

**SHIRE OF MOORA**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA**  
**25 NOVEMBER 2020**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS****1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

*The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.*

**1.2 DISCLAIMER READING**

*No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora 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.*

**2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE****ATTENDANCE**

TL Lefroy	-	Presiding Member / President
SJ Gilbert	-	Deputy President
DV Clydesdale-Gebert	-	Councillor
EI Hamilton	-	Councillor
KM Seymour	-	Councillor
JM Thomas	-	Councillor
MR Holliday	-	Councillor
TG Humphry	-	Councillor
PF Nixon	-	Councillor
AJ Leeson	-	Chief Executive Officer
G Robins	-	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
JL Greay	-	Manager Engineering Services
NM Beard	-	Manager Community Development & Visitor Servicing
MM Murray	-	Executive Support Officer (minute taker)

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**5. PETITIONS / DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER**

The following Council associated engagements were attended;

Cr Lefroy, Shire President

26/10 ICMI board meeting, Wongan Hills

28/10 Meeting with Three Springs Shire President, Moora

29/10 Koojan Beef meeting

5/11 day with the WA Governor, Moora Shire

9/11 NAIDOC week flag raising ceremony

11/11 Remembrance Day wreath laying, Moora

23/11 Meeting with Moora Chamber chairperson re information bay

24/11 LEMC meeting

25/11 Cultural & Administrative Precinct Working Group meeting

Cr Gilbert, Deputy President

29/10 Koojan Beef meeting

5/11 Met with the Governor of WA, Council Chambers

9/11 NAIDOC week flag raising ceremony

11/11 Remembrance Day wreath laying, Moora

18/11 Sport & Recreation Working Group meeting

24/11 Moora Sub Regional Road Group meeting, Council Chambers

Cr Humphry

9/11 NAIDOC week flag raising ceremony

18/11 Sport & Recreation Working Group meeting

Cr Thomas

2/11 Meeting with Kerkhoff Carnaby Group

9/11 NAIDOC week flag raising ceremony

19/11 Frail Aged Lodge meeting

Cr Holliday

2/11 Meeting with Kerkhoff Carnaby Group

Cr Clydesdale-Gebert

18/11 Sport & Recreation Working Group meeting

Cr's Hamilton and Nixon

25/11 Cultural & Administrative Precinct Working Group meeting

## **8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **8.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 21 OCTOBER 2020**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*143/20 Moved Cr Holliday, seconded Cr Gilbert that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**CARRIED 9/0**

## **9. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **9.1 GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **9.1.1 LIST OF PAYMENTS AUTHORISED UNDER DELEGATION 1.31**

**REPORT DATE:** 18 November 2020

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**SCHEDULE PREPARED BY:** Alida Fitzpatrick, Creditors Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Accounts Paid Under Delegated Authority

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Payments have been made under delegated authority and a listing of these payments is attached for Council to note and endorse.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the December 2005 Ordinary Meeting of Council resolution 276/2005 delegated the authority of payments from Municipal and Trust Funds to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **COMMENT**

Accounts Paid under delegated authority are periodically presented to Council.

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Delegation 1.31 – Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.10

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 12 & 13.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known strategic implications associated with this proposal.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

##### **➤ Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Payments are in accordance with the adopted budget.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***144/20 Moved Cr Humphry, seconded Cr Nixon that Council notes and endorses the Payments from the Municipal and Trust Funds made under delegation 1.31***

<i>Municipal Fund</i>	<i>Cheques 62466 to 62468</i>	<i>\$3,254.00</i>
	<i>EFT 24041 to 24192</i>	<i>\$696,767.99</i>
	<i>Direct Debits 13359.5 to 13396.11</i>	<i>\$46,230.72</i>
	<i>[DD13396.7] Credit Card 04/02/20 to 02/03/20</i>	<i><u>\$3,218.60</u></i>
		<i>\$749,471.31</i>
<i>Trust Fund</i>	<i>Cheques 5543 to 5544</i>	<i><u>\$61.65</u></i>
		<i>Subtotal \$749,532.96</i>
<i>Nett Pays</i>	<i>PPE 13/10/20</i>	<i>\$100,353.85</i>
	<i>PPE 27/10/20</i>	<i><u>\$ 97,600.60</u></i>
		<i>\$197,954.45</i>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$947,487.41</u></b>

**CARRIED 9/0**

### **9.1.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**REPORT DATE:** 18 November 2020

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Martin Whitely, LG Corporate Solutions

**ATTACHMENTS:** Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended 31 October 2020

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To note and receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 October 2020.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Council is provided with monthly financial reports to enable monitoring of revenues and expenditures against the adopted budget.

