



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

22 July 2019

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Shire of Cue

To be held on 22 July 2019

in the Council Chambers commencing at 6.00 PM

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

- 1. Setting of the Annual Rate in the Dollar for 2019-2020 Financial Year and apply to the Minister for Local Government to Impose Differential Rates.**

Rob Madson

Chief Executive Officer

**SHIRE OF CUE
Special Council Meeting
MINUTES**

Held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on
Tuesday 22 July 2019 commencing at 6:00pm

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

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 Fred Spindler

Councillor Liz Houghton

*via Telephone Conference

STAFF:

Mr Rob Madson, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Richard Towell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Janelle Duncan, Coordinator Community Development

GALLERY:

1.1 ATTENDANCE BY TELEPHONE CR HOGBEN

APPLICANT: Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
AUTHOR: Rob Madson –Chief Executive Officer
DATE: 22 July 2019

Matters for Consideration:

Attendance at the Special Council meeting by telephone

Background:

Cr Hogben has requested permission to attend the Special Council meeting of 22 July by teleconference

Comments:

Nil

Statutory Environment:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 - SECT 5.25

5.25 . Regulations about council and committee meetings and committees

(1) Without limiting the generality of section 9.59, regulations may make provision in relation to — ...

(ba) the holding of council or committee meetings by telephone, video conference or other electronic means; and ...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1996 - REG 14A

14A . Attendance by telephone etc. (Act s. 5.25(1)(ba))

(1) A person who is not physically present at a meeting of a council or committee is to be taken to be present at the meeting if —

(a) the person is simultaneously in audio contact, by telephone or other means of instantaneous communication, with each other person present at the meeting; and

(b) the person is in a suitable place; and

(c) the council has approved* of the arrangement.

(2) A council cannot give approval under subregulation (1)(c) if to do so would mean that at more than half of the meetings of the council, or committee, as the case may be, in that financial year, a person (other than a person with a disability) who was not physically present was taken to be present in accordance with this regulation.

(3) A person referred to in this regulation is no longer to be taken to be present at a meeting if the person ceases to be in instantaneous communication with each other person present at the meeting.

(4) In this regulation —

disability has the meaning given in the **Disability Services Act 1993 section 3**;

suitable place —

(a) in relation to a person with a disability — means a place that the council has approved* as a suitable place for the purpose of this paragraph; and

(b) in relation to any other person — means a place that the council has approved* as a suitable place for the purpose of this paragraph and that is located —

(i) in a townsite or other residential area; and

(ii) 150 km or further from the place at which the meeting is to be held under regulation 12, measured along the shortest road route ordinarily used for travelling;

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The cost of the telephone call will be borne by the Shire. Cr Hogben will be entitled to receive a meeting attendance fee

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Shire President – Cr Ross Pigdon

Officer's Recommendation:

Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority

1. *That Council approves of Cr Hogben's private office at his residence at 1 Calamar Place Woorree as a suitable place for the purposes of Regulation 14A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.*
2. *That Council grant approval for Cr Hogben to attend this meeting by instantaneous communications in the form of a teleconference.*

Council Decision:09072019

Voting requirement: Absolute Majority

MOVED: CR PRICE

SECONDED: CR HOUGHTON

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CARRIED: 5/0

6.01pm Cr Hogben joined the meeting via telephone.

2. APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Leonie Fitzpatrick

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

10. REPORTS

10.1 SETTING OF THE ANNUAL RATE IN THE DOLLAR FOR 2019-2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

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

Matters for Consideration:

To apply to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and The Arts for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.

Background:

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on 25 June 2019, Council approved the advertising of the proposed differential rates for the 2019-2020 financial year as required under *section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995*.

Submissions regarding the proposed differential rates and minimum payments close on 19 July 2019. The Shire of Cue has not received any submissions in respect to the proposed differential rates.

Comments:

The proposed rates model for the 2019-2020 budget has been prepared after the valuations for mining tenements for 2019-2020 have been incorporated into the rates modelling and the rate in the dollar reflects this being taken into account.

The rates proposed for the 2019-2020 financial year provides for a balanced budget with a 1.15% increase over rates raised last year. The increase is due mainly to an increase in the number of mining tenements and will provide an additional \$27,003 in revenue. This is following a nominal increase in rates revenue for the previous financial year.

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, 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 2019-2020 financial year.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027.

Consultation:

Rob Madson – Chief Executive Officer

Travis Bate – RSM Australia Pty Ltd

Officer's Recommendation:

Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority

That Council

1. Adopts the following rates for the 2019-2020 financial year.

Rate Category	Minimum Rates \$	Rate in \$ (cents)
GRV - RESIDENTIAL	451.00	0.1062
GRV - COMMERCIAL	451.00	0.1062
GRV - VACANT LAND	451.00	0.1062
GRV- M&T WORKFORCE FACILITIES	451.00	0.3000
UV - MINING TENEMENTS	451.00	0.3000
UV - PASTORAL	451.00	0.0843

2. Make application to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and The Arts for approval to impose differential general rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.

Council Decision: 10072019**Voting requirement: Absolute Majority****MOVED: CR HOUGHTON****SECONDED: CR HOGBEN***That Council*

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CARRIED: 6/0

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

Nil

15. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked those present for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 6.03pm.

To be confirmed at Ordinary Meeting on the 20 August 2019

Signed:.....

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