



# **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**25 August 2020**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**A Special Meeting of the Shire of Cue**

**To be held on 25 August 2020**

**in the Council Chambers commencing at 6.30 PM**

**The purpose of the Meeting is to consider the following items:**

- **Considering the Local Government Act Review Report and WALGA's response.**

**Rob Madson**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**SHIRE OF CUE  
Special Council Meeting  
MINUTES**

Held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on  
Tuesday 25 August 2020 commencing at 6:30pm

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm.

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

**STAFF:**

Mr Rob Madson, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Richard Towell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**GALLERY:**

Nil

**2. APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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Councillor Liz Houghton

**3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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Nil

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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Nil

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Nil

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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Nil

**7. DEPUTATIONS**

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Nil

**8. PETITIONS**

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Nil

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

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Nil

**10. REPORTS**

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## 10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW REPORT

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue  
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil  
AUTHOR: Rob Madson - Chief Executive Officer  
DATE: 21 August 2020

### ***Matters for Consideration:***

For Council to provide direction on developing a response to the Local Government Review Panel recommendations.

### ***Background:***

The final report of the Local Government Review Panel outlines recommendations to guide the development of a new Local Government Act for Western Australia. The report, by the Local Government Review Panel, follows on from significant legislative reforms passed by State Parliament last year, including mandatory training and a new gift declaration framework for all elected members.

The panel made 65 recommendations for the proposed legislation that are intended to focus on:

- Future-proofing local governments and promoting healthy, connected and engaged local communities.
- Integrity, inclusive local democracy, efficient service delivery and enhanced accountability across the local government sector.

The Local Government Professionals WA Policy and Legislative Review Committee, chaired by Ian Cowie, has reviewed the recommendations and provides preliminary comment for members' information and to assist them in developing any response to the Minister.

The Association will examine those recommendations it has not previously considered having a position on and provide a response to members and the Minister in that regard.

### ***Comments:***

The attachment at [Appendix 1](#) outlines the review panel's recommendations, WALGA's position, The Local Government Professionals WA Policy and Legislative Review Committee preliminary comments and concerns raised regarding recommendations.

### ***Statutory Environment:***

*Local government Act 1995*

**Policy Implications:**

Shire of Cue Policy Manual

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Strategic Implications:**

Nil

**Consultation:**

Nil

7.10pm Mr Towell left the chambers

7.12pm Mr Towell returned to the chambers

7.54pm Mr Towell left the chambers

7.58pm Mr Towell returned to the chambers

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council provide direction on developing a response to the Local Government Review Panel recommendations.

**Council Decision:** 10082020

**Voting requirement:** Simple Majority

**MOVED: CR PRICE**

**SECONDED: CR DENNIS**

That Council provide direction on developing a response to the Local Government Review Panel recommendations to the Zone Delegates as detailed and discussed in [Appendix 1](#).

**CARRIED: 6/0**

**11. MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

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Nil

**12. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

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Nil

**13. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**

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Nil

**14. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED**

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Nil

**15. CLOSURE**

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The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 8.16pm

**To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 15 September 2020**

**Signed:.....**

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