Shire of Perenjori

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, Fowler Street, Perenjori on 17th November 2011, to commence at 7.00pm

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11111 PRELIMINARIES

11111.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS
Cr Chris King opened the meeting at 7.00pm

11111.2 OPENING PRAYER
Cr Reid led council in the opening prayer

11111.3 DISCLAIMER READING

11111.4 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:
Cr Chris R King
Cr Laurie C Butler
Cr Graeme K Reid
Cr Jenny H Hirsch
Cr Rodney P Desmond
Cr Lisa J Smith
Cr Harold C Wass
Cr John R Cunningham – Arrived at 7.09pm
Stan Scott – CEO
Doug Stead – DCEO
Kimberley Wheeler - EA

Apologies:
Cr Robyn Benton

11111.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Nil

11111.6 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS
Nil

11111.7 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.

Cr Hirsch declared a Proximity and Financial interest in item 11113.2 Agroforestry Application

Cr Kin declared a financial interest in item 11113.1 Karara Shed Application and a Proximity interest in item 11115.2 Proposed Subdivision – Lot 100 Keogh Road

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Lisa Smith declared an interest affecting impartiality in item 11113.1 Karara Shed Application

11111.8 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil

11111.9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 20th October 2011 are attached.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr LC Butler  
Seconded: Cr GK Reid

That the minutes from ordinary Council Meeting held on the 20th October 2011 are a true and accurate record.

Carried: 7/0

11111.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

11111.11 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY GO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
11112 FINANCE

11112.1 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

APPLICANT: DEPUTY CEO
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: GYPSIE DOUGLAS – SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: DOUG STEAD - DCEO
REPORT DATE: 10th NOVEMBER 2011
ATTACHMENTS: OCTOBER FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

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 July 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 2011 including report on variances be accepted as presented.

2. Finance Report

That the Finance Report for the period ended 31st October 2011 be accepted as presented.
3. Acquisition of Assets
That the Acquisition of Assets Report for the period ended 31st October 2011 with a balance of $624,936.00 as presented be received.

4. Reserves Report
That the Reserves Report for the period ended 31st October 2011 with a balance of $939,279.00 as presented be received.

5. Net Current Assets
That the Net Current Assets report for the period ended 31st October 2011 with a balance of $1,580,397.00 as presented be received.

6. Bank Reconciliation's
That the balances of the Municipal Fund of $1,063,571.64 and the Trust Fund of $40,806.84 as at 31st October 2011 as presented be received.

7. Sundry Creditors Report
That the Sundry Creditors Report for the period ended 31st October 2011 with a balance of $4669.22 as presented be received.

8. Sundry Debtors Report
That the Sundry Debtors Report for the period ended 31st October 2011 with a balance of $338,655.31 as presented be received.

9. Accounts for Payment
That the Accounts paid from the Municipal Account consisting of Cheque Numbers 18035 – 18098 and EFT Numbers 3072 -3184 for $1,005,220.88 for the period ended 31st October 2011 as presented be accepted.

10. Rates Outstanding
That the Rates Outstanding Report for the period ended 31st October 2011 as presented be received.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr RP Desmond Seconded: Cr JH Hirsch
That items 1-10 of the financial activity report for be seen as a true and accurate record.

Carried: 7/0
11113 HEALTH BUILDING & PLANNING

Cr King declared a financial interest in item 11113.1 Karara Shed Application
Cr Smith declared an interest affecting impartiality in item 11113.1 Karara Shed Application
Cr LC Butler assumed the Chair
7.09pm Cr John R Cunningham entered the Chambers
Cr LC Butler moved that Cr CR King and Cr LJ Smith are to leave the Chambers
Cr King and Cr Smith left the Chambers

11113.1 KARARA SHED APPLICATION

APPLICANT: VDM Engineering
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
AUTHOR: Trevor Brandy EHO/Building Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Trevor Brandy EHO/Building Officer
REPORT DATE: 11.11.2011
ATTACHMENTS: Site Plan

Executive Summary:
Council is in receipt of an application from VDM Construction on behalf of Karara Mining Ltd for a shed and Warehouse at their main mining site.

Applicants Submission:
Initially, the applicant proposed to place both the warehouse and shed on the same application but realised that, with the total cost being $8,000,000, it would have qualified for a DAPS assessment.

The application withdrew the original application then submitted two separate applications to keep below the radar.

Statutory Environment:
Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No 2

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
The application for the Ware House and Shed are on the existing mine site that has already been approved by Council at one of its previous meetings.

**Consultation:**
Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No 2

**Voting Requirements:**
Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**
That Council approve the application for a Ware House and Shed at the main Karara Mine Site subject to the appropriate building and planning fees being forthcoming.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr GK Reid  
Seconded: Cr HC Wass

That Council approve the application for a Ware House and Shed at the main Karara Mine Site subject to the appropriate building.

Carried: 6/0

*Amendment: “and planning fees being forthcoming” was removed from the resolution due to council deciding that this was not needed*
Cr King and Cr Smith returned to the chambers
Cr Chris King resumed chair.
Cr Hirsch declared a Financial and Proximity interest in item 11113.2
Agroforrestry Application
Cr Hirsch left the Chambers

11113.2 AGROFORRESTRY APPLICATION

APPLICANT: Carbonconscious Ltd
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
AUTHOR: Trevor Brandy EHO/Building Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Trevor Brandy EHO/Building Officer
REPORT DATE: 08.11.2011
ATTACHMENTS Site Plan

Executive Summary:
Council is in receipt of an application from Carbonconscious Ltd to plant trees on Victoria Locations 8530, 4293, 4294 Forte Road Latham for the purpose of carbon sequestration.
The owner of the property is Mr C Hirsh.
The species of Mallee to be planted is Eucalyptus kochii subsp. Borealis
Area of plantation is 286 ha.

