Shire of Perenjori

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

To be held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on Thursday 15th November 2007, to commence at 1.30PM.

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7111.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS
Cr Baxter declared the meeting open at 1.28pm

7111.2 OPENING PRAYER
Cr Baxter led Council in the opening prayer.

7111.3 DISCLAIMER READING
Nil

7111.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Present: Cr B T Baxter
         Cr I F West
         Cr R A Benton
         Cr G K Reid
         Cr J H Hirsch
         Cr L C Butler
         Cr J A Bensdorp
         Cr J R Cunningham
       
       CEO    S Scott
       MCS    G Agnew
       Works Supervisor  K Markham
       DCEO    D Curtin
       
       Minute Taker  D Peaker
       D Reid
       
       Visitors    J Wood

7111.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Nil
7111.6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

7111.7 NOTATIONS OF INTEREST

Financial Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60A

Proximity Interest – Local Government Act s 5.60B

Interest Affecting Impartiality – Shire of Perenjori Code of Conduct.

7111.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Cr West  Seconded: Cr Butler
That Cr King be granted a leave of absence for the current meeting
CARRIED 8/0

7111.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held 18th October 2007.
Moved: Cr Benton  Seconded: Cr Butler
That the minutes of Council meeting held 18th October 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED 8/0

7111.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

7111.11 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil
Executive Summary:

Applicants Submission:
Detailed below are progress reports on current and prospective projects:
- Negotiations with Various Govt Departments
- UWA Visit November
- Agriculture

As the Shire is aware a presentation was made to the Premier and other ministers. (See separate item on Cabinet Standing Committee)

The EDO has received verbal advice that the State is interested in funding the Housing component. However, precise detail in writing at time of report is not yet to hand.

Also the Department of Agriculture and food and Austrade have contacted the EDO on a range of matters mainly Oil Seeds and a possible test pilot project on the previously banned Jatropha (sp?) for oil & Bio Fuel production. Also we may have access from Darwin via the department of a hybrid plant (as yet not fully understood) for trials in this shire. This is new and ongoing EDO work.

Austrade appear to be interested in a broad sense on export potential of the housing flat packs. The EDO has suggested Austrade stay their hand until well into the new year but is maintaining contact with Austrade and others until a marketing profile is finished along with costing and production variables.

Buildings & UWA
Visit of UWA dates are now firm after 3 changes and detailed date has appeared in Bush and EDO and shire administration staff preparing posters and other information for wider distribution. (See separate item on architecture project)
Other Matters

Lotto

Answer of some kind to EDO and Gary Snooks office letter went out 7/11 after Lotto again failed as promised to advise outcome of internal review carried out it was said in September.

Aquaculture

Detailed plans and new relationships in train and due to be finalised about end of December ongoing detailed work.

Various other matters & opportunities have appeared due to recent presentation and Perenjori is becoming involved by invitation and increased networking and response is beginning to pay dividends.

Background:

The EDO commenced a full time two year contract on 30 August 2006.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil

Strategic Implications:

The fundamental premise of the EDO activity is diversification of the economic base of Perenjori though complementary activity that will reduce our reliance on agriculture and mining.

Consultation:

The EDO maintains contact with a wide range of potential stakeholders, investors or funding organisations.

Comment:

The EDO and CEO are developing a matrix of projects that have been identified and have some potential for development. The development of the strategic plan and formation of the committee will help focus the EDO activities.

New potential projects that have emerged in the last month include:

- Commercial scale fodder factory
- Potential private land development
- Technology enhancement through local wireless hot spot

The EDO is working on a community awareness program. This will help inform local residents as well as provide a promotional tool for external stakeholders and potential project partners. This will include a hard copy and on line newsletter as well as a revamp of the Shire website using expertise from UWA.

The approach to economic development is focussed on developing opportunities that will:
Diversify the local economy through attracting new industries or emerging technologies;
Add value to existing agricultural industry through diversification or downstream processing
Take advantage of existing intellectual capital within the district
Encourage partnerships with external bodies and agencies
Overcome barriers to growth such as lack of available land or housing;

Within the scope of these activities we will also:
Seek funding opportunities to offset the costs and/or widen the scope of economic development activities
Keep Council and the community informed of economic development activities;
Seek Council endorsement of any activity that requires a long term commitment from the shire, or involves commitment of funds outside the existing budget.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

Moved: Cr Butler Seconded: Cr Bensdorp
CARRIED 8/0

Moved: Cr Hirsch Seconded: Cr Butler
That a meeting of the Economic Development Committee be held before December’s Council Meeting.
CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
As required by the Local Government Act and Financial Management Regulations a Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is required to be presented to each monthly meeting. This statement is used with Councils adopted 10% variance or $5000 figure which was adopted by Council at its March meeting. A report detailing the variances is also included.
Other Financial statements are also attached as per the Finance Committee preferences.

Statutory Environment: N/A
Policy Implications: N/A
Financial Implications: N/A
Strategic Implications: N/A
Consultation: N/A
UHF Haines Norton

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
1. Statement of Financial Activity
That the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31st October 2007 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report
That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st October 2007 be accepted as presented.
3. **Acquisition of Assets**
   That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 with a balance of $281916.40 as presented be received.