**COMMENT:**

The Statement of Financial Activity for the Period Ended is provided as a separate attachment in Program format.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Clause 34

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Monitoring of actual revenues and expenditures against the adopted budget assists Council in being informed as to the financial health of the organisation.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environment**  
There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.
- **Economic**  
There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.
- **Social**  
There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Year to date income and expenditure is provided by program to enable comparison to 2019/20 adopted budget.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*145/20 Moved Cr Holliday, seconded Cr Humphry that Council notes and receives the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 October 2020.*

**CARRIED 9/0**

### **9.1.3 APPOINTMENT/NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS**

**FILE REFERENCE:** PL/DELI  
**REPORT DATE:** 17 November 2020  
**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Council last reviewed its appointments to Committees/Working Groups on 29 July 2020. There has been changes to the membership of Council as a result of Cr Ken Seymour's resignation from the office of Shire President on 21 October 2020. At the 21 October 2020 Council meeting Cr Tracy Lefroy was elected Shire President and Cr Steve Gilbert as Deputy President. It is recommended Council review the 'Appointments/Nominations to Committee's/Working Groups' which are appointed to the role/ position of President & Deputy President.

A list of the current appointments/nominations is below for review.

#### **Avon-Midland Country Zone WALGA**

Appointees - Shire President & Deputy President

#### **Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)**

Membership - Shire President (Chair), Chief Executive Officer, Manager Engineering Services, Community Emergency Services Manager plus representatives appointed by the LEMC Committee

Meets: Quarterly

#### **Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group**

Appointees - Shire President with proxy Cr Gilbert

Meets: Half Yearly in Northam

#### **Moora Sub Regional Road Group**

Appointees - Shire President with proxy Cr Gilbert

Meets: On demand / when required in Moora

#### **Local Government Grain Freight Group**

Appointee - Currently Cr Seymour as Avon-Midland Zone delegate

Meets: Quarterly at WALGA

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority Required

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***146/20 Moved Cr Holliday, seconded Cr Hamilton that Councils review of Appointments/ Nominations to Committee's/Working Groups be endorsed and updated as detailed;***

#### **Avon-Midland Country Zone WALGA**

Appointees - Cr Seymour & Shire President



**Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)**

Membership - Shire President (Chair), Chief Executive Officer, Manager Engineering Services, Community Emergency Services Manager plus representatives appointed by the LEMC Committee

**Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group**

Appointees - Deputy Shire President with proxy Shire President

**Moora Sub Regional Road Group**

Appointees - Deputy Shire President with proxy Shire President

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0**

The Local Government Grain Freight Group was removed as an appointment of Council, as Cr Seymour advised being a on the Group was by appointment of the Avon-Midland Country Zone.

**9.1.4 DOOKLING DRIVE, MILING - ASPHALT THRESHOLDS – (SPEED HUMPS)**

**FILE REFERENCE:** S/ROT1

**REPORT DATE:** 17 November 2020

**APPLICANTS/PROPONENT:** Miling Progress Association/ Miling Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 19/8/20 (103/20)

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Map; correspondence & quotation

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider a request from the Miling Progress Association to rescind resolution 103/20 from the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

*103/20 Moved Cr Lefroy, seconded Cr Hamilton that Council;*

- *Acknowledge the request of the Miling Progress Association to have the traffic thresholds on Dookling Drive removed and have electronic speed reduction signs erected in their place;*
- *Decline the request of the Miling Progress Association, noting that Council will monitor the performance of the traffic thresholds on Dookling Drive over the coming 12 months.*

**CARRIED 8/1**

**BACKGROUND:**

Correspondence has been received from the Miling Progress Association and the Miling Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade requesting the Asphalt Thresholds (Speed humps) be removed from Dookling Drive, Miling.

Cr Ken Seymour and the CEO attended a meeting, on invitation, of the Miling Progress Association in Miling on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. The main topic of the meeting was the speed humps with a number of questions from Miling Progress Association members put to the Chief Executive Officer and Cr Seymour.