Applicants Submission:
As part of the revised interest in off setting carbon emissions, Council could expect a number of these submission being received in the future.
Proposed development:
- Carbon Conscious Limited wishes to establish approximately 286ha of mallee plantation in 2012 in the locality of Latham.
- The planting area is predominantly fragile sandy soil.
- Planting will commence in the winter of 2012 and be completed by spring 2012.
- Rabbit baiting is completed in February/March using trails or bait stations, depending on deemed need. Bait stations may be maintained for 24 months if rabbit invasion is evident.
- The establishment program involves ripping of the site to 450mm, at 2-4m intervals prior to planting and this is normally competed in the autumn prior to planting. Agriculture equipment and a tractor driver are required for this operation.
- Planting is by mechanical planter with a small scalping blade to remove any immediate weed burden. Planting involves agricultural equipment, 7 persons for a two shift operation, and should be completed at a rate of 70 hectares per day.
- Mallee plantations are established without irrigation and water requirements are confined to that needs for weed, pest and fire control.
- Regular inspections are conducted post planting regarding weed competition and insect and pest activity.

- Firebreaks are completed and fire fighting water supplies are provide in advance of the fire season in accord with Shire regulations and FESAs Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection.

- Livestock are excluded from the site for a minimum of 3 years but in reality, there will be no grazing for livestock in mallee plantations as the trees will out-compete other plant growth.

- Carbon Conscious establishes mallee plantations for the purpose of sequestering carbon for large greenhouse gas emitters. Carbon Conscious does not propose to harvest the mallee plantations, however, provision is made through lodgement of a Tree Plantation Agreement on the title of the land to exercise a harvest option in the future should the carbon market disappear.

Statutory Environment:
Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No 2
Policy Implications:
Nil, at this stage.

Financial Implications:
Planning fees are applicable with this application.

Strategic Implications:
Nil

Consultation:
Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No 2

Comment:
The Shire of Perenjori Town Planning Scheme No 2 section 4.3 table 1 now recognises Agroforestry as an “A” use, giving Council discretionary powers to approve the application. At this stage there is no proposal to harvest the trees, but, could be considered at a later stage.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
1 That Council approve the application as submitted by Carbonconscious to plant mallee species on locations, 8530, 4293 and 4294 Forte Road, Latham. for the purpose of Carbon sequestration.

2 That in the event that harvesting mat be an option in the future, a fresh application is to be presented to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr HC Wass Seconded: Cr LC Butler

1 That Council approve the application as submitted by Carbonconscious to plant mallee species on locations, 8530, 4293 and 4294 Forte Road, Latham. for the purpose of Carbon sequestration.

2 That in the event that harvesting mat be an option in the future, a fresh application is to be presented to Council.

Carried: 7/0

Cr J Hirsch returned to the Chambers
Shire of Perenjori

Ordinary Meeting

MINUTES

17th November 2011

11114  PLANT & WORKS
11115 GOVERNANCE

11115.1 PLANNING CONSENT FOR WEIGHBRIDGE EXTENSION

APPLICANT: CBH
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2011
ATTACHMENTS Letter, Application and Plan

Executive Summary:
To meet Commonwealth requirements CBH must extend the aprons surrounding its weighbridge at the Perenjori facility.

Applicants Submission:
See Attached Letter.
The work will extend the existing slab by 20 metres at each end of the existing slab with an expansion joint at least every 5 metres.

Background:
CBH is making changes in response to commonwealth legislative requirements.

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 cost of the proposed work is around $27,000.

Strategic Implications:
Agriculture remains Perenjori’s most important industry.

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
This is a straightforward improvement. It could be argued that no planning consent is required as the purpose has not changed. It can be demonstrated that planning
consent is not required no fee will be levied, but we will in any event have Council’s view.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council approves the extension of the weighbridge aprons at the Perenjori CBH site.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr RP Desmond  Seconded: Cr JR Cunningham
That Council approves the extension of the weighbridge aprons at the Perenjori CBH site.

Carried: 8/0
Grain Operations
CBgroup

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YOUR REF:
ENG: Tim Dolling
DIRECT LINE: 08 9216 6094

9 November 2011

Shire of Perenjori
PO Box 22
PERENJORI WA 6620

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING CONSENT

I refer to the requirement to comply with Commonwealth legislation for weighbridge approach and exit pavement levels at the Perenjori grain receival point. Proposed development includes the construction of reinforced concrete apron extensions at the approach to and exit from the existing weighbridge.

Please find attached the completed application form for planning consent, site plan and apron details in duplicate. The planning application fee can be paid by electronic fund transfer and request an invoice be issued. I await formal advice of Council’s determination of the application on the relevant Town Planning Scheme appendix with an endorsed set of the abovementioned drawings for Company records.

If you have any enquiries and to arrange the issue to and prompt payment of the invoice by CBH, please contact Tim Dolling, Planning Coordinator, on 08 9216 6094, 0439 969 835 or email tim.dolling@cbh.com.au.

Yours faithfully
For: Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited

[Signature]
Collin Tutt
General Manager

Enc
1. Surname of Applicant
   Given Names
   Full Address
   P.O. Box 3886, Perth, WA 6842

2. Surname of (if different from above) Land Owner
   Given Names
   Submitted by
   Tim Dolling

3. Address for correspondence
   P.O. Box 3886, Perth, WA 6842

4. Locality of development
   Title details of land
   Lot 168, Plan 17917, Vol. 19504, Fol. 582

5. Name of road
   Serving property
   Loading Street

6. State type of development
   Concrete apron extensions

7. Nature and size of all buildings proposed
   1000 sqm

8. Materials to be used on external surfaces of buildings
   Concrete

9. General treatment of open portions of the site
   Concrete

10. Details of car parking and landscaping proposals
    Plan 17917, Vol. 19504, Fol. 582

11. Approximate cost of proposed development
    $27,731

12. Estimated time for construction
    Four weeks

Date: 09/11/11

(Both signatures are required if applicant is not the owner)

Signature of Owner: John Doe
Signature of Applicant or Agent: Tim Dolling

NOTE: This form should be completed and forwarded to the Shire Council together with 2 COPIES of detailed plans showing complete details of the development including a site plan showing the relationship of the land to the area generally. In areas where development exists, or in the course of construction, plans shall show the siting of buildings and uses on lots immediately adjoining the subject land.
Cr King declared a proximity interest in item 11115.2 Proposed subdivision – Lot 100 Keogh Road
Cr Butler assumed the Chair
Cr King left the Chambers

11115.2 PROPOSED SUBDIVISION – LOT 100 KEOGH ROAD

APPLICANT: WA PLANNING COMMISSION for PA Palmonari
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 2011
ATTACHMENTS COVERING LETTER AND DIAGRAM

Executive Summary:
The WA Planning Commission is seeking Council’s views on the subdivision of Lot 100 Keogh Road.