4. **Reserves Report**
   That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 with a balance of $1092242.00 as presented be received.

5. **Net Current Assets**
   That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 as presented be received.

6. **Bank Reconciliation’s**
   That the balances of the Municipal Fund of $485262.45, the Term Deposit of $74391.97 and the Trust Fund of $197473.98 as at 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 as presented be received.

7. **Sundry Creditors Report**
   That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 with a balance of $42879.78 as presented be received.

8. **Sundry Debtors Report**
   That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 with a balance of $31723.17 as presented be received.

9. **Accounts for Payment**
   That the Accounts for payment for the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 16010 to 16086 and EFT Numbers 209 to 238 for $350323.98 and the Trust Account consisting of EFT number 213 and Cheque Numbers 720 to 721 for $373.83 for the period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 as presented be accepted.

Moved: Cr West Seconded: Cr Hirsch
That items 1-9 relating to the Statement of Financial activity for period ended 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
The Wildflower Regional Council has been successful in employing an additional Environmental Health Officer/Building Officer for the North Midlands Health Service.

Applicants Submission:
Mr Rob Latham will be employed by the WCRC and contracted out to the North Midlands Health Service – therefore supporting Garry Agnew in the Shires of Perenjori, Carnamah and Three Springs. Mr Latham will be based in Three Springs and is due to commence his role on 19th November 2007.

Background:
The North Midlands Health Service have been advertising for a replacement since Andrea Njoku’s resignation in June 2007.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
Provision was made in the 2007/08 budget for the services of two EHO/BS. The 2008/09 budget provision will increase with the personnel changes.

Strategic Implications:
With the proposed subdivisions and increased activity likely in the near future this is a key appointment for the provision of such services.

Consultation:
WCRC and North Midlands Health Scheme were involved in the selection process.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:
Council note the appointment of Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor, Mr Rob Latham

Moved: Cr Benton            Seconded: Cr Butler
That Council note the appointment of Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor, Mr Rob Latham.

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:

Council is asked to consider matters raised by Ms. Jody Gellatly and Mr. Stewart Coles during an on-site meeting with the Shire President and Manager Community Services at 160 John Street on the 6 November 2007.

Background:

Stewart Coles & Jody Gellatly have leased 160 John Street from the Shire of Perenjori since August 2005 – see copy of Lease Agreement. The weekly rent for 160 John Street is currently $150.00.

The Building Committee did not carry out an annual inspection of 160 John Street prior to adoption the 2007/08 Building Management Budget, as with all other Shire buildings, as Jody Gellatly did not accept the short notice given.

Notwithstanding, the MCS met with Jody Gellatly at 160 John Street on the 28 August 2007 to discuss maintenance items for the property. During that meeting the MCS was given a Shire of Perenjori Request for Repairs/Improvements to Council Housing Form.

That Request Form included the following written comments – copy tabled

- Back yard
- Edge of house where house sits on concrete
- Main bathroom – still no towel rail (been waiting 2 years)
- Tiles in laundry
- Tile in kitchen
- Back door does not lock (sliding door)
- Linen cupboard door – still waiting repairs
- List from budget last year – see attached
- Dishwasher & recess

She was informed that the dishwasher washer and recess is not budgeted for – dot point ‘9’ above.
Additional to the above Jody Gellatly also requested Venetian blinds to the ensuite bathroom, laundry and main bathroom windows.

The following correspondence was sent to Jody Gellatly confirming my discussion with her on Tuesday the 28 August 2007.

Jodie Gellatly
C/o Post Office
Perenjori WA 6620

Dear Jodie,

LOT 160 JOHN STREET PERENJORI.

I hereby confirm our discussion on Tuesday the 28 August 2007 concerning maintenance to Lot 160 John Street Perenjori; and advise as follows.

1. Council’s Building Maintenance Officer (Robbie Green) has been requested to:
   - replace the missing closure latch screw for the linen cupboard door;
   - weather seal (re-paint) the laundry external door frame;
   - provide a towel rail for the main bathroom; and
   - assess the effectiveness of the weather strips at the base of the laundry external door.

2. A Shire Order has been issued to Moora Glass to repair the faulty rear sliding glass and flyscreen door locks when they are next in Perenjori. I understand that Moora Glass will be in Perenjori during the next two weeks. Moora Glass has been requested to give prior notice of their arrival.

3. Batavia Coast Trimmers has been asked to provide a quotation for the supply and erection of shade sails over the rear decking. They have advised that the inspection for quotation will be towards the end of September 2007.

4. Carpet Choice of Geraldton has been asked to give a quotation for the supply and installation of vertical blinds to the ensuite as well as the main bathroom windows at Lot 160 John Street.

I also confirm that I have recorded the hair line cracks in the wall lining between the breakfast bar and dining room area window, the shower recess tiles in the ensuite bathroom and the floor tiles in the laundry. Be assured that these matters will not be seen as damage caused by you or your family.

Yours faithfully

Garry J. Agnew
MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES
5 September 2007
Shire Order No. 32901 was issued to Batavia Coast Trimmers on the 3 October 2007 to supply and install a shade sail at 160 John Street.

