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Council Meeting

Friday 19 June 2015
In-Person Meeting
Councillors Conference Room, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
commencing at 9.30am

MINUTES

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

An in-person meeting of the GVROC Council to be held Friday 19 June 2015
commencing at 9.30am

MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, Councillors and CEOs must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they may have in a matter before the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors, CEOs and Deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

2. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In opening the meeting at 9.30am, the Chair welcomed Cr Keith Dunlop, President Shire of Ravensthorpe, and Mr Mike Fitzgerald, A/CEO Shire of Menzies, to their first GVROC Council Meeting.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Mayor Ron Yuryevich (Chair)
Cr Suzie Williams
Mr Don Burnett
Cr Mal Cullen
Cr Tracey Rathbone
Mr Paul Webb
Cr Jacquie Best
Mr Richard Brookes
Cr Malcolm Heasman
Cr Beverley Stewart
Mr Matthew Scott
Cr Patrick Hill
Mr Graham Stanley
Cr Peter Craig
Mr Jim Epis
Cr Greg Dwyer
Mr Mike Fitz Gerald
Cr Keith Dunlop
Mr Ian Fitzgerald
Cr Ian Goldfinch
Cr Jim Quadrio

Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
President, Shire of Coolgardie
Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie
CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
President Shire of Dundas
CEO Shire of Dundas
President, Shire of Esperance
Councillor, Shire of Esperance
CEO, Shire of Esperance
President, Shire of Laverton
A/CEO, Shire of Laverton
President Shire of Leonora
CEO, Shire of Leonora
President, Shire of Menzies
A/CEO, Shire of Menzies
President, Shire of Ravensthorpe
CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
President Shire of Wiluna

3.2 Apologies

Cr Shaneane Weldon, Deputy President Shire of Laverton
Mr Steve Deckert, CEO Shire of Laverton
Cr Graham Harris, Deputy President, Shire of Wiluna
Ms Andrea Nunan, CEO Shire of Wiluna

Mr Bruce Wittber, Joint Executive Officer

3.3 Guests

Nil

3.4 WALGA Representative

Mr Zac Donovan, Executive Manager Finance and Marketing

4. GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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| 5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS |
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5.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Monday 4 May 2015 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Monday 4 May 2015 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Monday 4 May 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Cullen** **Seconded: Cr Hill**

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Monday 4 May 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising from Meetings of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) - GVROC Status Report as at 10 June 2015 (Attachment)

Additional Meeting Comment:

In discussing the Status Report, Member Councils made the following comments/decisions:

6.5 Arranging a Meeting with the Minister for Police

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Richard Brookes* *Seconded: Stephen Deckert*

That the matter lie on the table.

CARRIED

It was agreed that a further request to meet with the Minister for Police be made.

6.1 Presentation on the Communication System "Whispir"

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Richard Brooks* *Seconded: Matthew Scott*

That representatives from Telstra be invited to a meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to demonstrate on the communication system "Whispir".

CARRIED

It was agreed that no further action be taken on this matter,

9.4 Women's Leadership Program - Women's Leadership Grant

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulders advised that GVROC had been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Status Report as presented be received.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Quadrio** **Seconded: Cr Stewart**

That the GVROC Status Report as presented be received.

CARRIED

5.3 Matters for Noting (Attachments)

The following papers are presented for noting:

- Report from Mandi Warry, Manager Goldfields Tourism Network, on the CMCA Rally - Murray Bridge, South Australia - April 2015;
- Minutes from the Goldfields Esperance District Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9 June 2015;
- Goldfields Esperance District Emergency Management Committee Business Plan 2015-2016; and
- WA Contingency Plan for a Major Rail Crash (East of Kalgoorlie) (involving many casualties) December 2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the papers detailed in Item 5.3 be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Cullen

That the papers detailed in Item 5.3 be noted.