Applicants Submission:
The property owner is seeking to subdivide Lot 100 Keogh Road into two lots of 196 and 63 ha respectively. While the application does not make it clear, it would appear that the intention is to create an additional lot with access to Wubin Mullewa Road.

Background:
The WA Planning Commission is required to seek the advice of the affected Local Government when making planning decisions. The smaller of the two new lots is adjacent to similar sized lots, and is also in the area designated by the Council as future rural residential.

Statutory Environment:
The WAPC is responsible for determining applications for subdivision under the Planning and Development Act 2005.

Policy Implications:
The proposal is consistent with Council’s Local Planning Strategy.

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
The proposal is consistent with Council’s Local Planning Strategy.

Consultation:
Comment has also been sought from a range of State Government agencies (see letter)

Comment:
The proposal is consistent with the Shire’s plans for future rural residential and in any event each block remain as a viable land unit for agricultural purposes.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council supports the proposed subdivision.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr JR Cunningham Seconded: Cr LJ Smith
That Council supports the proposed subdivision.
Carried: 7/0

Cr King returned to the Chambers and resumed the Chair
Our Ref : 145077
Previous Ref : 125207, 139463
Your Ref : 
Enquiries : Robin Mcalindenn (9955 0122)

Chief Executive Officer
Shire Of Perenjori
P O Box 22
PERENJORI WA 6620

Application No : 145077 - Lot 100 Keogh Road, Perenjori

The Western Australian Planning Commission has received an application for planning approval as detailed below. Plans and documentation relating to the proposal are attached. The Commission intends to determine this application within 90 days from the date of lodgement.

Please provide any information, comment or recommended conditions pertinent to this application by the 1st December 2011 being 42 days from the date of this letter. The Commission will not determine the application until the expiry of this time unless all responses have been received from referral agencies. If your response cannot be provided within that period, please provide an interim reply advising of the reasons for the delay and the date by which a completed response will be made.

Send responses either to the address below or alternatively via email to referrals@planning.wa.gov.au. Always quote reference number "145077" when responding.

No response to this request may be taken as an indication that there is no comment to offer.

This proposal has also been referred to the following organisations for their comments:
Department Of Mines And Petroleum, Department Of Water, Fire & Emergency Services Authority, Water Corporation, Western Power, Public Transport Authority, Main Roads WA and LG As Above.

Yours faithfully

Neil Thomson
Acting Secretary
Western Australian Planning Commission

APPLICATION DETAILS

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The Regional Manager
Department for Planning and Infrastructure
Midwest Regional Office
PO Box 88
Geraldton WA 6531

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Subdivision: Lot 100 Keogh Road, Perenjori

The application is for the subdivision of Lot 100 Keogh Road into two lots. Even though the existing lot is in a rural zoning, and this application intends to subdivide the lot, there are many other lots of similar size in the area and in the same zoning. The land will still be a viable rural lot that can still be effectively used for agriculture. The lot has front road access and will create the possibility to attract more people to Perenjori. Due to the amount of similar 65ha lots in the close vicinity as well as a cluster of similar lots on Back Borawa Road and Keogh Road, this is a straight forward subdivision application.

In addition, the MRWA will be acquiring part of the land for the road widening of Mullewa-Wubiri Road (Lot 303) as shown on Deposited Plan 71565 which is why there is a discrepancy of 7 hectares between previous plans.

Please find enclosed the following:

- Cheque for payment of your $1603 Application Fee;
- Application Form IA;
- Copy/ copies of the current Certificate of Title; and
- 8 copies of the application sketch (Drawing No: 37311AS1-1-0)

If you (or any of the referral agencies) have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully,

Geoff Innes
Director
geoff@htds.com.au

(Enclosures)
Executive Summary:

Loan 100 for $350,000 is due for repayment on 20 April 2012. This Loan has a 2 year term and repayments are “interest only” with a final capital payment of $350,000 in April 2012.

This short term loan has been used to finance a long term project.

Our Budget proposal as submitted to Council at the August 2011 meeting included reference to Loan 100. Our proposal at that time was to roll the loan over into a longer term to match the period of Loan 99, the first swimming pool loan. However WATC were not satisfied with the disclosure made in our Budget and have advised that a new loan be negotiated and that this fact be advertised.

Applicants Submission:

This Loan was raised to provide capital to fund the Aquatic Centre project and as such a short term loan of 2 years is inappropriate. Other loans raised for the project have a 10 year term with interest and capital being repaid twice yearly.

WA Treasury Corporation is unable to extend this Loan and have recommended that a new Loan be raised with effect from the date of expiry of Loan 100. This will mitigate the effect of taking $350,000 out of circulation as the two transactions will take place simultaneously.

As this will be a new Loan not fully detailed in our Budget, Council is, in terms of Local Government Act 1995, S60.2, obliged to give one month local public notice of the proposal.

Background:

NIL

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 repayment of Loan 100 will be included in our Annual Financial Statements as a Current Liability. This will have an adverse effect on our financial ratios, as it indicates that we will be reducing our cash resources by $350 000 this year. Replacing this short term instrument with a long term loan will be matching our financial obligations to the life of the underlying asset.

Strategic Implications:
Our financial profile will be improved by the correct matching of finance.

Consultation:
WA Treasury Corporation

Comment:
Long term capital asset projects should be financed by long term financial instruments.

Voting Requirements:
Absolute majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council approves the raising of a long term loan to replace the short term finance currently in place.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr JH Hirsch Seconded: Cr JR Cunningham
That Council approves the raising of a long term loan to replace the short term finance currently in place Carried: 8/0
11115.4 LEASING NEW JETPATCHER ROAD MAINTENANCE UNIT

**APPLICANT:** SHIRE OF PERENJORI  
**FILE:** 0  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** 0  
**AUTHOR:** DOUG STEAD – DCEO  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** STAN SCOTT – CEO  
**REPORT DATE:** 10.11.2011  
**ATTACHMENTS**  
- Quotations for new equipment  
- Quotations for finance

### Executive Summary:
At the October meeting Council approved the lease of a used 2010 Jetpatcher Road Maintenance unit costing $291,000. The Leasing companies approached would not consider financing a second hand unit and we have therefore obtained quotations for a new unit costing $344,020, exclusive of GST, the increase in the amount to be financed is therefore $53,020.