Shire Order No. 32904 was issued to Carpet Choice Geraldton on the 5 October 2007 to supply and install window treatments (Venetian blinds) to three windows at 160 John Street.

Shire Order No. 32646 was issued to Moora Glass on the 27 September 2007 to repair faulty rear sliding door at 160 John Street – work complete.

I am now aware that Jody Gellatly sent a letter to the Shire President.

Comment:

Council will recall a presentation by Ms. Jody Gellatly during question time at the October 2007 Council Meeting and that a site meeting was agreed to for the 6 November 2007.

The Shire President and the Manager Community Services met with Jody Gellatly & Stewart Coles at 10am on the 6 November 2007.

Issues mentioned by Ms. Gellatly & Mr. Coles at that meeting –

- rear glass sliding door sticking;
- hair line cracks in wall lining beside dining room and ensuite windows;
- rear fly screen door does not close properly;
- short crack in section of external wall cladding sheet below rear sliding door;
- water leak to ceiling beside air conditioner vent in 4th bedroom;
- water passing through rear laundry door tread;
- step from rear landing;
- rear yard lawn is not level;
- luminosity from light in patio is not adequate;
- leach drain system is too small and smells;
- stressed concrete floor has moved;
- gap between front steps and porch floor;
- cracks in front porch concrete floor;
- air conditioner condensate is not connected to the provided discharge pipe;
- height of house floor level above ground;
- house floor is not sitting on one of the an internal footings;
- hair line crack in laundry floor tiles; and
- there are loud cracking noises in roof particularly at night

Statutory Environment:

Residential Tenancies Act 1987
Policy Implications:
Leasing of Shire Residences to private persons is subject to prior approval of Council.

Financial Implications:
Rent received is placed in Rental Account under General Revenue.

Strategic Implications:
Nil

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
Submitted for Council consideration.

Moved: Cr West  Seconded: Cr Reid

That the Shire carry out and specify what works are fair and reasonable and once completed that the matter will be concluded.

CARRIED 8/0

MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES LEFT CHAMBERS at 2.30 pm.
7115 PLANT & WORKS

7115.1 FUEL & LUBRICANTS SUPPLY

APPLICANT: WORKS SUPERVISOR
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER KEN MARKHAM – WORKS SUPERVISOR
REPORT DATE: 6TH NOV 2007
ATTACHMENTS LETTERS WITH PROPOSALS

Executive Summary:
Proposals for the supply of fuel for the Shire of Perenjori have been received from several companies. The proposals also included various options for a fuel storage tank at the Shire depot.

Background:

RELIANCE PROPOSAL: Fuel price – BP TGP Kewdale terminal price plus 5 cents a litre for bulk deliveries to Perenjori plus extra freight for 50km and over from depot. Payment terms are as normal with payment due 21 days from statement. Reliance can supply a 27k litre bulk single skinned tank with a 5 year supply agreement and at the end of the agreement the tank would become the property of the Shire.

FUEL DISTRIBUTORS WA: Fuel price – FDWA’s daily posted list price plus 1.1 cents a litre for delivery, less 1.5 cents a litre for early payment within 7 days from delivery. A single skinned bulk fuel tank, either 30k litres or 55k litres is available free of charge.

GERALDTON FUEL COMPANY: fuel price – Caltex reference price less 2 cents a litre for 25k litres per load, less 2 cents a litre early payment discount. A 30k litre self bunded tank is available on loan, with a requirement for a three year supply agreement for fuel and lubricants. If at the end of the 3 yr term, Council decided to continue dealing with Geraldton Fuel Company, the tank would be left in place and the above terms would continue to apply.

The setting up of a single skinned tank will require extensive works to bund and a fuel bowser and fuel management system is also required.

Statutory Environment: N/A

Policy Implications: N/A

Financial Implications:
A budget of $22000 has been allocated for fuel infrastructure
Strategic Implications:

Consultation: N/A

Voting Requirements: N/A

Officers Recommendation: N/A

For Committee discussion and recommendation to Council

Committee Recommendation: N/A

Moved Cr King Seconded Cr Bensdorp

That the Works Supervisor obtain lubricant and set up costs for all 3 suppliers.

CARRIED 6/0

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Bensdorp Seconded: Cr Butler

That Diesel and Lubricants be purchased from Geraldton Fuel Company and authorises the purchase of a bowser and fuel management system for $24,890.00 plus GST with $2,890.00 be over budget expenditure.

CARRIED: 8/0
Executive Summary:
The Cabinet Standing Committee on Regional Policy visited Perenjori on 31 October 2007.

Applicants Submission:
The following members of the standing committee visited Perenjori.

- Hon Alan Carpenter, Premier of Western Australia (chair)
- Hon John Ford, Minister for Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne (co-chair)
- Hon Kim Chance, Minister for the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern
- The Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich MLC, Minister for Local Government, Goldfields-Esperance

The agenda for the day included the official opening of the new chalets at the Caravan Park (Minister Chance), a visit to the primary school (Premier and Ministers Ford and Ravlich) and opening of the seniors activity day (Premier).