CARRIED

6. GVROC FINANCE

6.1 Financial Statements for 31 May 2015 and Accounts for Payment (Attachment)

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 7 June 2015

Attachments: GVROC Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2015

Background:

Presenting the unaudited financial statement for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 May 2015 and the accounts for payment for the period 16 April 2015 to 5 June 2015

Financial Statement:

The Executive Officer provides the following comment:

1. Account 501 - Members subscriptions – all paid;
2. Account 502 – Members subscriptions Goldfields District Display – see previous note
3. Accounts 1513 and 1514 – Executive Officer Services – there has been a delay in the Executive Officer forwarding accounts for payment during the current financial year however the accounts will be brought up to date for payment by the 30 June 2015.
4. Account 512 - Project General Contributions;
5. Account 515 - DLG Grant Asset Management – these funds have been transferred from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
6. Account 1836 – Sponsorship Goldfields District Display – expenditure to assist the preparation of the Royal Show District Display; and
7. Account 1848 – DLG Asset Management Business Case – this project is being managed by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the payment is a reimbursement of expenses incurred by the City in undertaking the project.

Accounts Paid:

| Cheque | Date | Payee | For | Amount incl GST |
|--------------|--------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| EFT | 160415 | Up to Date Accounting | Accounting Services – March 2015 | 158.40 |
| EFT | 220415 | Kott Gunning | Legal Opinion Shire of Laverton GRV Application | 8,989.20 |
| EFT | 110515 | Up to Date Accounting | Accounting Services – April 2015 | 184.80 |
| EFT | 020615 | BHW Consulting | Professional Services August 2014 to October 2014 | 11,866.52 |
| EFT | 020615 | BHW Consulting | Professional Services November 2014 | 3,440.25 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$24,639.14 |

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 May 2015, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 16 April 2015 to 5 June 2015 totalling \$24,639.14 be approved.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mr Fitzgerald Seconded: Cr Cullen

- 1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 May 2015, as attached, be received.**
- 2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 16 April 2015 to 5 June 2015 totalling \$24,639.14 be approved.**

CARRIED

6.2 GVROC 2015/2016 Budget

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 7 June 2015

Attachments: Draft 2015/2016 GVROC Budget

Background:

Presenting the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) Draft Budget for 2015/2016

The budget also includes allocations relating to the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone and Goldfields Esperance Regional Collaborative Group funds. The draft budget, as presented, is effectively a combined GVROC, Goldfields Esperance Country Zone and Goldfields Esperance Regional Collaborative Group budget.

The GVROC MOU provides that Annual Contributions will be determined by the GVROC Council.

Executive Officer Comment:

The following notes may assist in considering the draft Budget:

1. The annual subscription is proposed to be maintained at the current level of \$11,000 (excl GST) per Member Council as there is currently a surplus in the GVROC accumulation account.
2. During 2013/2014 the GVROC agreed to change the funding level for the support of the Goldfields District Display. The new arrangement was implemented in 2013/2014 and is proposed to be maintained in 2015/2016. The contributions for 2014/2015 were:
 - City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder - \$5,700.00
 - Shire of Coolgardie – \$2,200.00
 - Shire of Dundas - \$2,200.00
 - Shire of Laverton - \$2,200.00
 - Shire of Leonora - \$2,200.00
 - Shire of Menzies - \$2,200.00
 - Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku - \$2,200.00
 - Shire of Wiluna - \$2,200.00

All amounts exclude GST.

As there is an estimated surplus in the restricted funds for this project of only \$1,600 as at the 31 May 2015, the amount required from Member Councils has been increased slightly to take maintain the level of sponsorship at \$24,000 and to also retain a small surplus.

On this basis, the amount per contributing Member Council would be as follows:

- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder - \$6,500
- Shire of Coolgardie – \$2,500.00
- Shire of Dundas - \$2,500.00
- Shire of Laverton - \$2,500.00
- Shire of Leonora - \$2,500.00
- Shire of Menzies - \$2,500.00
- Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku - \$2,500.00
- Shire of Wiluna - \$2,500.00

All amounts exclude GST.

