Shire of CUE

Queen of the Murchison

# Confirmed Minutes

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

# 17 February 2026

SHIRE OF CUE
Ordinary Meeting of Council
MINUTES

Held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on
Tuesday, 17 February 2026 commencing at 6:00 PM

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The meeting was opened at 06:19 pM

The Presiding Member welcomed those present and read the following disclaimer:

*No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cue for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this Meeting.*

*It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this Meeting.*

**PRESENT**:
Shire President Les Price
Councillor Ron Hogben
Councillor Julie Humphreys
Councillor Norm Lyon
Councillor Jacquie Lacy
Councillor Cian Lyon

**STAFF:**
Chief Executive Officer Richard Towell
Deputy Chief Executive Officer Lisa Keen
Executive Assistant Janelle Duncan
Accountant Ahmed Khan
Senior Admin Officer Stephanie Wandek
Contract Shire Environmental Health Officer Maurice Walsh

**GALLERY:**
Ms Catherine Willett

*06:21pm Mr Ahmed Khan left the chamber*

## 2 APOLOGIES ON BEHALF OF ABSENT ELECTED MEMBERS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Ross Pigdon

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Nil

## 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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| ***Council Decision:01022026*** | **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority |
| **MOVED: Cr Julie Humphreys** | **SECONDED: Cr Cian Lyon** |

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 16 December 2025 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED: 6/0**
**FOR: Shire President Price, Councillor Hogben, Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Lyon, Councillor Lacy, Councillor Lyon**
**AGAINST: None**

## 6 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 6.1 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR ROSS PIGDON

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|---|---|
| APPLICANT: | Cr Ross Pigdon |
| DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: | Nil |
| AUTHOR: | Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer |
| DATE: | 6 February 2026 |

***Matters for Consideration:***

Request for leave of absence.

***Background:***

Cr Ross Pigdon is currently dealing with a personal matter and will not be available to attend the Ordinary Council meeting on 17 February 2026 and is likely to miss the Ordinary Council meetings on 17 March 2026 and 21 April 2026.

***Comments:***

Nil

***Statutory Environment:***

*Local Government Act 1995*
*Division 5 s2.25 Disqualification for failure to attend meetings*
1. *A council may, by resolution, grant leave of absence, to a member.*
2. *Leave is not to be granted to a member in respect of more than 6 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council without the approval of the Minister, unless all of the meetings are within a period of 3 months.*

***Policy Implications:***

Nil

***Financial Implications:***

Nil

***Strategic Implications:***

Nil

***Consultation:***

Cr Les Price, Shire President

***Officers Recommendation:*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Cr Pigdon be granted leave of absence for the February, March and April 2026 Ordinary Council meetings.

***Council Decision: 02022026*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

**MOVED: Cr Julie Humphreys** **SECONDED: Cr Ron Hogben**

That Cr Pigdon be granted leave of absence for the February, March and April 2026 Ordinary Council meetings.

**CARRIED: 6/0**
**FOR: Shire President Price, Councillor Hogben, Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Lyon, Councillor Lacy, Councillor Lyon**
**AGAINST: None**

*06:24pm Mr Ahmed Khan re-entered the chamber*

## 7 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

## 8 PETITIONS

Nil

## 9 ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Shire President Les Price updated Council on the recent Supreme Court decision concerning the rating of Miscellaneous Licences, the proposed legislative response currently before Parliament, and the potential financial implications for affected local governments.

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**Method of Dealing with Agenda Business**

As part of the Shire's efforts to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings, tonight's meeting will include the opportunity for matters to be considered by Council en bloc.

Matters not to be included in en bloc decisions are those which require:

- Absolutely Majority;
- Matters to be determined behind closed doors;
- Declared interests made in relation to the item; and
- Deputations or Statements made in relation to the item.

Before commencing the process, the Presiding Member provides a brief explanation of the 'en bloc' method of decision making, for the benefit of any members of the public in the gallery.

The following items have been identified to be decided upon by voting en bloc:

- 10.1 Accounts and Statements of Account
- 10.2 Financial Statements

After reading out all reports identified to be decided on by 'en bloc', Elected Members are given the opportunity to have any reports removed that they deem not appropriate to be included in this process.

Shire President Les Price requested that Item 10.1 be removed. Accordingly, Items 10.1 and 10.2 will be dealt with separately.

**REPORTS**

## 10 REPORTS

## 10.1 ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 4 February 2026

***Matters for Consideration:***

To receive the List of Accounts paid for the periods 1 December 2025 - 31 December 2025 and 1 January 2026 - 31 January 2026.