The committee considered presentations by the Shire of Perenjori, Mid West Regional Council, Northern Agricultural Catchment Council and Energising the Wheatbelt. The Shire of Perenjori and Shire of Dalwallinu each met individually with Minister Ravlich.
Background:
The purpose of the Cabinet Standing Committee On Regional Policy is as follows:

Responsible for the coordinated development of regional policies, the evaluation of the impact of government policies on regional communities through the application of appropriate indicators, the coordination of regional development across all areas of government, and to make recommendations to Cabinet on regional policy issues.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:
The Shire of Perenjori presentation sought support for Perenjori’s Housing Project, aquaculture project and agricultural diversification through mustard seed. This may result in additional state investment in these projects.

Strategic Implications:
The presentation focused on the positive and innovative aspects of Perenjori’s activities.

Consultation:
Perenjori’s presentation was prepared with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture. The CEO, EDO and Crs Baxter, King and Hirsch were involved in editing the presentation material.

Each of the CEO and the above Elected Members took responsibility for providing transport for one of the Ministers.

Comment:
The thrust of Perenjori’s proposal was:

We were called Australia’s fastest dying town.

We are becoming the regional renewal and enterprise innovation capital of the world.

• Australia’s first ongoing study and demonstration of ‘real-life’ renewal.
• A centre of implementation and communication of enterprise innovation projects.
• Addressing and solving multi-regional economic and social issues.
• Creating a self-reliant local ‘climate and economic change proof’ economy.

Stage 1:
– Immediate assessment and capacity building of the Shire by State Government over 12 months

Stage 2:
– Collaborative partnership building.
Stage 3:  
- Project Identification  
- Attraction of trials  
- Attraction of multi-partner funding  
- Creation of a strategy for communication of findings.

Stage 4:  
- Implementation of trial enterprise innovation and development projects with multi-regional issue solving application.  
- Real time and place study and evaluation of the trial projects.  
- Communication of findings.

Stage 5:  
- Multi-partner capital-raising for full-scale implementation of successful projects in Perenjori and other regions.  
- Full-scale implementation of successful projects in Perenjori and other regions of WA, Australia and remote communities world wide.

The identified benefits were:  
• An exciting new future for Perenjori.  
• An opportunity for an ongoing demonstration of sound WA Government regional renewal policy to showcase to the world.  
• Multi-partner capital raising and full-scale implementation of successful projects.  
• Solves economic and social issues in Perenjori and other regions of WA, Australia and remote communities world wide.  
• Will attract local, national and international interest and investment.

The specific projects we sought support for were:  
- Affordable, flat-packed modular passive solar housing.  
- Inland Aquaculture trialing and Farming Business Education Centre.  
- Mustard seed biodiesel feedstock production.

The Outcome

The feedback from the committee was very positive, and the CEO and EDO are now following up with state agencies to secure funding based on the positive feedback from the Cabinet Committee.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council notes the content of the presentation and the strategy portrayed.
Moved: Cr Benton
Seconded: Cr Reid
That Council notes the content of the presentation and the strategy portrayed.
CARRIED 8/0
7116.2 UWA ARCHITECTURE PROJECT

APPLICANT: UNIVERSITY OF WA
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO _______________
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO _______________
REPORT DATE: 6 NOVEMBER 2007
ATTACHMENTS Advertisement

Executive Summary:

UWA will be returning to Perenjori from 21 to 23 November to deliver presentations on the outcomes of the Perenjori Workshop.

Applicants Submission:

Patrick Beale and Karl Kullman from UWA School of Architecture, fine Arts and Landscape will be returning to Perenjori to deliver a community presentation on the evening of Thursday 22nd November 2007 at the Perenjori Sports Club. He will be accompanied by some of the students that participated in the Perenjori Workshop earlier this year. The will return to Perth on Friday.

The visit will involve the following:

- The group will again be accommodated at the Perenjori Pavilion;
- They will bring static display materials including 80 A3 laminated images. This material will be set up for display either in a single location or several locations around Perenjori, and will be left with the Shire after the visit;
- The students will host a community function on Thursday evening to deliver a presentation on the outcomes.
- In response to concerns about late notice for previous functions the presentation has been advertised in the Bush Telegraph on 6 November and will be readvertised in the next edition.

The presentation will focus on the following:

- Updates on flat pack housing
- Possible designs for a redevelopment of the town hall;
- Possible designs for a purpose built ‘environment centre’
- A streetscape montage
- A ‘garden in a box’ for new housing developments.

Background:

Phil Cleaver, Economic Development Officer, developed this project. This is the second year of a 5 to 10 year collaboration. The flat packed housing project was the centrepiece for the presentation to the cabinet committee.
Statutory Environment:

*Local Government Act 1995 S3.1* – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications:  
Nil

Financial Implications:

If appropriate the designs could form the basis for future infrastructure investment by the Shire.

Strategic Implications:

This project is part of a planned long term collaboration with UWA.

Consultation:

The designs and plans are the result of a community consultation process. The proposed functions are designed to elicit community feedback on the work completed.

