



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

30 July 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Shire of Cue

To be held on 30 July 2021

in the Council Chambers commencing at 6.30 PM

The purpose of the Meeting is to consider the following item:

- **Setting of the Annual Rate in the Dollar for 2021-2022 Financial Year and apply to the Minister for Local Government to Impose Differential Rates.**
- **Amendment to Road User Agreement - Westgold Resource Limited. (Behind closed doors)**

Richard Towell

Chief Executive Officer

**SHIRE OF CUE
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MINUTES**

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DECLARATION OF OPENING

The meeting was opened at 6.31pm

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 Ronald Hogben

STAFF:

Mr Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Bethany McCall, Customer Service Officer

GALLERY:

Kath Willett

Graham Rector

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Fred Spindler

Cr Fitzpatrick

Cr Houghton

Mr Glenn Boyes, Manager Finance

2. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

10. REPORTS

10.1 SETTING OF THE ANNUAL RATE IN THE DOLLAR FOR 2021-2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
AUTHOR: Richard Towell – Chief Executive Officer
DATE: 19 July 2019

Matters for Consideration:

To consider the submission received from McMahon Mining Title Services in relation to the proposed differential rates for the 2021-2022 financial year.

and

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 24 June 2021, Council approved the advertising of the proposed differential rates for the 2021-2022 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 23 July 2021. The Shire of Cue received one submission in respect to the proposed differential rates, being from McMahon Mining Title Services. This is attached at [Appendix 1](#).

Comments:

The submission highlights that the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety has increased the rent rate for all mining tenements from 1.01% for mining leases to 3.45% for prospecting licenses. The rent rate being the valuation for which tenement valuations are based on and the rate in the dollar for rates revenue applied against. This in turn will increase the rates for mining tenements ranging from 3.7% for mining tenements up to 6.2% for prospecting tenements.

The proposed rates model for the 2021-2022 budget was prepared after the valuations for mining tenements for 2021-2022 have been incorporated into the rates modelling and the rate in the dollar reflects this being taken into account.

The rates proposed for the 2021-2022 financial year provides for a balanced budget with a 5.6% increase in rates raised for the previous year. Due to changes in rateable values from revaluations and changes to the number of properties held, the proposed rates will provide the Shire with a total of \$134,028 in additional rate

revenue. This is following no increase in rates revenue for the 2020 -2021 financial year, and a decrease in the UV mining rate in the dollar from \$0.30 cents to \$0.28334. This follows on from a nominal increase of 1.15% in rates revenue for the 2019 - 2020 financial year.

There is a noticeable increase in mining activity within the Shire of Cue that has occurred in recent years and will continue into the future. It is therefore necessary for Council to maintain its current level of services and facilities to the community to meet these demands. The increase in rates that has been applied across all categories enables the Shire to maintain its rates revenue in line with its Long Term Financial Plan.

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

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995, Part 6 – Division 6 – Subdivision 2, Categories of Rates and Service Charges.

Policy Implications:

Department of Local Government and Communities, Rating Policy, Differential Rates (s.6.33), March 2016.

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 revenue raised from rates will make up the budget deficiency and provide Council with a balanced budget for the 2021-2022 financial year.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027.

Consultation:

Glenn Boyes – Manager Finance

Officer's Recommendation:**Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority**

That Council

1. *Acknowledges the receipt of the submission received from McMahon Mining Title Services Pty Ltd attached at [Appendix 1](#).*
2. *Adopts the following rates for the 2021-2022 financial year.*

Rate Category	Minimum Rates \$	Rate in \$ (cents)
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	463.00	0.109067
GRV - COMMERCIAL	463.00	0.109067
GRV - VACANT LAND	463.00	0.109067
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	463.00	0.300000
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	463.00	0.290984
UV - PASTORAL	463.00	0.078631

3. *Make 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: 13072021 **Voting requirement: Absolute Majority**

MOVED: Cr Dennis **SECONDED: Cr Hogben**

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CARRIED: 4/0

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: 14072021

Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Dennis

SECONDED: Cr Hogben

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

CARRIED: 4/0

14.1 ROAD USER AGREEMENT – WESTGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue
 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
 AUTHOR: Richard Towell –Chief Executive Officer
 DATE: 23 July 2021

Matters for Consideration:

Approving the amendment to the road user agreement with Westgold Resources Limited.

Council Decision: 15072021 **Voting requirement: Simple Majority**

MOVED: Cr Price

SECONDED: Cr Dennis

That Council approve the amendment to the road user agreement with Westgold Resources Limited as follows.

Clause 3.3(b) has now reverted back to the following.

On each Review Date, the New Rate payable shall be a CPI adjusted Rate.

and

Insertion of clause 2.4:

Review of Agreement

In exercising the discretions or powers referred to in clause 2.3 above, the Shire may review the terms of this Agreement in consultation with the Road User on every third anniversary of the Agreement Date, including by seeking that its terms be amended as mutually agreed. If the Shire undertakes such a review, it must only do so following the service of written notice of any such proposed review on the Road User not less than sixty (60) days prior to such review.

CARRIED: 4/0

Council Decision: 16072021

Voting requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: Cr Price

SECONDED: Cr Hogben

That the meeting be re-opened to members of the public.

CARRIED: 4/0

15. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 7:15pm

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 17 August 2021

Signed:.....

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