



GVROC Council Meeting

Wednesday 28 August 2018
Via Teleconference, commencing at 9.00am

Minutes

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

Minutes of the Teleconference meeting of the GVROC Council that was held Wednesday 29 August 2018 commencing at 9.00am

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss business related to the activities of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils and to consider and provide advice to the WALGA State Council Representative, Cr Mal Cullen.

Walga State Council Representative CR Mal Cullen welcomed all Attendees to the Teleconference Meeting. Meeting commenced at 9.05 am

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Tracey Rathbone	Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie
Mr James Trail	CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Mrs Leanne Shilton	Shire of Coolgardie
Ms Laurene Bonza	President, Shire of Dundas
Mr Peter Crawford	A /CEO Shire of Dundas
Mr Barry Bayley	Councillor, Shire of Dundas
Mayor John Bowler	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr John Walker	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr Peter Naylor	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig	President Shire of Leonora
Mr Jim Epis	CEO, Shire of Leonora
Cr Greg Dwyer	President, Shire of Menzies
Ms Rhonda Evans	CEO, Shire of Menzies
Mr Colin Bastow	CEO, Shire of Wiluna
Cr Peter Grundy	Shire of Wiluna

3.2 Apologies

Cr Suzie Williams	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Jill Dwyer	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton

3.3 Guests Nil

3.4 WALGA Representatives

_Mr. Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services

4. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

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

4.1 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From Chair GVROC CEO Group

Background:

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

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

5.1 Local Government Act Review (05-034-01-0001 TB/JM)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Support the policy positions announced by the Minister for Local Government relating to phase 1 of the Local Government Act review process in relation to:
 - a. Acceptance and declaration of gifts;
 - b. Universal training;
 - c. Standards of behaviour;
 - d. CEO Recruitment and Performance;
 - e. Public notices and access to information; and,
 - f. Administrative efficiencies.
2. Seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA and Local Government Professionals WA now actively participate in the legislative drafting process to develop the Local Government Amendment Bill relating to Phase 1 of the Review;
3. Note the process for phase 2 of the Act review process and encourage Local Governments and Zones to provide input; and,
4. Acknowledge the timely progress of the Local Government Act Review and the Minister for Local Government's ongoing prioritisation of the Review within his portfolio of responsibilities.

GVROC COMMENT:

- Discussion was held on when a workshop could be organised to undertake a review for phase 2.

GVROC support 5.1 Local Government Act Review (05-034-01-0001 TB/JM)

Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie
Seconded: John Bowler – City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Carried

5.2 Stop Puppy Farming – Local Government Consultation (05-034-01-0001 JM)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming;
2. Acknowledges the benefit of mandatory de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes;
3. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;
4. Supports the introduction of compulsory registration of dog breeders;
5. Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements; and
6. Supports the transition of pet shops to adoption centres.

GVROC COMMENT:

- There should be an exemption for Livestock working dogs
- Centralised system is needed
- Tightening of compliance for Rangers
- GVROC acknowledges the benefit of desexing however it is very expensive
- GVROC would like the Government to focus on the puppy farming act only

GVROC supports 5.2 Stop Puppy Farming – Local Government Consultation (05-034-01-0001 JM)

Moved: T Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie
Seconded: Peter Grundy – Shire of Wiluna
Carried

5.3 Interim Submission on Green Paper – Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a Strategically Led System (05-047-02-0015 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Independent Planning Reform Team’s Green Paper - *Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a strategically-led system*, be endorsed.