Subsequent to the meeting, Miling Progress Association had written to Council requesting Council reconsider the matter and thereby rescind resolution 103/20, which in effect would authorise the removal of the speed humps constructed as part of the Dookling Drive upgrade

associated with the Miling By-Pass roadworks (Great Northern Highway Upgrade – realignment).

**COMMENT:**

In terms of the evolution of the Miling main street upgrade as part of the Great Northern Highway bypass of Miling, a lot of planning focussed on minimising the number of trucks entering the Miling main street, however encouraging trucks to utilise the Miling West Road and Richardson Street. (refer to map). This was a primary reason why Council lobbied to ensure that the Miling West Road / Richardson Street intersection remained open rather than terminating Richardson Street before the junction of Miling West Road which was what was initially proposed by Main Roads as part of the overall project.

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Council does not have a policy position in relation to this matter.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no known legislative requirements that directly relate to this request from the Miling Progress Association.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

**Outcome 3.3: A safe and reliable transport system.**

Strategy 3.3.1: Enhance the transport infrastructure in the Shire.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of removing the thresholds has been quoted at \$20,115 (Inc GST). Notwithstanding the decision of Council in relation to the request of the Miling Progress Association Council has not any funds allocated in 2020/2021 that Council fund the removal of the speed humps.

**SUMMARY:**

In the authors view in summary, it would be premature to remove the thresholds at this juncture given how short a time they have been installed and the limited time to assess the effect and performance of the thresholds. As the author I have concerns from a public liability standpoint should the speed humps be removed and there is a subsequent incident/accident as a result of errant driver behaviour e.g. speeding.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**147/20 Moved Cr Nixon, seconded Cr Humphry that Council acknowledge the letters received from Miling Progress Association and Miling Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade; and advise that Council declines their request to rescind resolution number 103/20 ‘that Council;**

- **Acknowledge the request of the Miling Progress Association to have the traffic thresholds on Dookling Drive removed and have electronic speed reduction signs erected in their place;**
- **Decline the request of the Miling Progress Association, noting that Council will monitor the performance of the traffic thresholds on Dookling Drive over the coming 12 months.’**

**CARRIED 8/1**

Cr Gilbert voted against the resolution.

**9.1.5 MILING VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE – LIGHT TANKER REQUEST – CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER**

**FILE REFERENCE:** LO/BUS2-3

**REPORT DATE:** 17 November 2020

**APPLICANTS/PROPONENT:** Miling Bush Fire Brigade

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Correspondence

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider a request from the Miling Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (MVBFB) to consider making a submission for a Light Tanker/Fire Appliance utility to be allocated to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer throughout the fire season.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over past years Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) have been allocating High Season light tankers (picture attached) to high risk bush fire areas in this region. During the off season these fire appliances are placed up north during their high fire season. Once the wet season commences up north and their risk diminishes these fire appliances are placed down in the Midwest and Wheatbelt regions.

The request of the MVBFB is for Council to make a submission to DFES to have a light tanker fire appliance permanently allocated to the Shire of Moora Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO).

**COMMENT:**

Whilst the author does not disagree with the request, it is unlikely to be approved purely from a basis a precedent and a fiscal resourcing perspective. It is likely a more feasible strategy in relation this this issue would be for DFES to continue to increase the fleet of light tanker fire appliances across the state holistically. The author is of the view that should a light tanker be permanently allocated to the Shire of Moora Chief Bush Fire Control Officer it is likely that every other local government across Western Australia would be requesting the same. On that basis in the authors view a request direct to DFES to fund a fire appliance permanently allocated to the Shire of Moora CBFCO is unlikely to be approved.

A stronger strategy with a view to increasing the overall fleet numbers of light tankers throughout these regions in high fire season would be a broader and unified approach from local governments in rural and regional areas to DFES. The basis of this approach could be to request DFES through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) to increase annual funding allocation for the purchase of additional high season light tanker fire appliances to be utilised by CBFCCO of local governments across Western Australia.

