



**Confirmed Minutes
SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL**

3 July 2023

SHIRE OF CUE
Special Meeting of Council
MINUTES

Held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on
Monday, 3 July 2023 commencing at 6:00 PM

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The meeting was opened at 06:10 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 Ross Pigdon
Deputy Shire President Les Price
Councillor Ron Hogben
Councillor Ian Dennis
Councillor Elizabeth Houghton
Councillor Julie Humphreys

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer Richard Towell
Deputy Chief Executive Officer Glenn Boyes
Executive Assistant Janelle Duncan

GALLERY:

Mrs Jacqui Towell

2 APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Leonie Fitzpatrick (Apology)

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

6 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PETITIONS

Nil

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10 REPORTS

**10. SETTING OF THE ANNUAL RATE IN THE DOLLAR FOR 2023-2024
1 FINANCIAL YEAR**

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

AUTHOR: Glenn Boyes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 27 June 2023

Matters for Consideration:

To apply to the Minister for Local Government for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.

Background:

At the special meeting of Council held on 06 June 2023, Council approved the advertising of the proposed differential rates for the 2023-2024 financial year as required under section 6.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Submissions regarding the proposed differential rates and minimum payments closed on 03 July 2023. The Shire of Cue did not receive any submissions in respect to the proposed differential rates.

Comments:

The proposed rates model for the 2023-2024 budget has been prepared after the valuations for mining tenements for 2023-2024 have been incorporated into the rates modelling and the rate in the dollar reflects this being taken into account.

The average increase of 3% across all categories, increases revenue by \$83,056 compared to last year's Annual Budget. The proposed revenue to be collected is \$56,593 greater than the amount allocated in our Long Term Financial Plan for 2023-2024. The number of rateable properties increased from 724 in the 2022-2023 Annual Budget to 733 in the proposed 2023-2024 rates model.

If Council decides to modify the proposed rates or minimum payments for any reason, it is not necessary to readvertise the rates however the changes will be included in the notes to the adopted annual budget.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995, Section 1.7, Local Public Notice
Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Division 6 – Subdivision 2, Categories of Rates and Service Charges

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Council needs to ensure that rate revenue remains at a level where the Shire can continue to maintain its current level of services to ratepayers and the community.

The proposed rates will provide an additional \$83,056 in revenue compared to last year's Annual Budget.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023 – 2038

Consultation:

Richard Towell – Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation:

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

That Council:

1. Adopts the following rates for the 2023-2024 financial year.

	Minimum	Rate in \$
Rate Category	Rates \$	(cents)
GRV - GENERAL	491	0.106180
GRV - COMMERCIAL	491	0.106180
GRV - VACANT LAND	491	0.106180
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	491	0.159271
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	491	0.258201
UV - PASTORAL	491	0.083122

2. Make an application to the Minister for Local Government for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.

Council Decision: 01072023	Voting Requirement: Simple Majority
MOVED: Cr Les Price	SECONDED: Cr Ian Dennis

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CARRIED: 6/0

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

Councillor Les Price shared dates for the next Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act meetings to be held in the Murchison. The first is Mt Magnet 27 July 2023 and Meekatharra 28 July 2023. Cr Price urged everyone to attend one of these meetings.

14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

15 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 06:18pm.

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 18 July 2023.
Signed:
Presiding Member at the Meeting at which time the Minutes were confirmed.