Roads WA for rubbish collection for discussion at the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting to be held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 25 February 2016.**

Carried 5/0

Note: Recommendation 3 was removed from the motion as the Chief Executive Officer negotiated with Main Roads prior to the meeting to have to bin remain at its position and not be removed from the Rabbit Proof Fence parking bay.

8.3.2 Merlo Telehandler

File Reference	F1.9.1 Telehandler	
Date of Report	11th February 2016	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

Back in August of 2015, Council resolved to purchase a Merlo 30.6 Multifarmer Telehandler from Farmpower, Merredin while trading the existing Merlo Telehandler. This included the changeover of the Man Cage Wiring harness from the old machine to the new machine.

Comment

The following dot points are a series of events that transpired once the Council decision was made.

- New Merlo was ordered the following Monday from Farmpower through John Mahon in sales.
- Meeting with John and outlining all the things that were require with the new machine and that the Man Cage would be fitted to the new Merlo involving taking the wiring harness from the old machine.
- We were advised that this would take approx. 2 weeks and that they would require our old Merlo for 2 days prior to receiving the new Merlo, for the fitting of the man cage to be completed.
- After 7 weeks and numerous phone calls to John, the New Merlo arrived to our yard only to discover that is was covered in oil and then was found out that it hadn't been PD (pre delivery inspected).
- It was also found that the windows were not tinted, sign writing was placed on the boom arm and could only be seen when the boom was at full height, flashing light wasn't working, noise in the front axle when the steering was at full lock, where the two way radio had been fitted there was a water leak in the roof from the antenna cord was put through and that there was paint flaking of the lower part of the cab behind the door.
- The Merlo was returned to us the following day after been washed and it looks like there was a bit of paint here and there for a touch up. Nothing else had been touched.
- The new Merlo has since broken down with a fuel issue and was out of action for 5 days before it was fixed because they were waiting on parts.
- Since then we have now been dealing with Peter in Farmpower trying to resolve these issues.
- We have been advised that the new Merlo cannot be fitted with our old wiring system off the old machine and it would have had to be done from the factor. This means that we will only be able to use the man cage with another operator in the cab while there is someone is in the man cage (not what we were first told).
- On the 24/11/2015 the new Merlo broke down again with a similar issue as before.
- 24/11/2015 Met with Peter in Farmpower again to discuss the issue with the man cage and there is no way that the old wiring can be retro fitted to the new Merlo.
- Peter is going to talk to Merlo Australia as well as his Bosses over east to find out in any way that they can present us with some compensation towards the cage issue.
- It was also discussed the possibility of handing back the new Merlo and taking back our old one and possibly call tenders in July 2016.
- A handover figure has not yet been discussed with Peter in regards to taking back our old machine and we would need to receive a cheque for \$115,166.00 (original changeover figure)

Since then McIntosh & Sons have purchased the Farmpower business in Merredin, with the Chief Executive Officer has been negotiating with the new Dealer Principal, Anthony Ryan of McIntosh & Sons.

Over the Christmas/New Year period and the middle part of the January, the CEO was able to negotiate with the McIntosh & Sons and the New Holland Group, to return the new Merlo and the full changeover cheque of \$115,000 in exchange for the traded Merlo.

This exchange is due to occur in mid to late February 2016.

The President has been kept informed of the process during the negotiations and Councillor's were advised via email on return from leave of the decision to exchange the Merlo's.

Council now needs to decide what to do with the old Merlo. Possible options include:

1. Keep old Merlo and Tender in the 2016/17 financial year;
2. Tender for new Telehandler now;
3. Review options.

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Council decides the best option for the replacement of the Merlo Telehandler.

Resolution

13-02/16 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Huxtable that Council accept McIntosh & Sons (Merredin) offer to exchange the new Merlo and the full changeover cheque of \$115,000 in exchange for the traded Merlo (2008) and tender for a replacement Telehandler, closing prior to the March Council meeting.

Carried 5/0

8.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL


9 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

14-02/16 Moved Cr Geier, seconded Cr Corsini that Council accepts three items of late business.

Carried 5/0

10.1 Local Government Councillor Census

File Reference		
Date of Report	13 th November 2015	
Disclosure of Interest	No Interest to Disclose	
Reporting Officer	Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	
Signatures	Officer	CEO 

Background

A research team from the centre for Regional Development at the University of Western Australia is planning to undertake a Census of WA Local Government Councillors early in 2016.

This research is keen to enhance awareness of the contribution elected members make to local democracy. Robust democracy is a function of diverse representation. Local Government is:

- An important part of Australian democracy;
- The sphere of government closest to the people/electorate; and
- A vital provider of local services.

Unlike most other OECD countries, Australia has yet to undertake a census of who its local government are and:

- How they contribute to good governance;
- What they bring to the sector to enable it to be robust and a legitimate part of our democracy;
- Who they are; and
- For how long they serve the community.

Comment

The project has the full support of WALGA and the Dept of Local Government and Communities who have co-funded the project.

There have been two pilot surveys conducted (one in a large metro Council and one in a rural Council), with great participation rates if included as part of the meeting agenda.

Statutory Environment

N/A.

Policy Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

N/A.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

Officer Recommendation

That Councillors complete the WA Local Government Councillors Census and return to the University of Western Australia as requested.

Resolution

15-02/16 Moved Cr Jefferys, seconded Cr Geier that Councillors complete the WA Local Government Councillors Census and return to the University of Western Australia as requested.

Carried 5/0

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 17th March, 2016 commencing at 3.30pm

12 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Acting President, Cr Hermon declared the meeting closed at 4.53pm.