3. Interest accrued on general operating GVROC funds – the amount has been reduced from the 2014/2015 actual due to a declining interest rate.

4. Interest accrued to the DLGC Grant for asset management implementation and is required to be accounted separately and added to the grant.
5. The allocation related to the GVROC Executive Officer services.
6. An allocation to meet the cost of meeting room hire for any meetings that may be held in Perth. During Local Government Week no cost is incurred when using a meeting room at the Convention Centre however the GVROC may decide to meet elsewhere at Local Government Week 2015.
7. Cost of holding meetings by teleconference. This amount varies depending on how many meetings are held via this method.
8. An allocation to meet the cost of food and beverages at meetings. The main cost is related to meetings held during Local Government Week but there is also an allowance should GVROC wish to meet the cost of some dinner functions.
9. This allocation covers the cost of the Executive Officer managing the GVROC finances through the outsourced provider.
10. Following the decision to outsource the financial management of GVROC it was also agreed to undertake an annual audit of the books of account. This allocation meets that cost. An allocation for the completion of acquittals of various grant programs is also included.
11. An annual subscription of \$2,500 (excl GST) for each Member Council that gives flexibility to undertake special projects or consultancies. It should be noted that the GVROC accumulation account is estimated to have a surplus of about \$30,000 at the 30 June 2015.
12. An allocation to enable the GVROC to undertake special projects or consultancies.
13. The expenditure associated with the Digital Action Plan project.
14. Contribution to the Goldfields District Display which has been retained at a contribution of \$24,000.
15. Expenditure on the DLGC Asset Management Project. The allocation includes accumulated interest.

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Council adopt the Draft Budget for the year ending 30 June 2016, as circulated, with the following contributions:

1. the general annual contribution for each Member Council be set at \$11,000 (excluding GST);
2. a contribution of \$2,400 (excl GST) from each of the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku and Wiluna and \$6,500 (excl GST) from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for sponsorship of the Royal Show Goldfields District Display; and
3. a contribution of \$2,500 (excl GST) from each Member Council be set for GVROC general projects.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Heasman Seconded: Cr Williams

That the GVROC Council adopt the Draft Budget for the year ending 30 June 2016, as circulated, with the following contributions:

1. the general annual contribution for each Member Council be set at \$11,000 (excluding GST);
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3. a contribution of \$2,500 (excl GST) from each Member Council be set for GVROC general projects.

CARRIED

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| 7. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY - FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS |
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7.1 Financial Statement for the Period ending 31 May 2015 (Attachment)

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Yvette Hargreaves, Manager Goldfields Records Storage Facility
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 11 June 2015

Attachments: Unaudited financial statement for the period ending 31 May 2015

Executive Officer Comment:
Nil

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 May 2015, as attached, be received.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Craig** **Seconded: Cr Hill**

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 May 2015, as attached, be received.
2. That the progress report on the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the period ending 31 May 2015 be noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Progress Report for Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the Period Ending 31 December 2014

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Yvette Hargreaves, Manager Goldfields Records Storage Facility
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 11 June 2015

Attachments: Monthly Income Chart April-May 2015

Background:

A progress report on the Goldfields Records Storage's (GRS) operations for April and May 2015 has been provided by Ms Yvette Hargreaves, the Facility's Manager. Points to note include:

- GRS now have 2865 boxes in storage and 70 Clients. Since the last report to GVROC GRS has 4 new clients. All clients utilise the GRS' destruction service. One client makes use of its storage facility.
- This quarter the GRS destroyed nil boxes, 33 bins and took in 5 new boxes for storage.
- Business during April and May was quiet, which seems to be the trend. June looks to being far busier.

A monthly income chart for the period April-May 2015 also forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

Nil

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the progress report on the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the period ending 31 May 2015 be noted.