Comment:

We will be encouraging maximum community feedback and involvement in the planned functions. UWA and the Shire will both be doing press releases on the project.

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council note the scheduled return visit by the students, and Councillors indicate their availability to attend.

Moved: Cr Bensdorp    Seconded: Cr Cunningham

That Council note the scheduled return visit by the students, and Councillors indicate their availability to attend.

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
The State Government has released the Strategic Review of BIF Ranges of Midwest and Goldfields. The review identifies a number of areas where the State is predisposed to mining or intends to establish reserves.

Applicants Submission:
The recommendation with the most immediate impact is in relation to Gindalbie’s Karara Haematite project where the government has indicated that it is NOT predisposed to mining, but is predisposed to development of the magnetite resource. Greg Kaeding from Gindalbie provided the following assessment:

**Karara / Mungada Ridge / Blue Hills**

Notes of interest for you are:

The Gindalbie hematite project will disturb only approx 600 hectares of over 37,000 hectares of BIF ridge in the Midwest area and most of the infrastructure supporting the mine e.g. accommodation, airport etc etc is off the BIF ridge and is shared with the magnetite project. Gindalbie is supportive of the Governments desire to protect 30% of the BIF ridges.

Does the government realize that NOT supporting the development of the hematite project will mean:

- No upgrade of the southern section of the rail to standard gauge (as Midwest intends using the existing 16 tonne axle load rail system)
- 4 million tonne per annum effective late 2008 **NOT** going through Geraldton Port’s new shiploader, as Gindalbie is committed to maximizing Geraldton Ports throughput before committing to Oakajee
- A delay of two years until the magnetite project developments are likely to flow on to the local townships (as Magnetite is not looking to be producing till mid 2010 and won’t have its environmental approvals till late next year)
- The hematite project does not at this stage have any listed ‘declared rare flora’ on its mine.
Gindalbie has always indicated its preparedness to be subject to the independent EPA assessment process but the Governments Strategic Review Recommendation on page 9 point 3 of the Executive Summary, stating the ‘Government is NOT predisposed to the extraction of the hematite deposits of the area’ fails to recognize the interdependence of the Gindalbie hematite and magnetite projects, with early cash flows to both the Company and the region from the earlier mining and transport and delivery of hematite product, the synergies of the one mine infrastructure covering both the hematite AND the magnetite project proposals, the economics of a standard gauge rail transport solution for the southern region mines (with 100 million tone carrying capacity as against the current capability), and the lack of economic competitiveness of rail with a slurry proposal, given that hematite cash flow will assist funding of the rail upgrade.

I would urge that you do as we have and seek an urgent meeting with the Ministers for the Environment and for Resources to ensure they understand the real impacts if the CURRENT hematite proposal does not go ahead and the ramifications for Perenjori and Morawa.

**Koolanooka Hills**

The review indicated that further assessment of economic and biodiversity values need to be considered in relation to Koolanooka Hills before the State makes a determination.

**Conservation Reserves**

The state has indicated its intention to place Wolla Wolla and Warriedar/Pinyanning in conservation or Nature reserves (but not A Class Reserves)

**Background:**

Greg Kaeding, together with a Director from Gindalbie will be addressing the Council forum prior to today’s meeting.

**Statutory Environment:**

*Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.*

**Policy Implications:** Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Gindalbie’s combined projects represent significant economic benefit for Perenjori and the project is located entirely within the Shire.

**Strategic Implications:**

Perenjori is trying to build positive relationships with key players in government, but has also been working closely with mining proponents.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Comment:**

It seems that in the Midwest the BIF ranges in the southern half have higher biodiversity conservation values than those further North. The recommendations attempt to provide some certainty for the mining industry, but it is doubtful if this has been achieved. There will be a further review in 3 years after more information gathering on biodiversity and prospectively of the various ranges. Even though the review has NOT recommended Class A reserves, it is likely that mining companies will seriously consider the risk of investing in exploration of the Southern BIF ranges.
Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council note the outcomes of the Strategic Review.
That Council determine what lobbying efforts (if any) are appropriate in relation to the review generally and Gindalbie’s Haematite project in particular.

Moved: Cr West  Seconded: Cr Hirsch
That Council will look to support Gindalbie wherever the support will enhance and promote the Shire.

CARRIED 8/0
7116.4 LAKE MOORE GYPSUM PROJECT UPDATE

APPLICANT: Terry Reid
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: DOMENICA CURTIN – DEPUTY CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER DOMENICA CURTIN – DEPUTY CEO
REPORT DATE: 6 November 2007
ATTACHMENTS Nil

Executive Summary:
Mr Terry Reid has provided a brief outline on the progress of the Lake Moore Gypsum Project.

Applicants Submission:
Comments received were as follows:

1. We have above ground level, measured high grade gypsum resources at Lake Moore of 9.2 million tonnes contained in a granted mining lease with a further estimated 70Mt surrounding the main deposit and in two other nearby areas.

2. Funding Negotiations are well advanced and a preliminary Mining Proposal has been submitted to the Department of Industry and Resources.