### Applicants Submission:
We approached two finance houses, both of which are WALGA approved. SG Fleet is known to us as we have previously negotiated an operating lease with them. We have had no dealings with Capital Finance, the second company approached. Both companies were requested to provide 5 and 6 year options and the results were as follows:

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COMMON BASE 395,330  412,200
FINANCE COST 51,310  68,180
COST OF ADDITIONAL YEAR 34,430  28,680

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:
As this will be an Operating Lease it will have no effect on our financial ratios and all instalments will be expensed as operating costs..

Strategic Implications:
Nil

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
SG Fleet have provided the more affordable option over both 5 and 6 year terms and as we have an established track record with the company the transaction should be completed without any mishap.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council approve the increased cost of the equipment.
That Council consider a 5 year term.
That Council accept the SG Fleet quote.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr JR Cunningham  Seconded: Cr G K Reid
That Council approve the increased cost of the equipment.
That Council consider a 6 year term.
That Council accept the SG Fleet quote.

Carried: 8/0

Amendment from 5 year term to 6 year term after council discussion
Executive Summary:
The contract for the collection of rubbish for the Perenjori and Latham townsites has expired and a new contract is required. It is proposed that we call tenders jointly with the Shire of Morawa for this service.

Applicants Submission:
The existing contractor for rubbish removal is delivering the service using a very old truck. For him to justify investing in a new (or newer) truck he will require a longer term contract than the year to year arrangements that have been in place for the last 3 years.

A 5 year contract for the two Shires will exceed the tender threshold of $100,000. There is also likely to be at least one other bidder.

Purchasing a truck suitable for the task and doing the work in house would cost around $380,000, or as little as $72,000 for a 5 year old truck ex City of Swan.

Background:
“The Morawa and Perenjori Waste Management Scheme” is jointly administered by the Shires of Morawa and Perenjori and the current contract expired on 30th April 2011.

In the interim (until a new contract had been awarded) BL & MJ Thornton Waste Removal Service has has been providing waste management services to the Shires of Morawa and Perenjori.

BL & MJ Thornton Waste Removal Service have been granted one year contracts for the past three years to ensure waste collection continued whilst alternatives were being considered. To date this service has been satisfactory.

Decisions on new long term measures were deferred pending structural reform and other regional arrangements.

It may be necessary to consider at some point moving from a landfill site to a transfer station for collected rubbish for Perenjori. If this were to happen there would be additional cost in establishing the transfer station, the periodic transfer of waste to
Meru, and the disposal charges from Meru landfill site. These arrangements would be separate from this contract and are not part of the consideration for this proposal.

**Statutory Environment:**

The collection contract over 5 years will exceed $100,000. This amount is above the legislated amount for awarding of contracts hence there is a requirement for the local government tender to be publically advertised.

The Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 provide;

‘Tenders are to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division before a local government enters into a contract for another person to supply goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than $100,000 unless subregulation (2) states otherwise.’

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

Participation in the scheme is budgeted to cost 30,200, with an additional $32,000 spend maintaining the two refuse sites and periodic bulk waste collections.

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Shire of Morawa

**Comment:**

Tendering for a 5 year contract will either allow the local contractor to invest in updated equipment, or attract a new contactor to take on the work.

Presently there are 280 wheelie bins collected in Morawa compared to 100 in Perenjori. Continuing to work with Morawa is likely to produce a better price outcome than working alone.

**Voting Requirements:**

Absolute Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**

It is recommended that:-

1. Council advertise for tenders to provide putrescible waste collection services for the Morawa and Perenjori Waste Management Scheme.

2. That contractors also be requested to provide a rural pricing model for rural farm gate collections to form the basis for further discussions with non-town based residents.

3. The tender is for five (5) years with an option for a further five (5) years to provide the service.

4. Tenders are to be assessed by Shire officers and a report submitted for Council consideration for approval of the successful tender.
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr JH Hirsch Seconded: Cr LC Butler

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Carried: 8/0
CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

APPLICANT: Hon Eric Ripper, Leader of the Opposition
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
STAN SCOTT – CEO

REPORT DATE: 10 November 2011
ATTACHMENTS Letter from Leader of the Opposition

Executive Summary:
The WA Labour Party has introduced a Bill into the Legislative Assembly in WA for the establishment of a Container Deposit Scheme in WA.

Applicants Submission:
The proposed Container Deposit Scheme will:

- Apply a 10c levy to beverage containers;
- Establishment of a fund to be administered by the Waste Authority; and
- Establishment of a network of collection depots and transfer stations including reverse vending machines.

Local Governments may operate collection depots or transfer stations by agreement with the Waste Authority.

Background:
A successful container deposit scheme has been operating in South Australia for over 30 years.

Statutory Environment:
The Container Deposit and Recovery Bill 2011 has been introduced to State Parliament. The Bill references the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007.

Some provisions will be set and reviewed by regulation.

Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
The establishment of a container deposit scheme has been WALGA policy for many years. At its July Ordinary Meeting Council resolved to support a motion at the
WALGA AGM to support the immediate introduction of Legislation for a container deposit scheme in WA.

Consultation:
The Leader of the Opposition has written to every Local Government seeking support.

Comment:
There have been several attempts at recycling over many years in Perenjori and each has failed because of the low residual values of recyclables and the distance to market. The container deposit scheme creates, at least for the beverage container waste stream, a value on the containers.

It appears that all the costs involved in operating the system are expected to be derived from the container deposit which is paid at the wholesale level. The only source of income will be from:

- Lag between collection of the levy and payment of the refund;
- Interest on the container levy account; and
- Levies not claimed.

Given the longstanding support for such a scheme in the Local Government sector it is appropriate the Shire provide an indication of support for the scheme.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council provides in principle support for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Western Australia.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr GK Reid Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
That Council provides in principle support for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Western Australia
Carried: 8/0
Dear Councillors,

Western Australia's recycling rate for bottles and cans is the lowest across Australia. That is why WA Labor has introduced legislation to the Parliament which would see the establishment of a recycling scheme for beverage bottles, cans and cartons.

