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MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:

THE PRESIDENT CR. HUTCHINSON DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 10.54 AM.

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

ATTENDANCE

CR. HUTCHINSON (PRESIDENT)
CR. HUNT
CR. VAN DEN OEVER
CR. HOWDEN
CR. TRENFIELD
CR. NICHOLS

OFFICERS

T.A. HARTMAN (C.E.O.)
N. J. HOLMES (DEPUTY C.E.O.)

APOLOGIES

CR. O'DWYER (DEPUTY PRESIDENT)
CR. BAIN
CR. BURROWS

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Nil.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Council Resolution

RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Nichols Seconded By Cr. Hunt)

THAT LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE GRANTED TO CR. HOWDEN FOR THE 20th SEPTEMBER 2003, MEETING.

CARRIED 6.0

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING HELD 19th JULY 2003.

Council Resolution

RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Van den Oever Seconded by Cr. Hunt)

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHIRE OF MEEKATHARRA HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 19th JULY 2003 BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED 6.0

7. PETITION/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS/ SUBMISSIONS:

Nil.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION:

Nil.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS:

- The President reported that Market Creations were recently in town for a photo shoot and presentation of the logo and positioning statement.
- Cr. Howden and Cr. Nichols reported attending the recent MRVC meeting.

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT
SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD AUGUST 16th 2003.

10.1.1 Budget Amendment - Additional Purpose CDO Vehicle Purchase

File Ref: B/25/2

Reporting Officer: Tom Hartman CEO.

Disclosure of Interest: Nil.

Date of Report: 11th August 2003

Summary: Report advising Council of expenditure from Municipal fund for additional purpose authorised by President.

Background: The Community Development Officer's position has been set up to administer the Connected Families, Connected Communities Program using funds from the Lotteries Commission. Within the funding there was provision to lease a vehicle for the two year program.

Comment: During negotiations to lease a vehicle it was revealed that the costs of leasing was in excess of purchasing a small vehicle for commuting within the Meekatharra townsite. It was considered prudent to purchase the vehicle now and use the budgeted lease payments to repay Council for the purchase. Due to the time frame involved authorisation of the expenditure was necessary in advance of the purchase.

The Local Government Act provides that expenditure can be authorised by the President and reported to Council at it's next meeting.

Consultation: Discussion between the CEO, President and Cr. Trenfield.

Statutory Environment: Local Government Act Section 6.8 (1) (c)
Local Government Act Section 6.8 (2) (b)

Policy Implications: Nil.

Financial Implications: The provision to purchase the vehicle for the CDO was not included in the 2003/04 budget. There was provision to lease a vehicle for \$7,340 per annum.

It is suggested that Council amend the 2003/04 budget estimates by adding an expenditure item in the Capital's section under Education and Welfare for the purchase of the vehicle and transfer the purchase amount from the Plant Reserve to the Municipal Account. The monthly lease payment re-imburement would then be transferred back into the Plant Reserve Account.

Strategic Implications: Nil.

Voting Requirements: Absolute Majority.

Recommendation:

1. THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE AUTHORISATION BY THE PRESIDENT TO INCUR THE EXPENDITURE UNDER SECTION 6.8 (1) (C) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.
2. THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE 2003/04 BUDGET ESTIMATES BY:
ADDING AN ITEM UNDER EDUCATION AND WELFARE IN ACQUISITION IF ASSISTS FOR \$13,695.00, AND TRANSFER \$13,695.00 FROM THE PLANT RESERVE INTO THE MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT.

Council Resolution:

RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Trenfield Seconded by Cr. Nichols)

1. THAT COUNCIL ENDORSE THE AUTHORISATION BY THE PRESIDENT TO INCUR THE EXPENDITURE UNDER SECTION 6.8 (1) (C) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.
 2. THAT COUNCIL AMEND THE 2003/04 BUDGET ESTIMATES BY:
ADDING AN ITEM UNDER EDUCATION AND WELFARE IN ACQUISITION IF ASSISTS FOR \$13,695.00, AND TRANSFER \$13,695.00 FROM THE PLANT RESERVE INTO THE MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT.
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CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6.0

10.1.2 **Sale of Telstra**

File Ref: T/20

Reporting Officer: Tom Hartman CEO.

Disclosure of Interest: Writer of report does have shares in Telstra.

Date of Report: 11th August, 2003

Summary: Report raises letter from Sandstone Shire seeking support to lobby the Federal Government not to proceed with the further sale of Telstra.

Background: The attached letters have been received from the Shire of Sandstone.

Comment: Councillors may have some comments regarding this matter. There has been no indication to me that Council should take a stand one way or the other.

Consultation: Nil.

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- Statutory Environment:** Nil.
- Policy Implications:** Nil.
- Financial Implications:** Nil.
- Strategic Implications:** Nil.
- Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority.

Recommendation:

- THAT COUNCIL TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS MATTER, OR
- THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE SHIRE OF SANDSTONE AND LOBBY FEDERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE FURTHER SALE OF TELSTRA.