***Background:***

The Local Government, under its delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from municipal and trust funds, is required to prepare a monthly list of accounts showing each account paid and present it to Council at the next Ordinary Council meeting. The list of accounts prepared and presented to Council must form part of the minutes of that meeting.

***Comments:***

The list of accounts are for the months of December 2025 and January 2026.

***Statutory Environment:***

*Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 13.*

***Policy Implications:***

Nil

***Financial Implications:***

Nil

***Strategic Implications:***

Nil

***Consultation:***

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

***Officers Recommendation:*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council receive the attached payments for the periods 1 December 2025 - 31 December 2025 and 1 January 2026 - 31 January 2026, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority under s5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

## DECEMBER 2025

| | | | |
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| Municipal Fund Bank EFTs | EFT 15565 - 15731 | $ | 1,410,080.56 |
| Direct Debit Fund Transfer | General | $ | 47,303.94 |
| Direct Debit Fund Transfer | CEO Credit Card | $ | 3,447.07 |
| Payroll | | $ | 172,345.25 |
| Cheques | | $ | 0.00 |
| **Total** | | $ | **1,633,176.82** |

## JANUARY 2026

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|---|---|---|---|
| Municipal Fund Bank EFTs | EFT 15732 - 15827 | $ | 201,633.22 |
| Direct Debit Fund Transfer | General | $ | 93,962.15 |
| Direct Debit Fund Transfer | CEO Credit Card | $ | 1,150.71 |
| Payroll | | $ | 128,302.01 |
| Cheques | | $ | 0.00 |
| **Total** | | $ | **425,048.09** |

***Council Decision: 03022026*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

**MOVED: Cr Norm Lyon** **SECONDED: Cr Ron Hogben**

That Council receive the attached payments for the periods 1 December 2025 - 31 December 2025 and 1 January 2026 - 31 January 2026, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority under s5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

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**CARRIED: 6/0**
**FOR: Shire President Price, Councillor Hogben, Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Lyon, Councillor Lacy, Councillor Lyon**
**AGAINST: None**

## 10.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 4 February 2026

***Matters for Consideration:***

The attached monthly Financial Reports are for the periods ending December 2025 and January 2026 and includes the following statements and notes:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Major Variances

- Net Current Funding Position
- Statement of Financial Position
- Cash and Investments
- Trust Fund
- Cash Backed Reserve
- Receivables
- Capital Disposals
- Borrowings
- Capital Acquisitions
- Rate Revenue
- Grants and Contributions

***Background:***

Under the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, a monthly Financial Report must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within two months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The monthly Financial Report presents an overview of the financial position of the local government at the end of each month. The monthly Financial Report must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.

***Comments:***

The monthly Financial Reports are for the months of December 2025 and January 2026.

***Statutory Environment:***

*Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 14.*

***Policy Implications:***

Nil

***Financial Implications:***

Nil

***Strategic Implications:***

Nil

***Consultation:***

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

***Officers Recommendation:*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council receive the attached monthly Financial Reports, prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, for the periods ending December 2025 and January 2026.

***Council Decision: 04022026*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

**MOVED: Cr Cian Lyon** **SECONDED: Cr Julie Humphreys**

That Council receive the attached monthly Financial Reports, prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, for the periods ending December 2025 and January 2026.

**CARRIED: 6/0**
**FOR: Shire President Price, Councillor Hogben, Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Lyon, Councillor Lacy, Councillor Lyon**
**AGAINST: None**

## 10.3 RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION TO COUNCIL OWNED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

APPLICANT: Eugene Ferraro - Shire Town Planner

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Shire of Cue

DATE: 12 February 2026

***Matters for Consideration:***

Including residential accommodation to Council owned commercial property.

***Background:***

At its meeting in December 2025, the Council sought for a motion be considered at its next meeting as follows:

> *"When renovating the Shire owned properties on Austin Street, funding is allocated to include the addition of residential accommodation to the shops hence increasing their rentability."*

The motion follows Council's budget deliberations on renovations of the recently acquired commercial buildings in Austin Street. The purchase of these buildings is part of the Council strategy to preserve the historic commercial buildings in the town site and revitalise the commercial core of the Cue townsite. Many of the commercial buildings in the town are closed, poorly maintained and have little or no commercial value in their current state. The Shire's strategy has been to purchase these buildings when they are placed on the market, undertake sensitive renovations that will preserve their historic fabric and enable their reuse for commercial and commercially compatible uses. Examples of this strategy include the renovation to the Western Australian Bank building (café/restaurant/reception centre), 65 Ausin St shops, the Masonic Lodge building and Bells Emporium.

