

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

21 APRIL 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

Please be advised that the next

Ordinary Meeting of Council

is to be held on

Tuesday, 21 April 2020

commencing at **6:30pm**

Via Electronic Communications

Rob Madson

Chief Executive Officer

17 April 2020

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SHIRE OF CUE Ordinary Council Meeting MINUTES

Held via electronic communications on Tuesday 21 April 2020 commencing at 6:30pm

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING 6.50PM

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:

Councillor Ross Pigdon, Shire President

Councillor Les Price, Deputy Shire President

Councillor Ian Dennis

Councillor Ron Hogben

Councillor Leonie Fitzpatrick

Councillor Fred Spindler

Councillor Liz Houghton

STAFF:

Mr Rob Madson, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Richard Towell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Miss Stephanie Wandek, Customer Service Officer

GALLERY:

2. APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cr Hogben disclosed a financial interest in item 14.2

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Decision: 01042020 Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Houghton SECONDED: Cr Fitzpatrick

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 17 March 2020 are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Carried 7/0

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10. REPORTS

APPLICANT:

10.1 ACCOUNTS & STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Cue

DATE: 15 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

To receive the List of Accounts Due & Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 April 2020 as attached – see *Appendix 1*.

Background:

The local government under its delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from the municipal and trust funds is required to prepare a list of accounts each month showing each account paid and presented 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 is for the month of March 2020.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 13.
Policy Implications:
Nil.
Financial Implications:
Nil.
Strategic Implications:
Nil.

Consultation:

Nil.

Officer's Recommendation: Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

That Council endorse the payments for the period 1 March to 31 March 2020 as listed at **Appendix 1**, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority per LGA 1995 S5.42.

Municipal Fund Bank	<i>EFT</i> s	8268 - 8343	\$410,260.52
Direct Debit Fund Transfer			\$ 23,505.13
Payroll			\$ 88,224.56
BPAY			\$ 18,127.89
Cheques			\$ -
Total			\$540,118.10

Council Decision: 02042020	Voting requirement: Simple Majority		
MOVED: Cr Price	SECONDED: Cr Dennis		
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Payroll	\$ 88,224.56		
BPAY	\$ 18,127.89		
Cheques	\$ -		

Total

\$540,118.10

10.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 15 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

The Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 March 2020 including the following reports:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Significant Accounting Policies
- Graphical Representation Source Statement of Financial Activity
- Net Current Funding Position
- Cash and Investments
- Major Variances
- Budget Amendments
- Receivables
- Grants and Contributions
- Cash Backed Reserve
- Capital Disposals and Acquisitions
- Trust Fund

see Appendix 2.

Background:

Under the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations 1996), a monthly Statement of Financial Activity must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The statement of financial activity is a complex document but presents a complete overview of the financial position of the local government at the end of each month. The Statement of Financial Activity for each month must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.

Comments:

The Statement of Financial Activity is for the month of March 2020.

Statutory Environment:

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

Policy Implications:

Nil.

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Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Consultation:

RSM Australia Pty Ltd.

Officer's Recommendation: Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

That Council receive the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the period ended 31 March 2020, as presented at Appendix 2.

Council Decision: 03042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Dennis SECONDED: Cr Spindler

That Council receive the Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, for the period ended 31 March 2020, as presented at Appendix 2.

CARRIED 7/0

10.3 COVID-19 COMMITMENTS

APPLICANT: WA Local Government Association

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Rob Madson - Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 12 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

A request by the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) for Council to consider implementing a suite of actions in supporting their communities through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background:

WALGA has written to all Local Governments requesting they give consideration to the following suite of actions, for Local Governments with the capacity to do so, to provide a coordinated and consistent response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- a. Consider not increasing rates for the 2020-21 financial year
- b. Adoption of the WALGA template rates hardship policy by Local Governments that do not currently have a policy
- c. Consider rate relief options to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
- d. Review fees and charges considering whether fees can be reduced, waived or deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic
- e. Bring forward capital works and infrastructure spending with aggressive application of reserves and borrowing
- f. Prioritise Local Government spending with businesses and contractors located within the Local Government
- g. Implement business friendly payment terms to support business cash flow
- h. Consider supporting Community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges
- i. Redeploy staff affected by facility closures to tasks that support the community

Comments:

a. Council has budgeted a nil rate increase for GRV properties in each of the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years. In addition, UV mining rates were reduced in each of the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years.