3. The first part of our plan is to truck gypsum for export via Perenjori to Geraldton and via other routes to Perth for local industry and to Fremantle for export.

4. This second, possible main part of our plan is to develop a fertiliser production facility in Perenjori using gypsum as a major proportion of plant feed. This would be based on:
   • Utilising electrical energy generated using natural gas and using exhaust gases from the power plant as part of the process
   • Installing natural gas engines to drive part of the plant and utilise exhaust gases as above
   • Capturing saline wash water from the gypsum treatment facility to produce Sodium Bicarbonate and Calcium Chloride.

These processes would require importation of chemicals to Perenjori.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil
Strategic Implications: Nil
Consultation: Nil
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation: FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION
The Midwest (Wildflower Country) Regional Council met in Dongara on 7 November 2007, followed by a meeting with Minister Ravlich.

Applicants Submission:
The Minutes of the MWRC will be circulated under separate cover (not available at the time of publishing the Agenda)

Specific developments of interest to Council include:
- The MWRC has adopted its Record Keeping Plan
- Consideration of extension of the establishment agreement was deferred pending further research by the MWRC CEO of an alternative model suggested by the Shire of Coorow.

At the meeting with the Minister for Local Government the Amendment to the Establishment Agreement was sealed by member councils and endorsed by the Minister. The name change is now official.

Background:
Perenjori is one of the seven members Council that comprise the MWRC.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil
Strategic Implications: Nil
Consultation: Nil

Comment:
The alternative model suggested by Coorow is worthy of consideration. It suggests, in essence, that each member Council be required to give between 30 and 36 months notice of its intention to withdraw from the Regional Council. This would mean that the Regional Council would continue to operate with a guarantee of between 2.5 and 3 years funding from members without the need to extend its tenure every few years.
While this proposal is contrary to that suggested by the Shire of Perenjori it has in practical terms a similar effect. It would ensure sufficient certainty for the regional council to employ staff and pursue long term projects without the imminent threat of being disbanded.

In the Perenjori CEO’s view either model would be acceptable. In order to allow the MWRC to pursue further funding the CEO recommends that Council give the Perenjori delegate authority to support either model based on the advice of the WCRC CEO.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

1. That Council note the contents of the Minutes of the WCRC October Ordinary Meeting.

2. That Council authorise its delegate or deputy delegate to support either of the two models for the extension of the Establishment Agreement for the Midwest Regional Council, with the Coorow Model as the preferred model.

Moved: Cr Hirsch   Seconded: Cr Bensdorp

That Council note the contents of the Minutes of the WCRC October Ordinary Meeting

CARRIED 8/0

Moved: Cr Hirsch   Seconded: Cr West

That recommendation No. 2 above be deferred and wait for recommendation from MWRC

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
WALGA, as a member of the Road Safety Council, has been invited to provide input on the development of the next WA road safety strategy.

A discussion paper entitled Towards Zero – Getting There Together, Road Safety Strategy 2008-2020 has been prepared, bringing together views expressed by the community and research undertaken by Monash University Accident Research Centre on WA roads.

The association is seeking feedback on the discussion paper from member Local Governments.

Applicants Submission:
Key Issues:
- Examine the potential impact of the options presented on Local Governments
- Opportunity to provide Local Government input to the development of the next WA road safety strategy
- WALGA seeking information from Local Governments to use in formal submission to the Office of Road Safety.

Potential Impact on Local Government
The safe speeds section of the discussion paper outlines the redefining of speed zone lengths, reducing speed limits in urban areas and reducing speed limits on open roads.

One of the specific initiatives proposed is to reduce the open speed limit by 10km/hr. Feedback is encouraged from any Local Government concerned about reducing speed.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil
Comment: Feedback is required by 16th November 2007

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:
Council supports the Road Safety Strategy 2008-2020 Discussion Paper with the exception of the proposal to reduce the open speed limit by 10km/hr

Moved: Cr Benton  Seconded: Cr Reid
That Council supports the Road Safety Strategy 2008-2020 Discussion Paper with the exception of the proposal to reduce the open speed limit by 10km/hr
CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
The Department of Agriculture and Food has commenced the process of reviewing the States current WestPlan Animal Diseases Plan and has approached WALGA on behalf of Local Governments to make comments.

Applicants Submission:
Local Government in WA, under the current plan would support the Department of Food and Agriculture with activation of Westplan Animal Disease, as quoted from the plan by:

- Provide information on property ownership and location;
- Provide earthmoving and other equipment as required;
- Involvement in provision of information to ratepayers;
- Involvement in local recovery programs

It is proposed that Local Governments support for Plant Bio-security response & recovery be:

- Provision/availability of facilities for a local control centre if needed;
- Equipment/resources to assist with the destruction of crops/plantations;
- Access to appropriate disposal sites for deep burial/disposal;
- Assistance with permits to burn

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil

Comment:
The proposed Local Government is reasonable and can be easily accommodated. Feedback is required by 7th December 2007.
Voting Requirements  Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
Councils supports the Review of WestPlan Animal Diseases and notes the proposed Local Government role in the plan.

Moved; Cr Cunningham  Seconded: Cr Butler
That Council supports the Review of West Plan Animal Diseases and notes the proposed Local Government role in the plan.