Refer to Agenda Item 7.1

8. GVROC Memorandum of Understanding

8.1 Signing of the WE-ROC Memorandum of Understanding

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 19 June 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

As Member Councils are aware, the current GVROC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) expires on 30 June 2015.

At the WE-ROC Council Meeting held on Monday 4 May 2015 it was resolved as follows.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Cr Dwyer

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be:

- 1. Re-signed without amendment; and*
- 2. Reviewed every two years after the local government elections, with the next review of the MOU to be undertaken in October 2017.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

The MOU is presented for signing. Once signed the MOU will be bound and a copy forwarded to all Member Councils.

Consultation: Nil

Financial Implications: As per the MOU and the GVROC annual Budget once adopted

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the signing of the GVROC Memorandum of Understanding be noted.

Noted

9. GVROC BUSINESS**9.1 Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project**

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Ryan Wilson Sustainability Officer, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 5 June 2015

Attachments: Update on projects provided by Ryan Wilson Sustainability Officer, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Background:

Work around GVROC's renewable energy and energy efficient projects has going.

A copy of the latest progress report on the projects from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Sustainability Officer, forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment required.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the update on the GVROC regional energy projects be received.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Dwyer** **Seconded: Cr Best**

That the update on the GVROC regional energy projects be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Development of a Nuclear Waste Disposal Site within the Goldfields Esperance Region

Reporting Officer: Andrea Nunan, Shire of Wiluna
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 14 May 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Kalgoorlie on Monday 4 May the Shire of Wiluna requested that the matter of the development of a nuclear waste dump site within the region be listed for discussion at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held Friday 19 June 2015.

The Shire of Wiluna will lead the discussion on this matter.

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment required.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for Member Councils consideration.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Hill** **Seconded: Cr Quadrio**

That the matter of supporting the development of a nuclear waste dump site within the region be left to individual Member Councils for decision.

CARRIED

9.3 WA Regional Achievement and Community Awards

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 14 May 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The Regional Achievement and Community Awards in New South Wales/ACT, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia have become the most sought-after, prestigious and publicly recognised regional awards program in each of these States/Territories.

Sponsored in Western Australia by the Department of Regional Development, the aims and objectives of the Regional Achievement and Community Awards are to encourage, acknowledge and pay tribute to individuals, communities, businesses and groups who are making a significant contribution to regional and rural areas. To quote from the awards website the Awards "... applaud and encourage those working in rural and regional areas helping to support, and enhance social, economic, commercial or environmental prosperity of their region. Awards such as these create an opportunity to say thank you to businesses, community groups and individuals who work tirelessly in developing their chosen fields of endeavour."

There are a number of awards are made annually.

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder believes that GVROC should submit an entry either for the Horizon Power Leadership and Innovation Award or the Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award.

The Horizon Power Leadership and Innovation Award is awarded to those who demonstrate qualities that establish them as individuals or groups "who are the 'driving force' in their community. These leaders are at the forefront of community contribution in their field of endeavor.

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder believes that GVROC's work around its Solar PV and LED Streetlight Project would make it a worthy recipient of this award.

The Horizon Power Leadership and Innovation Award is to acknowledge role models who through their innovation, leadership and driving force, pave the way for others to follow.

Applications for this award must according to the awards website must:

- Describe the leadership and innovation skills and how they benefit the community
- How and who in the community has benefited from the leadership contribution and achievements
- Impact and outcomes of the contribution
- Support and funding
- Degree of difficulty and how barriers may have been overcome
- Hours contributed (paid and/or unpaid)
- Profile of projects or work undertaken/achieved
- How has the contribution increased state pride/development
- Creativity, innovation and entrepreneurial skills
- Sustainability of the leadership work, project or contribution
- 100 word summary of achievements for media, judging and promotional material including for use on the Awards night

The Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award provides recognition for groups and organisations that make a significant contribution to their community, creating community spirit, pride and bringing residents together.

The award website notes that "... these community groups and organisations show a strong bond in uniting the township or city, sharing a common purpose in strengthening the social fabric of their

community. This award will also reward strategic development and initiatives for the care of seniors, volunteers, children and families.”