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Council does not have a policy position in relation to this matter.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Bush Fires Act 1954

#### **Local government may appoint bush fire control officer**

- (1) A local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of this Act, and of those officers shall subject to section 38A(2) appoint 2 as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject thereto may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it.
- (2A) The local government shall cause notice of an appointment made under the provisions of subsection (1) to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district.
- (2C) The local government shall fill any vacancy occurring in the office of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer within one month after the vacancy occurs and if the local government fails or neglects to do so within that time, the FES Commissioner may by notice in writing require the local government to appoint a person to the vacant office within one month after service on it of such notice.
- (2D) Where a local government that has been served with a notice pursuant to subsection (2C) fails or neglects to comply with the requirements of that notice, the FES Commissioner may appoint a person who is not employed in the Department to the vacant office.
- (2E) A bush fire control officer appointed by a local government under the provisions of this section shall be issued with a certificate of appointment by the local government or, if he is appointed by the FES Commissioner, by the FES Commissioner.
- (3) The local government may, in respect to bush fire control officers appointed under the provisions of this section, exercise so far as they can be made applicable the same powers as it may exercise in respect to its other officers, under the provisions of the Acts under which those other officers are appointed.
- (4) A bush fire control officer appointed under the provisions of this section shall, subject to such directions as may be given by the local government, and subject to this Act take such measures as appear to him to be necessary or expedient and practicable for —
  - (a) carrying out normal brigade activities;
  - [(b), (c) deleted]

- (d) exercising an authority or carrying out a duty conferred or imposed upon him by any of the provisions of Part III;
- (e) procuring the due observance by all persons of the provisions of Part III.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

#### **Outcome 5.1: Well-developed partnerships are evident and effective within the community.**

Strategy 5.1.1: Promote collaboration with other Councils on a local and regional level.

Strategy 5.1.2: Support strategic alliances, stakeholder forums and advisory committees and local town progress associations that assist with the development of the Shire.

#### **Outcome 5.2: Community leadership is encouraged and supported.**

Strategy 5.2.1: Develop an environment of support for existing and emerging community leaders

Strategy 5.2.2: Ensure there is transparency in all the activities of the elected members of council.

Strategy 5.2.3: Promote and sustain an environment of inclusiveness, equity and tolerance across the organisation and within community.

#### **Outcome 5.3: Partners in the government and private sectors understand the aspirations of the Moora Shire communities.**

Strategy 5.3.1: Invest appropriate resources to facilitate effective and coordinated advocacy for key Issues relevant to the Shire of Moora.

Strategy 5.3.2: Represent and promote the Shire in Regional, State and National forums.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

#### ➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

#### ➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

#### ➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost of a new Toyota Landcruiser – Light Tanker fitted as a firefighting appliance likely to cost in excess of \$110,000. Council does not have any funds allocated for such a purchase. Councils 2020/2021 Emergency Services levy Budgets does not have an allocation identified for the purchase of a fire appliance to be allocated permanently to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

### **SUMMARY:**

The authors view in summary, is to lobby DFES on a state-wide basis to increase funding to increase the pool of high season light tanker fire appliances that can be allocated to high fire season areas across the State, noting that funding of such should be through the Emergency Services Levy.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**148/20 Moved Cr Thomas, seconded Cr Seymour that Council:**

- 1. Note and thank the Miling Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for their correspondence;**
- 2. Advise that Council supports increasing the number of high season light tanker fire appliances across the regions of Western Australia;**
- 3. Advise that Council will make a submission to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) requesting that an appropriate level of funding is allocated through the Emergency Services Levy Budget annually which will enable DFES to increase the number of vehicles in the pool of high season light tanker fire appliances, which can be allocated to regional areas during the height of the fire season in both the northern and southern regions of Western Australia.**

**CARRIED 9/0**

**9.1.6 FIELD SOLUTIONS GROUP – WIRELESS WHEATBELT PROJECT**

**FILE REFERENCE:** ED/ICM1

**REPORT DATE:** 17 November 2020

**APPLICANTS/PROPONENT:** Field Solutions Group

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Correspondence

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider a request from the Field Solutions Group (FSG) who have requested Council to consider a cash contribution of up \$20,000 to the proposed Wireless Wheatbelt Project proposal. (letter attached)

**BACKGROUND:**

The project / proposal objectives in broad terms are;

- To deliver Affordable, Reliable and “Fit for Purpose” Broadband solutions to the Avon Valley and Central Midlands and in doing so, drive social and economic improvements throughout this region.
- To deliver mobile phone services, and provide the platform for Neutral Host operations, delivering the capability for Telstra, TPG, Vodafone and Optus mobile phone coverage.
- To encourage adoption of broadband technology in business and community environments through Digital Literacy Campaigns delivered via the community resource centre network to encourage a more rapid acceleration of GRP Growth in these regions due to digital connectivity.