When adopted, the Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme Bill 2011 is expected to lift the rate of recycling from the current 20 per cent up to at least 70 per cent. It would also relieve the pressure on landfill, reduce clean-up costs and make kerbside recycling more efficient.

The scheme sets a refund of 10 cents per item, the same as that offered in South Australia and proposed in the Northern Territory. The scheme will be established and managed by the Waste Authority to ensure openness and accountability.

The model Labor has endorsed in the Bill is a "hub and spoke" system that will see authorised collection depots located in supermarkets, service stations and convenience stores. These depots, which may often be in the form of reverse vending machines, form the spokes from which the recycled containers are sent to the large transfer stations or hubs operating on a regional basis as the major collection centres.

Research shows that more than 90 per cent of the community are in support of a scheme such as this. WA Labor strongly supports this approach and we hope that you too will add your support to our Bill.

I have attached a copy of the Bill for your information, as well as our media release which provides additional information. If you would like further details or if you have any questions in relation to the Bill, please contact either my office on 9222 7351 or Sally Talbot on 9583 4000.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Ripper MLA
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Dr Sally Talbot MLC
SHADOW MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
**Executive Summary:**

This report recommends that the Shire of Perenjori unite with the Shire of Three Springs Mingenew and Perenjori to form one Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) to cover all four Shires.

**Applicants Submission:**

Each local government is required, under the Emergency Management Act 2005, to establish at least one local emergency management committee for its district.

Two or more local governments, may, with the approval of the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC), agree to unite for the purposes of emergency management.

This report recommends that the Shire of Morawa unite with the Shire of Three Springs Mingenew and Perenjori to form one Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) to cover all four Shires.

**Background:**

At its September Ordinary Meeting Council gave in principle support for the formation of a single emergency management area. This item confirms that decision and allows the CESM to proceed with drafting a single set of Local Emergency Management Plans and formation of a single LEMC.

**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:**

Text

**Financial Implications:**

Nil
Strategic Implications:
The proposal would reduce duplication and increase compliance.

Consultation:
On the 1st November 2011 a meeting was held between the CEO and Mr Rick Ryan (Community Emergency Service Manager) to discuss the feasibility of all four Shires forming a joint Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).

Comment:
The meeting referred to above, decided that it should be recommended to the Shire of Perenjori unite with the Shires of Mingenew, Three Springs and Morawa to form a joint LEMC and that the following arrangements apply:

The inarguably meeting of the united LEMC to be held at the end of February 2012, at a date, time and located to be determined.
That the following people be invited to the meeting:

- One elected members from each Shire
- CEO from each Shire
- Officers in Charge of the Police Stations in Three Springs, Mingenew, Morawa and Perenjori
- Chief Bush Fire Control Officers from each Shire
- VFS Captain from Morawa (Hazchem enabled)
- SES Manager from Morawa
- St John Ambulance representative
- Works Managers from each Shire
- Representatives from Three Springs, Morawa Hospitals and Silver Chain
- Local Government Administrative Support for the proposed LEMC
- Department of Child Protection (DCP) Geraldton – Ms Helen Kent
- CEMO FESA Midwest – Mr Tex McPherson

The LEMC Chair and Deputy Chair be elected from the elected members representing each of the Shires. Rotate the Chair and Deputy every two years.

The meeting of the LEMC will rotate between all four Shires.

Mr Rick Ryan, with assistance from Mr Tex McPherson (Community Emergency Management Officer – Midwest) has offered to write up the Local Emergency Management Arrangements for the proposed united Three Springs/Mingenew/Morawa/Perenjori LEMC and to organize training for volunteers and agency representatives who would be involved in recovery operations after an emergency.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority
Officers Recommendation:

1. That Council support the formation of a joint Local Emergency Management Committee for the Shires of Three Springs, Mingenew, Morawa and Perenjori and to participate in and contribute to emergency management requirements, as necessary.

2. That Council nominates a Delegate and Deputy Delegate to participate in the LEMC.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr LJ Smith Seconded: Cr RP Desmond

1. That Council support the formation of a joint Local Emergency Management Committee for the Shires of Three Springs, Mingenew, Morawa and Perenjori and to participate in and contribute to emergency management requirements, as necessary.

2. That Council nominates a Delegate and Deputy Delegate to participate in the LEMC.

Carried: 8/0
Executive Summary:

The Midwest Planning Framework will guide state level planning for this region for the next decade and beyond.

Applicants Submission:

The Chairman of the Midwest Planning Committee, Mr Garry Prattley provides the following context for the plan:

Western Australia’s Mid West region is shaping up for an era of significant economic growth. Sustained prosperity in the region however, will depend very much on the development of key infrastructure and diversification of local industries. As well as prioritising regional infrastructure needs, it is equally important to encourage local input into regional planning decisions if we are to deliver good regional outcomes.

The Mid West Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework will be a critical driver in adjusting the focus of priority to ensure the region’s economic potential is maximised through a whole of Government approach. The Framework sets a regional overview for the Mid West to progress growth among 17 local governments across three sub-regions and a diversity of natural environments, cultural backgrounds and economic opportunities, in the most effective way.

Prepared by the Department of Planning under the guidance of the Western Australian Planning Commission’s recently-formed Mid West Regional Planning Committee, the Mid West Framework promotes the State Government’s policy to directly involve regional populations in the evolution of their communities.

The Regional Planning Committee will use the Framework to guide strategic planning in the Mid West to assist the delivery of coordinated policy and planning solutions. Comprising representatives from State and local government bodies; industry; and members of the wider community, the
Committee will steer growth in the region according to its specific strengths and constraints and, importantly, the needs of the people that live there.

The Mid West Regional Planning Framework heralds a new vision for nearly one fifth of the land area of the State that is set to become a strategic region in which to live, work and invest.

Background:
The Midwest Planning Framework is complimented by a Midwest Investment Strategy which will guide Royalties for regions investments in the Midwest.

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:
State investment in the Perenjori and the North midlands will be guided by the planning framework.

Strategic Implications:
For the Shire to achieve its strategic goals, we will require engagement with state planning instruments and institutions.

Consultation:
The CEO continues to engage with the MWDC.

Comment:
The Midwest Planning Framework is open for public comment until Friday 20th January 2011. As Council does not meet in January, the December meeting will be the last opportunity to endorse a Council submission.