***Comments:***

The Shire recognises that the lack of available housing in the townsite is a major constrain to the leasing of commercial properties and now seeks to explore the opportunity to include an on-site dwelling component in the redevelopment budget of these properties.

***Permissibility/Suitability of Residential accommodation***

*The R-Codes Volume 1 and Shire of Cue Local Planning Scheme No 2 include the definitions for the following uses*

> ***dwelling*** *means a building or portion of a building being used, adapted, or designed or intended to be used for the purpose of human habitation on a permanent basis by a single person, a single family, or no more than six persons who do not comprise a single family;*
>
> ***grouped dwelling*** *means a dwelling that is one of a group of two or more dwellings on the same lot such that no dwelling is placed wholly or partly vertically above or below another, except where special conditions of landscape or topography dictate otherwise, and includes a dwelling in a strata titles scheme with common property;*
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> ***multiple dwelling*** *means dwelling in a group of more than one dwelling on a lot where any part of the plot ratio area of a dwelling is vertically above any part of the plot ratio area of any other but:*
> *- does not include a grouped dwelling; and*
> *- includes any dwellings above the ground floor in a mixed use development;*
>
> ***caretaker's dwelling*** *means a dwelling on the same site as a building, operation or plant used for industry, and occupied by a supervisor of that building, operation or plant;*

***Town Planning Assessment:***

*Permissibility*
Table 1 of the Shire of Cue Local Planning Scheme No 2 (LPS 2) details the permissibility of uses in each zone. In the Commercial zone *dwellings*, *grouped dwellings* and *caretaker's dwellings* are listed as 'D' uses while *multiple dwellings* are listed as 'A' uses.

'D' uses are a use that is not permitted unless the local government has exercised its discretion by granting development approval.

'A' uses are a use that is not permitted unless the local government has exercised its discretion by granting development approval after giving special notice in accordance with clause 64 of the deemed provisions. Clause 64 of the deemed provisions relate to the process of advertising applications for public comment.

Given the above, LPS 2 provides the Shire with discretion to consider and approve any type of ground floor dwelling in the Commercial zone. The same discretion to consider and approval dwellings proposed above the ground floor is also available subject to the application being advertised for public comment.

*Development standards*
As the Austin Street commercial properties is a traditional main street, LPS 2 provides that buildings need not be setback from the street and that side and rear setbacks be in accordance with the Building Code of Australia.

*Referrals*
The Shire's environmental health officer has advised as follows:

On-site effluent disposal of sewerage and wastewater has and will continue to operate effectively in the town.

Businesses such as the Queen of the Murchison has septic tanks with the wastewater pumped to ponds at the landfill site. These systems are referred as STED (Septic Tank Effluent Disposal) whereby on-site septic tanks are retained for primary treatment, with the liquid effluent pumped to ponds in the landfill site. Others using the STED system include the hotel, caravan park, Shire office/outside toilets.

The limitations for the site and its on-site effluent disposal systems come down to the size of development of a "dwelling" as to how many bedrooms are desired.

*Heritage considerations*
All commercial zoned lots on Austin Street are included within the Heritage Special Control Area under LPS 2. As such any development within this area requires the prior approval of the Council and may require the referral of the application to the

Heritage Council, an independent heritage architect or planning. Given that many of the lots along Austin Street are long (approximately 100m) and narrow, it may be possible to erect a small dwelling at the rear of these properties without adversely affecting the heritage values of the street.

*Discussion*
LPS 2 enables the Shire to favourably consider residential uses in the Commercial zone. As the town is unsewered, effluent disposal is the limiting factor in determining if a commercial site can accommodate an on-site dwelling. Factors such as size of dwelling, the number of bedrooms and bathrooms will determine the size of the on-site effluent disposal system required and if it can be accommodated within the lot boundaries. For example a four bedroom two bathroom home will require a larger on-site effluent disposal system than a $100m^2$ caretaker's dwelling. Existing improvements and the existing on-site effluent disposal system may also make it difficult to accommodate a new standalone dwelling on commercial sites.