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
The Department for Planning and Infrastructure has finalised the Regional Service Delivery Report (2006) and the release of the report has been approved by the Hon Minister Llijana Ravlich MLA the minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

Applicants Submission:
Set out below is recommendation for the Midwest

- Option 5 - Support Cell Model — involves establishing a dedicated licensing team within the region to support Agents. Support Cell Model is recommended for the Mid West.
- In the event that Option 5 is not approved then Option 1 is recommended.
- Discussions should be conducted between the Licensing Business Unit and the WA Police regarding resourcing issues for Kalbarri. The possibility of a resource being allocated to regional services to provide the service should also be considered.
- Options be considered to market and advertise for a contract Practical Driver Assessor to service the North Midlands on an ongoing basis. An alternative option would be to resource the Geraldton office and conduct Practical Driver Assessments directly through circuit arrangements

Background:
The intent of the report was to conduct a region by region analysis of the most effective channels for the delivery of licensing services and to establish a flexible method of service delivery for the local communities. The DPI undertook consultation with Local Government during the development of the report and a number of the recommendations in the report have been based on the feedback provided by Local Government.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications:
Nil
Financial Implications:
The Shire of Perenjori delivers licensing services on behalf of the State Government.

Strategic Implications:
Retention of licensing is important for maintaining local services for Perenjori.

Consultation:
The development of the report has involved extensive consultations with stakeholders, including Local Government.

Comment:
The proposed Option involves retaining existing services, with the bulk of support services to be provided through Geraldton rather than Perth.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council supports the implementation of Option 5 in the Regional Service Delivery Report for Licensing Services.

Moved: Cr West Seconded: Cr Cunningham
That Council supports the implementation of Option 5 in the Regional Service Delivery Report for Licensing Services.

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
The Chalets at the caravan park are completed with a successful opening by Minister Kim Chance MLA last week.

Applicants Submission:
The public submission received suggested that “Lechenaultia” be used as a name as the wreath Lechenaultia is a popular tourist attraction.

Previous suggestions were to highlight the history of the extensive rangelands in the Perenjori Shire and include such names as:

- White Wells
- Warriedar
- Mungada
- Karara
- Lochada

Background:
Public submissions were sought with one being received. Several informal comments to the CEO from members of the community supported the use of station names.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council name each of the Chalets at the Caravan Park after one of the former pastoral stations being, White Wells, Warriedar, Mungada, Karara & Lochada.
Moved: Cr Cunningham  Seconded: Cr West
That the original Park home and the 4 refurbished Chalets be named after townsites within the Shire of Perenjori being Bunjil, Caron, Bowgada, Maya and Rothsay.

CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:

Ian Pulbrook, owner of Greenoil Tree Nursery in Mingenew is seeking permission to collect native seeds from Shire road verges and railway lines that are to be crossed by Asia Iron Holdings Ltd pipe line project.

Applicants Submission:

The applicant has applied for a Commercial Producer’s Licence or a Nurseryman’s licence and a Commercial Purposes Licence and have been in contact with CALM who advise licences will be issued in the next couple of days.

Background:

Ian is a qualified Landcare Technician and is familiar with DRF (designated rare flora) areas. They are mainly targeting a common Rhagodia species found on the road sides. They are a native tree nursery for farm landcare, growing trees from provenance collected seed for the farms in the Midwest area.

The seed will be used to ensure successful re-vegetation along the route of the pipeline project. The applicant hopes to start collecting seed in November 2007.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications:

Council has a policy to prevent commercial collection of wildflowers but this would not extend to seed collecting.

Financial Implications: Nil

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:

That Council permit Inlander Pty Ltd T/as Greenoil Tree Nursery to collect native seeds from Shire road reserves and railway lines, subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary license.

Moved: Cr Cunningham
Seconded: Cr Benton

That Council permit Inlander Pty Ltd T/as Greenoil Tree Nursery to collect native seeds from Shire road reserves and railway lines, subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary license

CARRIED 8/0
7116.11 PRIVATE RENTAL OF 80 HESFORD ST

APPLICANT: Ms Kelly Fairbanks
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 5 November 2007
ATTACHMENTS Nil

Executive Summary:
The CEO polled elected members on the rental of 80 Hesford Street.

Applicants Submission:
We have received a rental application from Kelly Fairbanks for Council's property at 80 Hesford Street, Perenjori. This property is an older style transportable that is no longer used for staff housing and would likely be considered for sale in Council’s next budget. It would require significant refurbishment if it was to be retained as staff housing.

Ms Fairbanks has been operating the part time hair salon in Perenjori and is presently living at an old farmhouse. This property has no water and the toilet system is no longer working. Ms Fairbanks has considered returning to Geraldton, but rentals there are cost prohibitive (and Perenjori would lose its hairdresser). Ms Fairbanks and her partner have inspected the Hesford Street property and are satisfied with it.

Ms Fairbanks accommodation needs are urgent, and waiting until the Council meeting might be too late. The CEO decided to poll Elected Members by telephone. All other Councillors agreed to the proposed rental.