Council Resolution:

RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Trenfield Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)

- THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE SHIRE OF SANDSTONE AND LOBBY FEDERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE FURTHER SALE OF TELSTRA.

CARRIED 6.0

10.1.3 **Regional Road Group Submission 2004/05**

File Ref: R/40/2

Reporting Officer: Tom Hartman CEO.

Disclosure of Interest: Nil.

Date of Report: 11th August, 2003

Summary: Report provides information to Council on two projects that could be submitted for funding consideration by the RRG for the 2004/05 year.

Background: Each year Local Government's are requested to submit bids to the RRG for funding allocations. The roads submitted must be Roads of Regional Significance and are scored on various criteria to be selected for funding. In the past years the Ashburton Road had received funding for reformation, re-sheeting and drainage improvements. 2003/04 has seen the funding allocated to RRG's slashed by the State

Government. Meekatharra roads did not qualify for consideration other than receiving the minimum funding which the RRG is allocating to all Local Government's who miss the cut off point.

The RRG is to consider a recommendation that the 2004/05 year and beyond only consider preservation projects until the funding levels from the State Government increase. If this recommendation is adopted, improvement or construction works will not be considered.

Comment: It is unlikely that Council's Roads of Regional Significance will not score enough points to be considered and the work is more improvements other than preservation. The only road that may attract preservation consideration is the Airport Road ((Murchison Downs Road), for reseal works. This road had been surveyed for a re-alignment, however, with preservation work being only considered, if the recommendation to the RRG is adopted, it may be worth submitting this road for funding in 2004/05,

Consultation: Kim Edmeades, Program Manager, Main Roads of WA.

Statutory Environment: Nil.

Policy Implications. Nil.

Financial Implications: Council is required to match RRG funds on a 2:1 ratio.

Strategic Implications: The Airport Road is very important to Meekatharra and the region due to the RFDS Base.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority.

Recommendation:

THAT COUNCIL SUBMIT THE "AIRPORT ROAD" (MURCHISON DOWNS ROAD) TO THE RRG FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2004/05 YEAR. .

Council Resolution:

RESOLVED: (Moved by Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)

THAT COUNCIL SUBMIT THE "AIRPORT ROAD" (MURCHISON DOWNS ROAD) TO THE RRG FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2004/05 YEAR. .

CARRIED 6.0

10.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 16th 2003

10.2.1 Lot 427 Railway Street, Meekatharra

File Ref: Lot 427 Railway Street, Meekatharra.

Reporting Officer: Noelene Holmes Deputy CEO.

Disclosure of Interest: Nil.

Date of Report: 8th August 2003.

Summary Lot 427 (Lease No I126900) Railway Street Meekatharra.

Background: In January DOLA sought any objections to a 10 year lease being granted to Mr Sydney Ernest Pond for Lot 427 (Lease No I126900). At the February Meeting Council resolved that no objection be raised to the lease being granted. DOLA were advised accordingly.

Comment: DOLA have now advised that the lessee has expressed an interest in purchasing the land in the freehold estate and now seek any objections to the sale of Lot 427 (Lease No I126900) to the lessee.

Consultation: Nil.

Statutory Environment: Nil.

Policy Implications: Nil.

Financial Implications: Nil.

Strategic Implications: Nil.

Voting Requirements: Simple.

Recommendation:

THAT NO OBJECTIONS BE RAISED TO THE SALE OF LOT 427 (LEASE NO I126900) TO THE CURRENT LESSEE MR SYDNEY ERNEST POND.

Council Resolution:

RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Nichols Seconded by Cr. Hunt)

THAT NO OBJECTIONS BE RAISED TO THE SALE OF LOT 427 (LEASE NO I126900) TO THE CURRENT LESSEE MR SYDNEY ERNEST POND.

CARRIED 6.0

10.2.2 Accounts to be paid

File Ref: F/6

Reporting Officer: Noelene Holmes, Deputy C.E.O.

Disclosure of Interest: Nil.

Date of Report: 12th August 2003.

Summary: The following accounts are presented to Council for payment:

Municipal Account	Voucher No.s	18261 - 18346	Amount: \$281,226.79
Air BP Account	Various		Amount: \$3,029.61

Voting Requirements: Simple majority.

Recommendation:

THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.

Council Resolution:
RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)

THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS DETAILED BE PAID.

CARRIED 6.0

10.2.3 Schedule 26

File Ref: F/6

Reporting Officer: Noelene Holmes, Deputy C.E.O.

Disclosure of Interest: Nil.

Date of Report: 12th August 2003.

Summary: Schedule 26 summarising the Shire's cash position will be presented at the meeting.

Voting Requirements: Simple majority

Recommendation:

THAT SCHEDULE 26 BE RECEIVED.

Council Resolution:

RESOLVED: (Moved By Cr. Hunt Seconded by Cr. Van den Oever)

THAT SCHEDULE 26 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 6.0

11. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil.

12. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING:

Nil.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING: 12.18pm.