While it may be possible to convert portions of existing buildings for residential use, it is likely that new buildings located at the rear of the premises will be the most cost effective solution. Given that the rear of the Austin Street properties are serviced by an unsealed right-of-way, it may not be appropriate to construct a standalone multi-bedroom, multi-bathroom dwellings on these sites. The alternative could include the construction of a small dwelling which is typically provided for on-site caretakers.
LPS 2 permits caretaker's dwellings in the Commercial and Industrial zones. However, the size is restricted to $100m^2$ in the Industrial zone and unrestricted in the Commercial zone. An effective outcome would be to construct a small one to two-bedroom caretaker's dwelling at the rear of the property. A dwelling of this type and size is unlikely to cause any adverse amenity issues for the occupiers or neighbours.

**Conclusion**

Suitability of any commercial site to accommodate a dwelling will need to be examined on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration factors including the ability of the site to accommodate a dwelling and on-site effluent disposal system. Given the existing buildings along Austin Street, the long narrow lot configurations and the need to achieve suitable on-site effluent disposal outcomes, the erection of small one or two-bedroom caretaker's dwellings is unlikely to create any adverse amenity impacts.

***Statutory Environment:***

Shire of Cue Local Planning Scheme No. 2.

State Planning Policy 2.9 Water

***Policy Implications:***

*The introduction of residential dwellings within Commercial zoned lots in Austin Street may encourage private landowners to consider similar strategies.*

***Financial Implications:***

The proposal will require additional funding for the erection, construction or building renovations to accommodate a dwelling. This information will be detailed to the Council on a case-by-case basis.

***Strategic Implications:***

*Outcome 1.1. Maximise local economic opportunities to benefit the whole community*
*1.1.1 Work with commercial sector to grow and support local infrastructure and services.*
*1.1.2 Develop main street shopping and commercial precinct by working with property owners to maintain and improve our heritage listed buildings.*
*1.1.3 Utilise the land available in the area for a range of new businesses to be self-sustaining.*
*1.1.5 To facilitate services in the town*

*Outcome 1.2 Development strategies to increase number of tourists visiting the Shire*
*1.2.2 Showcase our heritage and mining attractions.*
*1.2.3 Develop new tourism attractions to enhance and encourage visitors to stay long*

*Outcome 3.1 Community infrastructure that meets the needs of our residents*
*3.1.3 Provide, maintain and improve community infrastructure and facilities*

*Outcome 4.3 Environmental Objectives*
*4.3.2 Maintain the integrity of heritage assets*
*4.3.3 Preserve heritage assets for future generations*

*Outcome 4.5 Implement sustainability and protection strategies for the future of the area*
*4.5.2 Support town and tourism strategies within the region*

***Consultation:***

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

***Officers Recommendation:*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council:

1. Resolves to note this item; and
2. Authorise the CEO to:
    a. examine the possibility of accommodating small caretaker's dwellings at the rear of Council owned commercial properties;

and subject to the outcomes of these investigations

b. authorise the CEO to include the construction of a caretaker's dwelling within the redevelopment budget for the renovations of Council owned commercial projects.

***Council Decision: 05022026*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

**MOVED: Cr Julie Humphreys** **SECONDED: Cr Jacquie Lacy**

That Council:

1. Resolves to note this item; and
2. Authorise the CEO to:
    a. examine the possibility of accommodating small caretaker's dwellings at the rear of Council owned commercial properties;

and subject to the outcomes of these investigations

b. authorise the CEO to include the construction of a caretaker's dwelling within the redevelopment budget for the renovations of Council owned commercial projects.

**AMENDMENT**

**MOVED: Cr Les Price** **SECONDED: Cr Cian Lyon**

1. Authorise the CEO to
    a. examine the possibility of accommodating small caretaker's dwellings at the rear of Council owned commercial properties;
    b. Provide in principle advice to council on costings in line with examination outcome referred to in (a)
    c. Refer the item to Council for further considerations.

**CARRIED: 6/0**
**FOR: Shire President Price, Councillor Hogben, Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Lyon, Councillor Lacy, Councillor Lyon**
**AGAINST: None**

## 10.4 CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 13 February 2026

***Matters for Consideration:***

Endorsement of the proposed Climate Change Advocacy Position for consideration by the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA.

***Background:***

WALGA has released a consultation paper (see attached) seeking Local Government feedback on a revised climate change advocacy position. The Consultation Paper includes background on these changes and a draft revised advocacy position.

WALGA's current advocacy position, as endorsed by State Council in 2018, states that:

Local Government acknowledges:

1. The science is clear: Climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause.
2. Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth's ecosystems.
3. Urgent action is required to reduce emissions, and to adapt to the impacts from climate change that are now unavoidable.
4. A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations.

Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.

Local Government is calling for:

1. Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government.
2. Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs.