Background:
Council has a policy that private rentals of Shire properties must be considered by Council.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil

Financial Implications:
The property has been vacant for several months.

Strategic Implications:
The agreed approach helps retain a hairdresser in town.

Consultation:
The CEO contacted all elected members.
Comment: Nil
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:
That Council note that the private rental of 80 Hesford Street has proceeded.

Moved: Cr Benton  Seconded: Cr Cunningham
That Council approve the private rental of 80 Hesford Street has commenced.
CARRIED 8/0
END OF YEAR – SHIRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

APPLICANT: SHIRE OF PERENJORI
FILE: 
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: DOMENICA CURTIN - DEPUTY CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER DOMENICA CURTIN - DEPUTY CEO
REPORT DATE: 6 November 2007
ATTACHMENTS Nil

Executive Summary:
A date and location is required to be set for the annual Shire Christmas party.

Applicants Submission:
Council is requested to consider likely dates and locations it feels appropriate.
December Council is to be held on Thursday 20th December 2007.

Background:
In previous years the Christmas party has been held the night of Council at the Perenjori Sports Club.

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications: Nil
Financial Implications: Nil
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
Council consider the date of the Shire Christmas Party.

Moved: Cr Reid Seconded: Cr Cunningham
That the Shire Christmas Party be held 20th December 2007.
CARRIED 8/0
Executive Summary:
A Shire representative is needed for the Moore Catchment Council.

Background:
N/A

Statutory Environment:
Local Government Act 1995 S3.1 – the general Function of Local Government is to provide for the good government of people in its district.

Policy Implications:
N/A

Financial Implications:
N/A

Strategic Implications:
N/A

Consultation:
N/A

Comment:
Mr Peter Waterhouse has indicated that he would be interested in becoming the Shire’s representative on the Moore Catchment Council.

Voting Requirements:
Single Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Peter Waterhouse be nominated as the Shire Representative on the Moore Catchment Council.

Moved: Cr Hirsch
Seconded: Cr Cunningham
That Peter Waterhouse be nominated as the Shire Representative on the Moore Catchment Council

CARRIED 8/0

CEO, DCEO, Work Supervisor, Minute Taker left the Chambers at 3.33 pm
Executive Summary:
Council is required to notify the CEO no later than 6 months prior to the expiry of the Contract of Employment if it wishes to negotiate renewal of the contract.

Applicants Submission:
The CEO’s contract expires on 29th May 2008. Council is required to notify the CEO no later than 29th November 2007 if it wishes to negotiate renewal of the contract.

Background:
Nil

Statutory Environment:
The CEO’s employment is governed by the terms of the Contract of Employment. Clause 2 of the contract requires the CEO to notify Council not later than 9 months prior to the expiry of the contract that the contract will expire. (This occurred at the May Ordinary Meeting) Council has until no later than 6 months prior to the expiry of the contract to notify the CEO if it wishes to negotiate renewal of the contract.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
Nil

Consulation:
Nil

Comment:
The provision is included to allow both parties to make suitable arrangements if the contract is not to be renewed, and sufficient time to negotiate any new or different provisions if it is.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council notify the CEO through resolution that it intends to negotiate to renew / not renew the CEO’s Contract of Employment.

Moved: Cr Baxter  Seconded: Cr Butler
That Council negotiates a new Contract of Employment with the CEO.  
Carried 8/0
7116.15  CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – MOUNT GIBSON ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Moved: Cr Baxter   Seconded: Cr Reid
Council will not enter into a fixed price contract with Mount Gibson Iron to build the Road.

CARRIED 8/0

Moved: Cr Hirsch   Seconded: Cr Butler
Council arrange Blue Card training, works site traffic management and contractor training and any other necessary training required for the community

CARRIED 8/0

7117  OTHER BUSINESS

7117.1  INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Govt Gazette – Municipality Boundary Amendments Register
WALGA – LG News – Issue 44.07
Climate Change Adaptation Actions for Local Govt
Rural Water Council – Rural Water Planning Program
WALGA LG News – Issue 43.07
Dept of Environment & Conservation – Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme (ZWPDS) – Phase II
WALGA – Info Page – Local Govt owned Street Fire Hydrants
Petcare Information & Advisory Service – Latest Research: Pet Owners more responsible when caring for pets
Dept of Agriculture – Bringing it Together Workshop
Australian Bureau of Stats – The 2011 Census – Your Views Sought
Australian Hotels Association – Our Hotel Magazine
Liebe Group Newsletter
WALGA LG News – Issue 42.07
National Servicemen’s Assoc of Australia
Dept of Transport & Regional Services- National Report
WALGA – Info Page – Proposed Amendments Main Roads Act 1930
GEOTECH – Exploration Licence Application
WALGA – Long Term Accommodation Strategy – WALGA
WALGA LG News – Issue 41.07
WALGA – Information Bulletin – Municipal Waste Advisory Council

7117.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

7117.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

7117.4 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

7117.5 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

7117.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS

7117.7 CLOSURE

There being no further business meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on 15th November 2007.

Signed: ______________________
	Presiding Elected Member

Date: ______________________