GVROC supports 5.3 Interim Submission on Green Paper – Modernising WA’s Planning System Concepts for a Strategically Led System (05-047-02-0015 VJ)

Moved: Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora
Seconded: T Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie
Carried

5.4 Regional Health Services in Western Australia – Survey of Local Governments (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

WALGA Recommendation

That the recommendations of the *WALGA Regional Health Services in Western Australian Survey of Local Governments* be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No comment

GVROC supports 5.4 Regional Health Services in Western Australia – Survey of Local Governments (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

Moved: T Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie,
Seconded: L Bonza, Shire of Dundas
Carried

5.5 WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

WALGA Recommendation

That the WA Food-borne Illness Reduction Strategy be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No comment

GVROC supports 5.5 WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

Moved: T Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie,
Seconded: L Bonza, Shire of Dundas
Carried

5.6 Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission (05-086-03-0004 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the recommendations of the *WALGA Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission* be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT:

- GVROC would rather leave it to State advocacy and support. Local Government will support in raising awareness without being actively involved in the process

GVROC supports 5.6 Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission (05-086-03-0004 KD)

Moved: John Walker, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Seconded: T Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie
Carried

5.7 Vehicle Emissions (05-028-03-0004 MM)

WALGA Recommendation

- 1. Supports the consideration, where possible, of vehicle emissions during planning, designing and construction of large scale infrastructure projects.**
- 2. Supports the consideration of vehicle emissions during the process of purchasing new fleet, in addition to fleet policies.**
- 3. Supports the consideration of policies that facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.**
- 4. Advocates to the proposed Infrastructure Western Australia body, when it is established by the State Government, to consider vehicle emissions as part of the assessment process and cost-benefit analysis for projects.**
- 5. Advocates to Infrastructure Australia to consider vehicle emissions such as particulate matter, other than greenhouse gas emissions, during the assessment of projects.**
- 6. Advocates to State Government for the broader implementation of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 'CleanRun' roadside emissions monitoring program, as a behaviour change initiative which has the potential to reduce fuel consumption.**

GVROC does not support 5.7 Vehicle Emissions (05-028-0004 MM)

5.8 Interim Submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions (05-036-03-0020 NM)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC support

**Moved: T Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie
Seconded: P Grundy, Shire of Wiluna
Carried**

5.9 Interim Submission on Proposed new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines (05-014-01-0002 MD)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's interim submission to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions supporting the new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT:

- Walga lobbies that any new introduction to new regulations will have no impact on mining.
- Any provisions to be done with consultation with the Mining and Agricultural sector
- This needs to be added to the submission from the Goldfields

GVROC supports Interim Submission on Proposed new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines (05-014-01-0002 MD)

Moved: J Walker, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Seconded: P Grundy, Shire of Wiluna
Carried

5.10 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting (01-003-02-0003 TL)

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. The Motions passed by the 2018 Annual General Meeting be noted; and,
2. Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant State Council Policy Teams for action.

GVROC COMMENT:

- Chair suggested that any agenda items to be forwarded to the CEO group Chair for any elected members with urgent issues.

GVROC supports 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting (01-003-02-0003 TL)

Moved: L Bonza, Shire of Dundas
Seconded: T Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie
Carried

4.2 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Noting/Information

- 6.1 State and Local Government Partnership Agreement - Update (04-001-03-0001 TL)
- 6.2 Strata Titles Amendment Bill 2018 and the Community Titles Bill 2018 (05-047-01-0011 CH)
- 6.3 Bicycle Share Schemes (05-005-03-0009 MM)
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

No Comments on the above

Moved: Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Seconded: Peter Grundy, Shire of Wiluna

4.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports**7.1 Key Activity Reports**

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB)

GVROC Comments

Picked up on the strategy Meeting held on Local Government Week on Lithium. Focus is on Kwinana. Goldfields Esperance Region not being taken seriously enough given the significance of the Resources in the region

Not being taken Serious enough

Tony Brown was going to take back concerns to the working group

Region needs to draw a line in the sand and fight for the significance of Lithium in the region

John Walker to circulate copy of letter to The State Government's Lithium and Energy Materials Industry Strategy for Western Australia – requested to be brought to the attention of WALGA

5. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting**6. FUTURE MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS**

- Friday 21 September 2018 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Thursday 11 and Friday 12 October 2018 – a regional meeting of the GVROC Council hosted by the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Arrangements have commenced for this regional meeting
- Friday 30 November 2018 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 5 December 2018 (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Friday 7 December 2018 an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined); and
- Friday 1 February 2019 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance.
- in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.05am

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