At the WALGA State Council meeting held on 5 March 2025, a replacement Climate Change Policy Statement Advocacy Position was presented for adoption. There was a mixed response and comments provided in the minutes to the proposal from various WALGA Zones. This item was referred back to the Environment Policy Team for further development. The minutes extract for this item is also attached.

The consultation paper that WALGA issued in January 2026 proposes a revised Climate Change Advocacy Position to that presented in March 2025. WALGA is seeking Council endorsed feedback on the draft advocacy position and asks that all councils and WALGA zones consider the position. This new position commits local government to addressing climate change and focuses on achieving emission reduction targets. It is proposed by the author in consultation with the Shire President that the advocacy position should be focused on outcomes that improve quality of life for communities and not commit local governments to a course of action.

***Comments:***

The proposed Climate Change Advocacy Position provided in the officers recommendation removes the commitment from local government to addressing climate change and focuses on outcomes that improve the quality of life for communities.

A climate change policy for local government should be focused on improving the quality of life for communities, rather than being narrowly driven by emissions reduction targets. Local governments are closest to their communities and are responsible for delivering practical, local outcomes, such as infrastructure, services, public health, and community wellbeing, rather than aspiring to abstract global metrics.

Councils are tasked with ensuring safe and affordable housing, reliable local roads, accessible community facilities, effective waste and water services, and preparedness for natural disasters. Climate policy that prioritises quality of life enables councils to invest in actions that strengthen these core functions: improving building resilience to climate related events, reducing household energy costs through efficiency upgrades, enhancing urban greening and strengthening emergency management capability. These actions reduce climate risk while delivering immediate and visible benefits to residents.

An overemphasis on emissions reduction targets can constrain local governments by diverting limited resources toward compliance and reporting, rather than outcomes that matter most to communities. Councils operate within tight budgets and varied local contexts: regional, remote, and resource-dependent areas face very different challenges from metropolitan centres. Uniform targets may unintentionally increase costs for residents, limit service delivery, or place pressure on local economies without providing realistic pathways for transition.

A quality-of-life approach allows councils to respond to climate change in ways that reflect local priorities and capacities. It strengthens environmental stewardship through practical land, water, and biodiversity management. Importantly, these measures often contribute to emissions reductions as a secondary outcome, without undermining essential services.

For local government, the success of climate policy should be measured by healthier, safer, and more resilient communitiesdash;not solely by emissions data. When climate action is integrated into everyday service delivery and community development, it builds trust, achieves broader public benefit, and ensures councils can meet both current and future challenges. Emissions reductions should support local government outcomes, not override them.

***Statutory Environment:***

***Statutory Environment:***
*Local Government Act 1995, Section 3.1*
*General function*

1. *The general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.*

*(1A) Without limiting subsection (1), the general function of a local government must be performed having regard to the following dash;*

1. *the need dash;*
2. *to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district; and*
3. *to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change; and*
4. *in making decisions, to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations;*

***Policy Implications:***

Shire of Cue Policy Manual

***Financial Implications:***

Nil

***Strategic Implications:***

*Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023 – 2038*
*Outcome 4.1 To protect and uphold our natural environment*
*Strategy 4.1.3 Sustainable environmental protection*

***Consultation:***

Les Price – Shire President and Chair of the WALGA Environment Policy Committee.

***Officers Recommendation:*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council:
Endorse the proposed Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows, for presentation to the Murchison zone of WALGA.

1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with climate change.
2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:
   a. Provide the necessary climate leadership, action and dedicated funding to deliver a climate change response that is economically sustainable and will provide improved quality of life for Western Australian communities.
   b. Provide the coordination, guidance and practical support to local government to enable local communities to respond to the effects of climate change.

***Council Decision: 06022026*** **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

**MOVED: Cr Norm Lyon** **SECONDED: Cr Julie Humphreys**

That Council:
Endorse the proposed Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows, for presentation to the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA.

1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with climate change.
2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:
   a. Provide the necessary climate leadership, action and dedicated funding to deliver a climate change response that is economically sustainable and will provide improved quality of life for Western Australian communities.
   b. Provide the coordination, guidance and practical support to local government to enable local communities to respond to the effects of climate change.

**CARRIED: 6/0**
**FOR: Shire President Price, Councillor Hogben, Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Lyon, Councillor Lacy, Councillor Lyon**
**AGAINST: None**

## 11 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

## 12 MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Nil

## 13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

## CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

## 14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED CLOSURE

## 15 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 07:27 PM.

**To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 17 March 2026.**

**Signed: ..............................................**

**Presiding Member at the Meeting at which time the Minutes were confirmed.**