- b. The Shire does not currently have a rates hardship policy. A copy of the WALGA template rates hardship policy is attached at *Appendix 3*.
- c. The Shire currently provides a 20% discount for businesses which pay their rates by the due date.
- d. A review of fees and charges is conducted as part of the budget process.
- e. The Shire is currently undertaking significant capital works and infrastructure spending which will result in strong economic activity for the region as part of the current year budget. Bringing forward more projects of this nature is likely to be difficult due to our limited resources.
- f. The Shire already prioritises its spending with businesses and contractors located within the Shire boundaries, where suppliers are unavailable within the Shire boundaries, priority is given to businesses and contractors within regional boundaries.
- g. The Shire already implements business friendly payment terms that ensures payments are made in a timely manner.
- h. There are very few community sporting and cultural groups within the Shire to assist.
- i. Staff affected by closures e.g. Librarian & cleaning staff have already been redeployed to other areas.

Statutory Environment:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Potential reduction in income should rates, fees & charges discounts or waivers be implemented, details of which will be highlighted during the budget process.

Strategic Implications:

The proposed action addresses the following objectives contained in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027:

Leadership Objective

- Outcome 2.1 A strategically focused and unified Council functioning efficiently
 - 2.1.3 Maintain accountability and financial responsibility
- Outcome 2.2 Strengthen our communities' position for the future
 - 2.2.3 Provide support to community and education groups

Consultation:

Cr Ross Pigdon – Shire President Cr Les Price – WALGA Murchison Country Zone Representative

Officer's Recommendation: Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

That Council respond to WALGA's request by advising that they will:

- a. Consider not increasing rates as part of the 2020-21 budget process, noting that Council has budgeted a nil rate increase for GRV properties in each of the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years and reduced UV mining rates in each of the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years;
- b. Adopt the WALGA template rates hardship policy;
- c. Consider rate relief options to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the 2020-21 budget process, noting that the Shire currently provides a 20% discount for businesses which pay their rates by the due date;
- d. Review fees and charges considering whether fees can be reduced, waived or deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the 2020-21 budget process;
- e. Bring forward capital works and infrastructure spending where possible while maintaining accountability and financial responsibility in line with current integrated strategic plans;
- f. Prioritise Local Government spending with businesses and contractors located within the Local Government;
- g. Continue the current practice of business friendly payment terms to support business cash flow
- h. Consider supporting Community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges as part of the 2020-21 budget process, noting that there are very few of these groups within the Shire; and
- i. Continue redeploying staff affected by facility closures to tasks that support the community.

Council Decision: 04042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Hogben SECONDED: Cr Price

That Council respond to WALGA's request by advising that they will:

- a. Consider not increasing rates as part of the 2020-21 budget process, noting that Council has budgeted a nil rate increase for GRV properties in each of the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years and reduced UV mining rates in each of the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years;
- b. Adopt the WALGA template rates hardship policy;

- c. Consider rate relief options to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the 2020-21 budget process, noting that the Shire currently provides a 20% discount for businesses which pay their rates by the due date;
- d. Review fees and charges considering whether fees can be reduced, waived or deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the 2020-21 budget process;
- e. Bring forward capital works and infrastructure spending where possible while maintaining accountability and financial responsibility in line with current integrated strategic plans;
- f. Prioritise Local Government spending with businesses and contractors located within the Local Government;
- g. Continue the current practice of business friendly payment terms to support business cash flow
- h. Consider supporting Community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges as part of the 2020-21 budget process, noting that there are very few of these groups within the Shire; and
- i. Continue redeploying staff affected by facility closures to tasks that support the community.

CARRIED: 7/0

10.4 REMOVAL OF BATTERY SANDS - CUE TOWNSITE

APPLICANT: Golden State Mining & Adaman Resources

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 15 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

Amendment of a prior approval to remove battery sands within, and in close proximity to. Cue townsite.

Background:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 18th of October 2011 it was resolved:

That the approval is initially for the removal of approximately 500 cubic meters of tailings;

The applicant continues to progress the Health Impact Statement;

The applicant providing a rehabilitation plan and programme for the site which is subject to shire approval;

The applicant is not to move mining equipment or heavy vehicles through the adjoining residential area which includes Stewart Street, Richmond Street, Chesson Street, Victoria Street or Simpson Street;

Working hours to remove the tailings are restricted to 9am to 5pm on weekdays only;

Excessive noise emanating from the site shed after the stated working hours to cease:

The applicant is to apply dust suppression measures during the operations which is to include the erection of a 3 metre high shade cloth fence that will prevent any tailings blowing onto the residential area;

The applicant is to spray the exposed face of the adjoining tailings with a water resistant dust suppression spray;

The shire will monitor the water quality in rainwater tanks at the adjoining residential premises prior to, during and after the mining activities on a monthly basis with costs met by the applicant;

Should silica or other particles attributable to the mining activities be found in the water then mining must cease until such time as the company can assure the shire they have resolved the issue;

The applicant is to negotiate an ex-gratia payment to the shire for community infrastructure purposes;

Following the removal of approximately 500 cubic metres of tailings the applicant will discuss with the shire and community the success of the

project to date prior to consideration of approval to remove the remaining tailings

The shire does not approve additional site clearing, open cut mining or any blasting under any circumstances.