Applications for this award must according to the awards website must:

- Describe the community group’s/organisation’s initiatives/development
- How long have the community development programs been in operation
- Short and long term community objectives
- How many residents are involved
- Source of funding (if applicable)
- Barriers or difficulties and how they have been overcome
- Hours contributed (paid and/or unpaid)
- Impact of the project/s - demonstrated benefits to the community
- Examples of planning and management
- 100 word summary of achievements for media, judging and promotional material including for use on the Awards night

That GVROC submit an application for recognition of the work it has undertaken across the region in the 2015 Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

Nominations opened on Tuesday 19 May 2015 and close on Friday 7 August 2015

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment required.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC submit an application for recognition of the work it has undertaken across the region in the 2015 Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Best Secoded: Cr Cullen

That GVROC submit an application for recognition of the work it has undertaken across the region in the 2015 Regional Achievement and Community Awards, submitting applications for both the Horizon Power Leadership and Innovation Award and the Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award.

CARRIED

9.4 Wild Dog Control across the GVROC Region

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| Reporting Officer: | Paul Webb, CEO Shire of Coolgardie Helen Westcott, Executive Officer |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil |
| Date: | 28 May 2015 |
| Attachments: | Report 23 Standing Committee on Public Administration Report on Recreational Hunting Systems |

Background:

Councils across the GVROC region are all, though to varying degrees, impacted by the problem of wild dogs.

The CEO Shire of Coolgardie in examining ways to address the problem within his Shire has been researching possible solutions, both for the Shire of Coolgardie and potentially for the region as a whole. As such, the Shire has requested that the issue of wild dog control be listed for discussion at the GVROC Council Meeting.

The Sporting Shooter Association Australia (SSAA) runs a program where recreational shooters with land owner permission will come out and "hunt out" feral animals. With pastoral industry viability severely constrained because of the large numbers of wild dogs across the pastoral region, the Shire of Coolgardie believes there may be merit in GVROC meeting with representatives from the SSAA to discuss whether such programs might be of value across the GVROC region.

In addition to the above, the Shire of Coolgardie would also like to draw Member Councils attention to the Standing Committee on Public Administration Report on Recreational Hunting Systems, a copy of which forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

The Standing Committee on Public Administration commenced an inquiry into recreational hunting in Western Australia in late 2013. The inquiry's terms of reference were:

That the Council –

- a) acknowledges the use in other States of regulated, licensed recreation hunting systems and the potential environmental contribution made in controlling pest animals on public lands, together with the possible economic, cultural and recreational benefits to the community; and
- b) directs that –
 - (i) the Public Administration Committee inquire into the benefits or otherwise of a similar system being adopted in Western Australia and report back to the House by 4 December 2014; and
 - (ii) Hon Rick Mazza be co-opted as a member to the Public Administration Committee for the purposes of the foregoing inquiry.

The Committee tabled its report into Parliament earlier this year. One of the Committee's major recommendations was that the Government should introduce a two-year trial of recreational hunting on public land in Western Australia, taking into consideration the following issues:

- native title and legislative requirements;
- carrying out a thorough risk management assessment;
- measuring the impact on feral animal numbers;
- measuring the impact on the local economy and tourism in nearby areas; and
- implementing an online booking and GPS tracking system following the New South Wales model.

It also recommended that the trial should be located in two separate areas, such as a reclaimed pastoral station in the Mining and Pastoral region and a state forest in the South West land division.

The Shire of Coolgardie believes that GVROC should consider supporting a trial at a location within the GVROC region.

Executive Officer Comment:

The CEO Shire of Coolgardie will provide further information on this matter.