The planning framework is a substantial document which will require some time to read and absorb. The Framework is included as an attachment to this month’s agenda. It is proposed that elected members read the document before the December Council meeting. The CEO will prepare a draft response for consideration by Council at the December Meeting. Elected members may also make submissions as individuals if they wish.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council consider a draft response to the Midwest Planning Framework at the December Ordinary Meeting of Council.

No resolution required
11115.9 REVIEW OF COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

APPLICANT: WA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 13 OCTOBER 2011
ATTACHMENTS Issues paper – CLGF Review
Draft Response

Executive Summary:
The Regional Development Trust has been charged with conducting a review of the Country Local Government Fund. The CEO met with members of the Trust last week and further feedback on matters of process would be appreciated.

Applicants Submission:
As an adjunct to the Annual LGMA conference earlier this month, the LGMA hosted a forum involving Local Government senior officers, Andrew Murray, Chair of the WA Regional Development Trust and Sue Middleton, Deputy Chair of the Trust.

The forum covered a range of matters in relation to the CLGF, and Mr Murray acknowledged the range of submissions received, but was keen top further explore feedback on the operation and administration of the program. It appears some of the feedback from the forum was not fully reflected in submissions received.

Background:
At its October Ordinary Meeting Council endorsed a feedback document on the operation of the CLGF. Extracts from Perenjori’s submission for the relevant questions are reproduced below:

Whether country local government or the Department of Regional Development and Lands has experienced difficulties in applications and approvals, executing, acquitting, reporting, or managing projects under the CLGF:

The main issue with CLGF has been the lack of certainty of the timing of agreements and gaining access to funds. The CLGF process has supported the development of a culture of medium to long range planning for assets, but has made short range and operational planning very difficult.

The development of business plans for regional projects has also created some difficulties for small local governments. The Federal Government has been providing funds to Local Governments through the Roads to Recovery Program for several years. There are perhaps lessons to be learned from the approach that has evolved for this program. The Commonwealth uses an
internet portal where Local Governments enter details of projects to which they will be applying their funding allocation. This process works very well for a program with a fixed allocation for each Shire and a set of program rules that local governments must observe.

The use of a business plan or business case for regional projects has merit, but this is not actually used in the decision making process for the allocation of funds. That being the case, what purpose does the business case serve?

CLGF is a wonderful program, but it needs the opportunity to be normalised, to have an allocation, application and delivery process that is fairly consistent over 2 or 3 years so that the department and the Local Governments can develop expertise and work out what is best practice for delivery of the program.

The current system also is inconsistent in providing funding. Large scale projects can require commitment over a number of years and it is important that funding is provided on a reliable basis over the construction period. During the Global Financial Crisis a large reduction in CLGF funding created a financial shortfall to a range of projects throughout the Midwest Region.

Matters that would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Fund’s implementation including the existing processes for forward capital works development, and business plan development.

As indicated earlier, the business case is developed after the funding decision has been taken, so it does not really inform the decision making process. Perhaps a project plan would be more appropriate than the business case?

The Forward Capital Works Plan has been a valuable tool for the CLGF. Its durability of this instrument may wane as Local Governments become compliant with the new regulations around planning for the future.

As mentioned earlier, it would be worthwhile examining the internet portal used for the Roads to Recovery Program. This program has many similarities with CLGF and there may be some lessons to be learned from the Commonwealth experience.

Potential modifications to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of the funds implementation could include:

1. CLGF application and acquittal process that is predictable and reliable from year to year.

2. Expansion of the scope of what may be funded;

3. Increased emphasis placed on local as opposed to regional projects; and

4. Further funding for specialists to provide support in development of the business plans.

Statutory Environment:

The CLGF is one of three subsidiary accounts of the Royalties for Regions Fund (Fund) established under the Royalties for Regions Act 2009. The CLGF was originally a four-year budget program. Section 5(1)(a) of the Act went beyond this timeframe, as it gave the CLGF permanence by entrenching it as a subsidiary account of the Fund.
Policy Implications:
Nil

Financial Implications:
Perenjori’s annual allocation is almost $378,000 in local component and a further $378,000 contribution to the Regional Component

Strategic Implications:
CLGF has been a substantial contribution to the asset renewal task faced by Local Government, and we need to encourage the government’s ongoing commitment to it.

Consultation:
The CEO met with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Regional Development Trust on Saturday 5 November 2011.

Comment:
Following the discussion with other CEO’s and the trust it seems that we could expand on our comments in relation to efficiency and effectiveness. The CEO is proposing to provide the following further feedback.

Each Local Government has an allocation based on a formula. The Local Government will receive the allocation so long it has eligible projects and has complied with application and reporting requirements. The administration process is more complex than it needs to be for such a program that is conceptually very simple.

The delivery approach for CLGF should be reflective of the relative risk of Local Government. The risk profile for funds distributed to Local Governments is very low:

- Local Governments have a comprehensive legislated compliance and audit regime.
- Their core business is the management and delivery of community infrastructure.
- They are subject to legislated oversight by the CCC and the Ombudsman, and are covered by the provisions of the Public Interest Disclosure Act and Privacy Act.
- Each year Local Governments are required to lodge with the Department of Local Government annual budgets, audited financial statements and a compliance audit return.
- Every Elected Member and every Officer with delegated purchasing authority is required to lodge with the Local Government an Annual Return detailing their financial interests.

The Commonwealth Government has delivered the Roads to Recovery Program for the last 10 years, and over the course of that period the administration process has evolved to the stage where is now very efficient and very effective, and removes many of the barriers to quickly delivering eligible projects.

The commonwealth system involves each local government entering proposed projects on a web portal, including details of why the project is eligible, and when the work is intended to be completed. Local Governments can claim progress payments based on the schedule. Each quarter an on line report must be completed. Every year a paper based annual report is completed in which the CEO certifies that the
funding has been spent in accordance with the program guidelines and on line reporting, and this report is verified by the shire’s auditors. Compliance is supported by a regime of random audits of a small portion of local governments, and wider follow up of any common issues.

These arrangements allow the commonwealth to deliver substantial funds to over 500 local governments with very minimal administrative cost. Importantly it is reflective of the risk profile of the program and the grant recipients.