On the 3rd of May 2014 Western Mining held a public meeting where they stated that they had removed 380 tonnes of material and had processed this material and found that it was of sufficient quality to warrant the removal of the remaining 40,000 tonnes of tailings.

Accordingly Western Mining wrote to Council seeking approval to remove the remaining 40,000 tonnes of material and Council, at their meeting of 20 May 2014, passed the following resolution:

The Council instructs the CEO to provide Western Mining with a letter of approval to remove 40,000 tonnes of material located on tenement M20/522 with the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant is not to move mining equipment or heavy vehicles through the adjoining residential area which includes Stewart Street, Richmond Street, Chesson Street, Victoria Street or Simpson Street;
- 2. Working hours to remove the tailings are restricted to 9am to 5pm on weekdays only;
- 3. No excessive noise emanating from the site shed after the stated working hours;
- 4. The applicant is to apply dust suppression measures during the operations which is to include the erection of a 3 metre high shade cloth fence that will prevent any tailings blowing onto the residential area;
- 5. The applicant is to spray the exposed face of the adjoining tailings with a water resistant dust suppression spray;
- 6. The shire will monitor the water quality in rainwater tanks at the adjoining residential premises prior to, during and after the mining activities on a monthly basis with costs met by the applicant;
- 7. Should silica or other particles attributable to the mining activities be found in the water then mining must cease until such time as the company can assure the shire they have resolved the issue;
- 8. The applicant is to negotiate prior to September 2014 an ex-gratia payment or infrastructure in lieu of a cash payment and
- 9. Mining operations (removal of tailings) are to cease if the wind conditions are sufficient to blow dust that impacts the townsite.

Golden State Mining, and their subsidiary Cue Consolidated Mining, acquired the tenements formerly held by Western Mining in 2018. The conditions of Western Mining's previous approvals are included in the tenement conditions imposed by DMIRS. Golden State Mining advise that they wish to proceed with removal of the remaining battery sands, and have written to Council seeking amendment of several of the conditions previously imposed as follows:

i) Condition 2

Current:

Working hours to remove the tailings are restricted to 9am to 5pm on weekdays only.

Requested:

That working hours be amended to 7am to 7pm on weekdays to allow for a more readily completed works schedule. This allows more return loads to be completed and reduces the duration of the overall project.

ii) Condition 4

Current:

The applicant is to apply dust suppression measures during the operations which are to include the erection of a 3m high shade cloth fence that will prevent any tailings blowing into the residential area.

Requested:

Remove need for the 3m high shade cloth fence from this condition. This is due to our belief that it would be an ineffective measure to reduce dust. We propose the following measures to ensure that dust is managed effectively during operations:

Dedicated sprinkler bank installed to ensure that the work area is kept adequately dust free;

Ensuring compliance to Condition 5 and Condition 9 of the Shire of Cue approval letter that will see the working face be sprayed with a water-resistant dust suppression spray and regularly review prevailing conditions to ensure ongoing compliance; and

A dedicated site supervisor to field any complaints or issues as they arise to ensure that all stakeholders are managed appropriately.

iii) Condition 6 and Condition 7

Current:

- 6 The Shire will monitor the water quality in rainwater tanks at the adjoining residential premises prior to, during and after the mining activities on a monthly basis with costs met by the applicant.
- 7 Should silica or other particles attributable to the mining activities be found in the water then mining must cease until such a time as the company can assure the Shire that they have resolved the issue.

Requested:

That dust monitoring that will be conducted on site be sufficient to inform the levels of airborne particulates and that the water testing not be completed in lieu of this. Particularly given the relatively short-term nature of the campaign. This has been completed previously with the testing being completed as part of the hygiene monitoring program. Adequate and specific dust control measures will ensure that any dust generated from our activities is minimised in all cases. We request the removal of the requirement for conditions 6 and 7 from the approval letter.

Comments:

A copy of the request to consider condition amendments is attached at *Appendix 4*.

Western Mining removed approximately 5000 tonnes of tailings under the original approvals. Removal of the remainder of the tailings is supported as it will improve the visual outlook of the area. The proponents are then required to rehabilitate the land back to natural vegetation.

Increasing the amount of working hours each day is considered beneficial as it will reduce the overall time required to remove the tailings.

The 3m high shade cloth fence was originally erected, however only the posts remain. The effectiveness of this measure in capturing wind-blown tailings particles is questionable.

I can find no evidence of rainwater tank monitoring undertaken by the Shire in relation to previous activity. The proponents proposed dust monitoring program will be more effective than monitoring tank water anyway, as the results will be available far sooner.

I have spoken to the owners of the properties most likely to be affected by the proposed activity.

