



Pilbara Country Zone

Minutes

27 April 2021

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Hosted by MS Teams, Videoconference

Tuesday 27 April 2021, commenced at 11:34 pm

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MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Karratha	Mayor Peter Long - Chair Mr Chris Adams, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Town of Port Hedland	Mayor Peter Carter Mr Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of East Pilbara	President Cr Lynne Craigie OAM Cr Anita Grace
Shire of Ashburton	President Kerry White Cr Linton Rumble (Deputy) Mr Kenn Donohoe, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Mayor Tracey Roberts, President (<i>arrived at 12.11pm</i>) Sebastian Davies-Slate, Policy Officer, Transport and Roads Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer
DLGSC Representative	Simone Fountain, Regional Manager, Pilbara
Guest Speaker	Garry Middle, Environmental Policy Advisor, WALGA
Guests	Engel Prendergast, Roadwise

APOLOGIES

City of Karratha	Cr Daniel Scott
Town of Port Hedland	Deputy Mayor Renae Coles
Shire of East Pilbara	Cr Anthony Middleton Mr Steven Harding, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
LGISWA	Jonathan Seth, Chief Executive Officer, LGISWA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS WITH THE AGENDA

1. Status Report
2. President's Report

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil

2. DEPUTATIONS

All Deputations have a time limit of 20 minutes, which includes questions time.

2.1 Climate Change Regional Alliances

Garry Middle, Environmental Policy Advisor provided a presentation on Climate Change Regional Alliances.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Peter Carter
Seconded: Cr Linton Rumble

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone held on 22 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1

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4.2 Status Report

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment.

Noted

5. ZONE BUSINESS

Nil

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State-Council-Agenda-5-May-2021](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Local Government Financial Ratios

That WALGA:

1. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 to prescribe the following ratios:
 - a. Operating Surplus Ratio,
 - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio,
 - c. Debt Service Coverage Ratio, and
 - d. Current Ratio.
2. Recommend that Local Governments consider including Asset Management ratios in their Annual Report.
3. Request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to review the Asset Management ratios in consultation with the Local Government sector.
4. Continue the Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group as a reference group for the development of a Model set of Financial Statements and Budget Statements, and to establish new financial indicators.

Pilbara Country Zone supports WALGA recommendation.

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5.2 Roads Asset Preservation Model Review

That WALGA:

1. Seek support from the WA Local Government Grants Commission to provide presentations on the inputs, operation of and outputs of the Road Asset Preservation Model at Zone or Regional Road Group meetings where requested.
2. Advocate to the WA Local Government Grants Commission to improve the formatting and labelling of the model and make it available via the Commission's website.

Pilbara Country Zone supports WALGA recommendation.

5.3 Western Australian Development Index

That the development and implementation of the Western Australian Development Index, led by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, be supported.

Pilbara Country Zone supports WALGA recommendation.

5.4 Review of the State Industrial Relations System

That WALGA:

1. Seek confirmation from the State Government on whether it intends to re-introduce legislation for Local Governments to operate solely in the State Industrial Relations System.
2. If the State Government reintroduces legislation to require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, continue to advocate for the State Government to:
 - a. Amend the Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA) to include additional provisions to modernise the State IR system; and
 - b. Provide adequate funding and resourcing to ensure Local Governments are equipped with the appropriate tools and training to enable a smooth transition.

Pilbara Country Zone supports WALGA recommendation.

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 New Regulations Update – Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates; and CEO Standards for Recruitment, Performance Review and Termination
- 6.2 State Election Campaign
- 6.3 Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

President Kerry White advised the Zone members that the Shire of Ashburton have become members to Astrotourism.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Kerry White
Seconded: Cr Linton Rumble

That the Pilbara Country Zone

1. **Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the May 2021 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2021 State Council Agenda.**

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 President's Report to the Zone

The WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts presented her Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Mayor Peter Long presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.4 Update by Department of Local Government Sports and Cultural Industries

Simone Fountain, Department of Local Government Sports and Cultural Industries representative was in attendance and provided an update to the Zone.

Noted

8.3 Topics for next meeting update by the DLGSC

The Zone at the last meeting requested further information on Juvenile Crime and Indigenous Youth matters. Further information is still being sought as advised by the Department of Local Government Sports and Cultural Industries representative and will be provided at the next Pilbara Country Zone meeting.

Simone advised that as the regular attendee of the Pilbara Country Zone meetings, at future meetings she can provide a regular update on the District Leadership Group (DLG) matters (request from Ashburton CEO Donohoe) and also provide the minutes from the DLG meetings for noting for the members of the Pilbara Zone as an attachment to the Zone Agenda.

Noted

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9. Topics for Discussion at Future Meetings

The Zone members expressed interest and updates where possible on the following topics for the next meeting:

- Quarantine Site in the Pilbara region, potential use of vacant FIFO camps
- Designated Area Migration Allowance visa program
- Criminal Responsibility Age Limit

Noted

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Kerry White
Seconded: Cr Linton Rumble

That the next ordinary meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone be held on 28 June 2021, hosted by City of Karratha, commencing at 11.30am.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.24pm.