**COMMENT:**

Initially the request from Field Solutions Group was premised on feedback from State Government whom had flagged that for the project to have a chance for success there would need to be a cash contribution from the respective local governments (Dalwallinu, Wongan Hills and Moora) toward the project. As such FSG wrote to the local governments requesting a cash contribution in addition to the in-principle support previously given to FSG.

The author was advised by Steve Mason on the 12 November 2020 that the Wheatbelt Wireless project application to the WA Government had been declined on the basis of insufficient cash contribution from the project proponent.

FSG have now pushed forward with their Federal Government funding application which was lodged on the 17 November 2020

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Council does not have a policy position in relation to this matter.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Local Government Act 1995

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

##### **Outcome 4.1: A strong and diversified economic base.**

Strategy 4.1.3: Continue to support Innovation Central Midlands Inc with a view to facilitating private investment towards key infrastructure and community projects.

##### **Outcome 5.1: Well-developed partnerships are evident and effective within the community.**

Strategy 5.1.1: Promote collaboration with other Councils on a local and regional level.

Strategy 5.1.2: Support strategic alliances, stakeholder forums and advisory committees and local town progress associations that assist with the development of the Shire.

##### **Outcome 5.3: Partners in the government and private sectors understand the aspirations of the Moora Shire communities.**

Strategy 5.3.1: Invest appropriate resources to facilitate effective and coordinated advocacy for key Issues relevant to the Shire of Moora.

Strategy 5.3.2: Represent and promote the Shire in Regional, State and National forums.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

##### ➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

##### ➤ **Economic**

The project would build capacity and strengthen the economic profile of this region.

##### ➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

FSG have requested Council to contribute up to \$20,000. Council has not set aside any funds in the 2020/2021 budget. Should the project be successful with the application from the federal Government Council could fund a cash contribution from the Economic Development Reserve Fund which has a balance of approximately \$142,000.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

***149/20 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Holliday that Council support the Wheatbelt Wireless Project with a contribution of \$20,000 funded from the Economic Development Reserve Fund contingent on the Field Solutions Group being successful with their funding application to the Australian Government “Regional Connectivity Program”.***

**CARRIED 9/0**

### **9.1.7 CARNABY’S COCKATOO SCULPTURE PROPOSAL – MOORA TOWN CENTRE**

**FILE REFERENCE:** CC/CCG1

**REPORT DATE:** 10 September 2020

**APPLICANTS/PROPONENT:** Shire of Moora

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** 21/10/2020 (132/20), 16/9/2020 (118/20)

**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Correspondence / Diagrams / Map

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider a request from the Kerkhoff Carnaby Group (KCG) Incorporated to approve in principle the erection of a pair of Carnaby’s Cockatoo Sculptures in the Moora Business District.

**BACKGROUND:**

Correspondence received by the Shire (attached) outlines clearly the proposal of the KCG. Agreement in sought from Council in principle for the proposal on the basis of;

- Overall concept;
- Location of the sculptures;
- Financial contribution from the Shire, specifically – Costs of any permits required, site preparation, ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs of the sculptures and any other incidental costs attributable to processing/permitting by the Shire.

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## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

***132/20 Moved Cr Seymour, seconded Cr Holliday that Council agree in principle to the proposal of the Kerkhoff Carnaby Group Incorporated for construction of two large Carnaby’s Cockatoo Sculptures in Moora noting;***

- *Location of sculptures to be determined in consultation between the Shire of Moora and the Kerkhoff Carnaby Group Incorporated;*
- *Further refinement and validation of costs associated with the proposal in respect of required permits, site preparation and any other incidental costs attributable relative to the construction phase of the sculptures;*
- *Further investigation and validation of costs in relation to maintenance and upkeep costs of the sculptures.*

**CARRIED 9/0**



**COMMENT:**

Information regarding the Carnaby's Cockatoo and its endemicity can be found at; <https://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/factsheet-carnabys-black-cockatoo-calyptorhynchus-latiostris>

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Council does not have a policy position in relation to this matter.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no known legislative requirements that directly relate to this request from the KCG.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Carnaby's Cockatoo are endemic across wide parts of the Wheatbelt. That said the KCG's profile has gained a degree of notoriety in recent years as a result of the Carnaby nest making initiative of Mr Walter Kerkhof.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:****➤ Environment**

There are no known environmental implications associated with this proposal.