- Phillip & Sandra Box

 Simpson Street
 Only concern is early morning start, but generally supportive.
- Mal Taylor Simpson Street
 Has no issue with the proposal, acknowledging that Cue is a mining town.
- Sydney Kim Simpson Street No concerns.

Statutory Environment:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Policy C1

- 1. Cue Townsite
- 1.1 The shire generally opposes the granting of any mining lease or license that may affect;
- a) The satisfactory continuation of existing urban uses within and adjacent to the existing townsite; and
 - b) The planned use of the land in the vicinity of the townsite.
- c) The Council may by decision permit limited mining activities within Cue townsite but only under strict conditions that will be determined at the time by the Council

1.2 The Council may approve mining activities close to but external from the Cue townsite and such conditional approval may include but will not be limited to landscaping, dust/noise suppression measures, and any other provisions considered by the Council to be necessary to protect and preserve the amenity of the existing nearby uses especially residential uses.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Nil.

Consultation:

Janet Wicks - Director, Western Mining

Mal Taylor - Simpson Street resident

Philip & Sandra Box - Simpson Street resident

Sydney Kim – Simpson Street resident

Officer's Recommendation: Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

That Council agree to amend their previous approval for the removal of battery sands located on tenements held by Golden State Mining and their subsidiaries in or near the Cue townsite by:

- 1. Altering the restriction on working hours to between 7am and 7pm on weekdays;
- 2. Removing the requirement to maintain a 3m high shade cloth fence; and
- 3. Deleting conditions 6 & 7 entirely.

Council Decision: 05042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Dennis SECONDED: Cr Hogben

That Council agree to amend their previous approval for the removal of battery sands located on tenements held by Golden State Mining and their subsidiaries in or near the Cue townsite by:

- 1. Altering the restriction on working hours to between 7am and 7pm on weekdays;
- 2. Removing the requirement to maintain a 3m high shade cloth fence; and
- 3. Deleting conditions 6 & 7 entirely.

CARRIED: 7/0

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

14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Council Decision: 06042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Spindler SECONDED: Cr Fitzpatrick

That the meeting be closed to members of the public to discuss confidential matters.

CARRIED: 7/0

14.1 TOWN STREETS RESEALING QUOTES

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 16 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

Revoking Council decision 05012020, "That Council award the quote for Microsurfacing Cue Town Streets to Colas Solutions Pty Ltd", made at the Special meeting of Council on 21 January 2020.

Council Decision: 05012020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR SPINDLER SECONDED: CR DENNIS

That Council award the quote for Micro-surfacing Cue Town Streets to Colas Solutions

Pty Ltd.

CARRIED: 6/0

Council Decision: 07042020 Voting requirement: Absolute Majority

MOVED: Cr Dennis SECONDED: Cr Hogben THIRD: Cr Price

That Council, Revoke Council decision 05012020, "That Council award the quote for Micro-surfacing Cue Town Streets to Colas Solutions Pty Ltd", made at the Special meeting of Council on 21 January 2020.

CARRIED: 7/0

and

Consider quotes for the resealing of Cue Town Streets using a bitumen spray seal and Shire supplied aggregate.

Council Decision: 08042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Dennis SECONDED: Cr Hogben

That Council award the quote for bitumen spray sealing works to Bitutek Pty Ltd.

Procedural Motion

MOVED: Cr Houghton SECONDED: Cr Dennis

That council defer this item to the May meeting of Council for further consideration.

CARRIED: 7/0

8.01pm the Shire President left the meeting.

8.05pm the Shire President re-entered the meeting.

14.2 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CONCRETE QUOTES

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Richard Towell – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 17 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

Consider quotes for the footings and concrete pad for the industrial shed complex development in Heydon Place.

8.06pm Cr Hogben left the meeting (transferred to Zoom waiting room)

Council Decision: 09042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Spindler SECONDED: Cr Houghton

That Council award the quote for concrete works at Heydon Place to Hoggy's Building and Concreting contractors.

CARRIED: 6/0

8.10pm Cr Hogben re-entered the meeting

14.3 **ROAD USER AGREEMENT – FENIX RESOURCES**

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Rob Madson - Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 15 April 2020

Matters for Consideration:

Entering into a road user agreement with Fenix Resources Ltd to accommodate Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) on Shire roads.

Council Decision: 10042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

SECONDED: Cr Spindler **MOVED: Cr Houghton**

That Council enter into a road user deed of agreement with Fenix Resources Ltd that incorporates provisions contained in the signed Memorandum of Understanding presented to Council on 21 April 2020.

CARRIED: 7/0

Council Decision: 11042020 Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Houghton SECONDED: Cr Spindler

That the meeting be reopened to members of the public.

CARRIED: 6/1 Cr Fitzpatrick against.

15 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 8.23pm

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 19 May 2020.		
Signed:		
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Presiding Member at the Meeting at which time the Minutes were confirmed.		