A very similar process could be very easily developed for CLGF which would dramatically increase the efficiency of the program. It would also have the benefit of producing a data base of projects and reports which would be a rich source of information for compliance checking, risk identification and targeted auditing.

The benefits of the proposed approach are:

- The administrative impost on Local Governments and the Department would be substantially reduced, allowing resources to be used on high value activities rather than repetitive and unproductive administration;
- Funding could be distributed annually, six monthly or quarterly and accounted for through the portal. Administratively this is far less complex than generating individual payments.
- Local Governments could be bound by program guidelines rather than individual grant agreements.
- The portal could be configured to allow Local Governments to report on long term as well as short term outcomes.
- There would be potentially far more flexibility in moving funds between eligible projects. Often despite goodwill and best efforts some projects will be delayed and others will be able to proceed quickly. So long as the projects are eligible and included in the FCWP this should not be a problem.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council endorse the additional response to the review of the Country Local Government Fund.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr RP Desmond Seconded: Cr LC Butler
That Council endorse the additional response to the review of the Country Local Government Fund
Carried: 8/0
Executive Summary:
Council has requested that the CEO provide a report of activities that have not resulted in Agenda Items for consideration of Council.

Applicants Submission:
Detailed below are developments of possible interest to Council.

Early Childhood Development Centre
The CEO accompanied representatives of the Perenjori Primary School on a tour of facilities at metropolitan schools in October. The two schools were:

- Roseworth Primary School is a brand new school formed from the amalgamation of two smaller schools. Roseworth is an Independent Public School and offers a range of extension services and has partnerships with other organisations and agencies including Smith Family, Rio Tinto and Edith Cowan University. It is collocated with an Education Support Centre which is not an IPS.
- Challis Early Childhood Education Centre covers children from Kindy to Year 2. It is collocated with Challis Primary School which takes children from years 3 to 7. Challis ECEC goes to great lengths to look after the needs of families, and has an old house on campus which delivers a range of services to families, parents and infants. The Challis model is based on ensuring that children have the opportunity to learn, and that as far as possible other issues that might intervene are dealt with.

These schools demonstrate the benefits of bringing other services to the school, and partnering with other agencies. Schools are limited by their charter under the education act and having another agency delivery services at the school but not through the school provides far greater flexibility. The model proposed for Perenjori overcomes many of the issues, but there is not the range of partner agencies available in Perenjori.

Practicalities notwithstanding, the visits clearly demonstrated the value of early intervention. We are very definitely on the right track.

LGMA Annual State Conference
From 2 to 4 November the CEO attended the Local Government Managers (WA) Annual State Conference. Highlights of the conference include:

- There were several sessions that focussed on community engagement. This is not surprising given the new requirements for community strategic plans.
- The effective use of social media was featured by several speakers. The City of Kingston in Victoria has embraced social media and uses Facebook as a primary communication tool with constituents. Sessions featured several other social media tools including Twitter, Yammer, Ning, You Tube and Ushahidi.
- The Minister for Local Government addressed the conference. The main focus of his speech was the metropolitan review. He highlighted the Shire of Perenjori for the community’s refusal to embrace amalgamation, and then have two vacancies unfilled at close of nomination for the October Ordinary elections.

Midwest Energy Strategy

The CEO attended a meeting with the MWDC and consultants SKM to consider the issues surrounding the development of a Mid West Energy Plan. We are continuing to keep the two issues of importance to us in the plan. These are upgrade and maintenance of the local distribution network, and future large scale solar energy projects in Perenjori.

Russell Goodrich’s Best Country Towns Promotion

The CEO used part of this year’s area promotion budget to participate in Russell Goodrich’s Best Country Towns Promotion. Under this arrangement Mr Goodrich and a cameraman visited Perenjori to take new video footage of the town and some of its benefits. The footage will be featured on West TV – Channel 44 as follows:

- Thursday 10th November at 7.00pm (following the one hour International news)
- Monday 14th November at 11.30am
- Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm (following the one hour International news)
- Monday 19th December at 11.30am

There will be further bonus viewings on Aurora Foxtel nation-wide “three times per month over a period of 3 months”. The Aurora dates have not been finalised but are usually as follows:

- Sunday at 7.30pm (WST)
- Wednesday at 7.30pm (WST)
- Saturday at 7.30pm (WST)

The promotion is available for the shire to use for its own purposes and is now featured on the front page of the Shire’s website.

Review of CLGF

The CEO participated in a forum with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Regional Development Trust. See Agenda Item.

Exploring Wildflower Country

The drive trail between Dalwallinu and Geraldton is nearing completion. The Perenjori site has been installed and others should be completed in the next few weeks. The map and marketing plan are under development, and a photograph of each site will be included. Extensions of the project include planning for a complimentary trail along the Midlands Road, and the development of the ArtBelt
project. The CEO will arrange a presentation on this project at either the February or March Ordinary meetings.

Mount Gibson Mining

The CEO and Works Supervisor met with Mount Gibson representatives to discuss the maintenance of the road. The Shire will maintain the road on a fee for service basis. Mount Gibson has staff who will drive the road every day as part of their responsibilities and will advise of any maintenance required, and will remove road kill or other traffic hazards when practical to do so.

A further meeting has been arranged for 17 November 2011 to discuss the installation of parking bays and stopping points along the road. Presently anyone needing to pull over for any reason must remain in the roadway which will create safety issues. The intent of the meeting is to identify suitable locations for stopping bays. The proposed work will be completed by the Shire and financed by Mount Gibson.

Regional Development Australia.

Perenjori’s application for funding for a Solar park was unsuccessful. The CEO has obtained feedback from RDA, and will resubmit in a future round if the issues can be overcome. The issue was lack of co-funding. Our application was on the basis that, if the common use sub-station was funded that we could leverage up to $40 of private investment for each dollar of public investment. This proposition was not even considered. The assessment process used co-funding as a screening tool – no co-funding, no further consideration.

We can reapply on the basis that is available (we have a Royalties for Regions application pending) even though we may not know for certain before the closing date.

Development of a new Workplace Agreement

The CEO has been working with staff to develop a new workplace agreement to better reflect the cash value of allowances and benefits paid by the Shire. As part of the new Fair Work Australia process each worker has the option to nominate a bargaining agent. The bargaining representative can be themselves, another staff member, the union or any other third party. Each of the outside staff has completed a nomination, and have elected two outside staff to represent their interests.