**➤ Economic**

The proposal of the KCG proposal aims to strengthen the economic fabric of Moora through increased visitors and tourism through Moora. Defined project outcomes detailed in the submission include;

- Increased tourism;
- Increased education and awareness of importance of conservation of the Carnaby's Cockatoo;
- Recognise the efforts of the KCG with their nesting / breeding program;
- Increased cultural awareness in the community as a result of local Yued Noongar people's history associated with the Carnaby's Cockatoo and other natural features throughout the community and region.

**➤ Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Financial support through the planning and construction phase of the project from Council is requested to be in-kind associated with permits and earthworks. From the construction phase of the project Council has been requested to meet the ongoing maintenance costs associated with the sculptures. This cost is unknown.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council approve the location of the Carnaby Cockatoo Sculptures as depicted on the map attached to the Officers report considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 November 2020 noting;*

- Further refinement and validation of costs associated with the proposal in respect of required permits, site preparation and any other incidental costs attributable relative to the construction phase of the sculptures;
- Further discussion in order to determine overall size of sculptures;
- Further investigation and validation of costs in relation to maintenance and upkeep costs of the sculptures.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

***150/20 Moved Cr Nixon, seconded Cr Clydesdale-Gebert that item 9.1.7 ‘Carnaby’s Cockatoo Sculpture Proposal – Moora Town Centre’ lay on the table until further information forthcoming as per the requirements of Council resolution 132/20.***

**CARRIED 9/0**

### **9.1.8 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER (CESM) VEHICLE-CHANGEOVER – BUDGET AMENDMENT 2020/2021**

**FILE REFERENCE:** F/BUE1  
**REPORT DATE:** 19 November 2020  
**APPLICANTS/PROPONENT:** Chief Executive Officer  
**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** N/A  
**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil  
**AUTHOR:** Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Executive Summary from the CESM

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider an amendment to its 2020/2021 financial year budget to changeover the current Community Emergency Services Managers Vehicle.

There are a number of performance issues with the current vehicle which require rectification at considerable cost. The author is of the view it is better to change the vehicle over given its age and kilometres. Year 2017, kilometres 160,000.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The vehicle was to be changed over in 2020/2021, however Council held off changing over any fleet vehicles. The changeover of the current vehicle includes purchase of a new Bull Pod which is more workable and from an occupational health and safety perspective. This pod will be transferable from vehicle to vehicle in future changeovers. It is a standard fit of specification for vehicles of this nature/use.

#### **COMMENT:**

Refer to attached CESM Executive Summary

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Council does not have a policy position in relation to this matter.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

Bush Fires Act 1954

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no known significant strategic outcomes associated with this item.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:****➤ Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

**➤ Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

**➤ Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The changeover upgrade cost of a new vehicle is just under \$56,000. The upgrade of the vehicle is part of the annual contribution to the CESM position of which Council receives \$112,000 as part of the overall position budget of \$153,820 per annum. Operating and capital costs for the vehicle are approximately \$25,000 per annum.

It is proposed to amend the budget and fund the changeover from surplus funds from the changeover of the new refuse truck which came in under budget by \$60,000.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***151/20 Moved Cr Humphry, seconded Cr Seymour that Council amend the 2020/2021 financial year municipal budget to changeover the existing Community Emergency Services Manager Vehicle at a cost of \$56,000.***

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0**

## **10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING – 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

#### **10.1 MILING SPEED HUMPS / TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE – DOOKLING DRIVE**

The Committee directed the CEO to prepare a report for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 November 2020. **(Refer Item 9.1.4)**

#### **10.2 MOORA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE - LOCATION**

**FILE REFERENCE:** B/CDC1

**REPORT DATE:** 4 November 2020

**APPLICANTS/PROPONENT:** Shire of Moora

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** Gavin Robins, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

##### **PURPOSE:**

To recommend a site for the establishment of the regional early childhood development centre.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Shire has secured substantial Commonwealth Government funding that is being applied to the establishment of a regional early childhood development centre. Preliminary work has progressed to the point where it is necessary to make a formal decision as to the location of the Centre. There are two key options for the location of the centre, one of which is recommended by this report.

##### **COMMENT:**

The Shire has been in consultation with WALGA regarding the procurement of architectural, drafting, engineering and building services for this project. WALGA has signalled a tightening of the building market in which the Shire will compete due to substantial new mining and infrastructure projects currently being activated. These discussions highlight a need to conclude a procurement strategy and to accelerate the formalisation of contracts with suppliers. The determination of the Centre's location has become a priority, as a survey of the site is essential to provide the benchmark details for the drawings and specifications for tender documents.

##### **Issues**

There are two realistic options for the location of the Centre; the first is the existing site in Keane Street and the second is blocks 22 and 24 (Mickan's block) Padbury Street.

The Keane Street site is;

- well known and in relative proximity to both primary schools, although closer to Moora Primary School (MPS) which facilitates easy integration with some school activities for MPS parents;
- Proximity to the oval, skate park, river and town is an advantage when taking children out and about;

- Relatively quiet street, although parking is sometimes a problem.

In contrast, the Keane Street site:

- is a 60-year old building with serious structural problems already in need of remediation that will necessitate a temporary relocation of operations to complete repair works;
- is constrained by its existing location and surrounding buildings;
- the location of the new centre would require demolition and establishment of a temporary centre to enable continuity of services;
- is not regarded by existing institutions (schools) as a “neutral site”.

Blocks 22 and 24 Padbury Street (Henry Mickan’s block is 22 Padbury Street);

- are vacant sites that offer substantial scope and flexibility for current needs and future development;
- are regarded by the schools as “neutral and offering substantial scope”;
- provide significant scope to address car parking and traffic flow issues;
- are highly visible;
- resolve both new building transition and existing building repair issues;
- are sufficiently flexible to potentially allow other shared uses on the site;
- provide a resource to release capital if sold or provide an alternative option for a future development site.

Blocks 22 and 24 may limit future Council development options such as the development of a nature playground, the design and layout of the proposed Cultural and Administrative Precinct and require a relocation of the current overnight stop for caravanners.

Having regard to the considerations above, the preferred location for the Moora Early Childhood Development Centre is blocks 22 and 24 Padbury Street, Moora.

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

This proposal is consistent with Council’s policy of maximising the use of its real property assets, building a vibrant sustainable community and delivering high quality services within the community.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item at this time.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

This proposal is consistent with Council’s current strategic objectives.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

##### ➤ **Environment**

There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal at this time.

##### ➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal at this time, however, it should be noted that additional funding is being sought from numerous government agencies and other bodies to offset the cost of this project.

##### ➤ **Social**

There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal at this time.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

As noted above, there are significant financial implications associated with this proposal in the 2020/2021 budget. As noted, additional funding is being sought from numerous government agencies and other bodies to offset the cost of this project.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
(COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION)**

***152/20 Moved Cr Hamilton, seconded Cr Humphry that Council approve the construction of the Moora Early Childhood Development Centre on blocks 22 and 24 Padbury Street Moora.***

**CARRIED 9/0**

**10.3 LONG STREET SPEED ZONES**

Over the past few weeks Main Roads in consultation with the CEO and Manager of Engineering Services have been reviewing a request to have the speed zonings changed along Long Street (south of Drummond Street).

The CEO has previously circulated emails and relevant traffic count reports with commentary. Main Roads Northam (Wheatbelt Office) have advised today they are recommending the 50 kph zone and the 80 kph zone be pushed out. In effect the recommendations are

- the 50 kph zone will be extended to somewhere near Stack Street intersection and the 80 kph zone will be pushed out to somewhere around Daniel and Rhenice Wilkie's driveway. The southern portion of Long Street will be unrestricted.

The recommendations are not binding and are subject to approval of the Main Roads Perth office.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council request Main Roads to adjust the speed zone on Long Street Moora from the junction of Stack Street to the junction of Brown Street to 80 kph.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

***153/20 Moved Cr Holliday, seconded Cr Thomas that Council request Main Roads to extend the 80 kph speed zone on Long Street as far south as practicable past the driveway entry to Lot 73 Long Street, Moora.***

**CARRIED 9/0**

**10.4 GENERAL BUSINESS – GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The CEO raised the matter of general business and recording of matters raised. The CEO stated that he was of the view that only matters which required actioning should form part of the minutes.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

*That general business raised by Councillors at General Purpose Committee meetings be limited to such matters which require actioning, as against matters of general enquiry with staff of general updates on issues of interest.*

**\*\*\* Recommendation was not voted on based on advice from the Chief Executive Officer that it was better to retain the current format in the interests of openness and transparency.**

**11. ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**12. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL**

Nil

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

Nil

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

*There being no further business, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6.16pm.*

**CONFIRMED**

**PRESIDING MEMBER**