Asset Management Training

The CEO and DCEO will be attending a [program titles Asset Management for Small Rural or Remote Communities on 22 and 23 November 2011. The training is conducted by the Institute of Public Works Engineering, based on a guide developed the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, and distributed from to all local governments with populations of less than 5,000 residents.

Community Development Officer

As council is aware, John Elliot was working as CDO. He has now taken up a position with the Shire of Morawa for the Super Towns Project. Bev Logue has confirmed her resignation. Kim Wheeler will be acting in the position temporarily until a new selection can be undertaken. The position will not be filled until new housing options become available early in 2012.

Grant Applications

Grant applications have been submitted as follows:
Lotterwest – Conserving Cultural Heritage - $95,000 towards a $135,000 project for urgent works on the Tourist Centre.

Natural Disaster Resilience Program - $33,000 towards the $58,000 cost of installing automated weather stations at Perenjori and Latham. These weather stations will allow real time reliable observations of the components of the Grassland Fire Danger Index. This will improve the decision making process and record keeping for decisions on harvest and vehicle movement bans.

Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund - $110,000 which is one third of the cost of a synthetic bowling green at Latham.

Background:
Council has requested that the CEO provide a report of activities that have not resulted in Agenda Items for consideration of 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:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
The CEO’s report helps Council to track progress against key priorities.

Consultation:
Nil

Comment:
The Shire of Perenjori has several significant projects underway, each of which will have significant lasting benefits for the Perenjori community.

Voting Requirements:
Simple Majority

Officers Recommendation:
That Council note the CEO’s report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr GK Reid  
Seconded: Cr JR Cunningham

That Council note the CEO’s report.  
Carried: 8/0
11116 OTHER BUSINESS

11116.1 INFORMATION BULLETIN – TABLED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

11116.2 MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

11116.3 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
11116.4 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR
BY DECISION

Moved: Cr LC Butler Seconded: Cr JH Hirsch
That item 11116.4.1 Request for heavy Vehicle access to North Road and
Confidential item 11116.5.1 Offer to Purchase Lot 23 Russell st be accepted as
Urgent Business
Carried: 8/0

11116.4.1 REQUEST FOR HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS TO NORTH ROAD

APPLICANT: P BESTRY
FILE: 0
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: 0
AUTHOR: STAN SCOTT – CEO
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER STAN SCOTT – CEO
REPORT DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2011
ATTACHMENTS

Executive Summary:
Pete Bestry operates a property on North Road and has requested permission to use
Network 7 vehicles on that Road during harvest.

Applicants Submission:
The applicant is seeking permission to operate a 36.5 metre combination (RAV Class
2 – Category 7) on North Road.

Background:
North Road is presently classified as suitable for Category 4 combinations, that is, 5
axle groups, up to 27.5 metres in length and up to 87.5 tonne Gross Vehicle Mass.
Category 7 combinations have 6 axle groups, are up to 36.5 metres in length, and
have Gross Vehicle Mass of up to 107.5 tonnes. This may increase under the
Harvest Mass Management Scheme.

Current Conditions on North Road for Network 4 are:

Network Conditions
• No operation on unsealed road segment when visibly wet
• Headlights to be switched on at all times
• School bus curfew, as specified in the LG approval letter, must be observed
• Direct Radio contact must be maintained with other RAV's to establish their
  position on or near the road (Suggested UHF Ch 40)
• A current written approval from Local Government, permitting use of the road, must be carried and produced on demand

Speed Conditions
• Maximum speed 70 km/h

Curfew Conditions
• During daylight hours

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’s present policy includes the following:

Council recognises that Main Roads WA is responsible for assessing the suitability of roads for Restricted Access Vehicles, and for issuing permits for vehicle combinations. Council will seek Main Roads WA advice whenever changes to the RAV Network are considered.

Where Main Roads WA includes roads on the RAV Network subject to Shire approval for individual operators, the CEO is delegated authority to determine these applications.

Financial Implications:
Nil

Strategic Implications:
Nil

Consultation:
Works Supervisor.

Comment:
When Main Roads last assessed Perenjori’s road network North Road was assessed as suitable for Network 4, that is, up to 27.5 metres and 87.5 tonnes.

North Road is wide enough to accommodate longer combinations, but does have significant light vehicle traffic as it is part of the most common route to Karara’s Lochada village.

Mr Bestry is seeking permission for harvest only.

The main issues for considering this request are:

• The process – there is insufficient time to undertake the normal process for assessing a road train route in consultation with Main Roads; and

• The precedent – will we be creating an expectation that permits will be issued for particular routes at short notice, and will we extend this process to all-comers?

In the particular circumstances of North Road – the road is suitable with the current network conditions for the larger combination proposed. While it is unlikely that we will receive any other requests for this road for this season, if Council was to accede
to the request Council could delegate authority to the CEO to approve any other similar applications for North Road only.

**Voting Requirements:**
Simple Majority

**Officers Recommendation:**
That Council

EITHER
Provide approval to Mr P Bestry to operate a Category 7 Combination on North Road until the end of January only, subject to the same conditions as are set out for Cat 4; and

The CEO is delegated authority to approve any similar applications for North Road only under the same conditions as above;

OR
Not approve the use of Cat 7 vehicles on North Road unless approved by Main Roads

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr GK Reid  
Seconded: Cr LC Butler

Not approve the use of Cat 7 vehicles on North Road unless approved by Main Roads

Carried: 7/1
11116.5 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

11116.5.1 CONFIDENTIAL LATE ITEM – OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT 23 RUSSELL ST

Officers Recommendation:
That Council offer Lot 36 Russell Street for sale by public tender with offers to be considered at the December Council Meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Moved: Cr HC Wass  Seconded: Cr RP Desmond
That Council offer Lot 36 Russell Street for sale by public tender with offers to be considered at the December Council Meeting.
Carried: 8/0

11116.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING / MEETINGS
The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on the 15th December 2011

11116.7 CLOSURE

With no further business the Ordinary Council Meeting was closed by President Chris King at 8.45pm.

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held 17th November 2011

Signed: _______________
Presiding Elected Member
Date: _______________