The Shire is seeking other Member Councils support for developing innovative solutions to the wild dog problem across the GVROC region.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Cullen Seconded: Cr Goldfinch

That an invitation be extended to Hon Liz Behjat MLC, Chair Standing Committee on Public Administration, to meet with GVROC at its August Meeting to discuss the Committee's report into recreational hunting in Western Australia.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Goldfinch Seconded: Cr Hill

1. That GVROC call on the State Government to establish a management authority, funded through Royalties for Regions, to oversee the control and management of feral animals and declared plants outside the agricultural regions thereby preventing them from becoming established within the agricultural regions.
2. Request that WALGA look to establishing a policy forum to investigate the problems being faced by local governments across the State with respect to the management and control feral animals and declared plants.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.58am

The meeting resumed at 11.08am

9.5 dTIMS Hosting and Support by Talis Consulting for the Goldfields Regional Road Group

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| Reporting Officer: | Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Helen Westcott, Executive Officer |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil |
| Date: | 4 June 2015 |
| Attachments: | dTIMS Hosting and Support. A scope and costing for the provision of a service for dTIMS implementation, hosting supports and knowledge sharing by Talis Consulting solutions for the Goldfields Regional Road Group. |

Background:

As Member Councils are aware the issue of reductions in regional road group funding has been an issue under discussion over the past little while.

At a Technical Session of the Goldfields Regional Road Group (GRRG) held in May this year a proposal prepared by Talis Consulting to offer support to the GRRG through the provision of a tool that will assist in calculating the best distribution and use of available funds for road maintenance and renewal. It is intended that the tool will assist individual Councils in preparing forward works programme that make best use of the regional road group funding.

The GRRG considers that implementation of dTIMS Hosting may offer a means for the region to regaining its full share of State road funding as it is hoped that the results of implementing dTIMS Hosting will demonstrate need across the region.

Executive Officer Comment:

Page 15 of the project scoping and costing report details costings per Council over the three years of the project's duration. The cost per Council per year is \$19,059 (exc GST). This fee is based on all Councils within the GRRG participating in the project. Fees would need to be recalculated if fewer Councils "signed up".

The Executive Officer believes the project has merit.

The successful implementations of dTIMS Hosting is, however, predicated on Member Councils committing to the provision of data when requested by Talis Consulting. Provision of data and support by Member Councils in other asset management projects has been problematic on occasions. This as an issue that would have to be resolved before participating could be considered by GVROC.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Williams Seconded: Cr Dwyer

That the matter of the proposal prepared by Talis Consulting be referred back to the Goldfields Regional Road Group.

CARRIED

9.6 Opportunity for the Office of Bushfire Risk Management to meet with the GVROC technical Officers Working Group

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 6 June 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

Bruce Telfer, Analysis and Reporting Manager Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM), emailed the Executive Officer on Tuesday 6 June 2015 seeking an opportunity to facilitate a presentation to Member Councils at which he will outline a project in regard to the Permit to Burn process.

By way of background, during 2013/2014, OBRM conducted a trial for a Permit to Burn document that assisted in identifying and managing the risks associated with prescribed burning activities. Feedback was sought from those stakeholders engaged with the trial which was consolidated into a report. That information was then provided to all local governments seeking opinion in regard to the current situation within their own jurisdiction and as to whether they would be interested in participating in any further reviews of the permit system.

A project plan has been created to further engage with stakeholders and to conduct a review of the Permit systems. This project is a tiered approach comprising a Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) which will provide oversight to the project and six Working Groups based on zones where the current permit system requirements are similar.

The objectives of the Local Government Permit Review Project are:

- Improved coordination and oversight of planned fire activities, at the local government level;
- Increased understanding of roles and responsibilities in regard to permits and planned fire activities;
- Reduced potential for planned burns to escape and cause significant damage;
- Greater consistency in permit issuing practices; and
- Influence the review of related DFES publications to ensure they reflect best practice and incorporate the outputs of the project.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Executive Officer believes that a presentation to the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group would have value.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC extend an invitation to the Office of Bushfire Risk Management to meet with the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to discuss its project in regard to the review of the Permit to Burn process.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Mr Fitzgerald

That GVROC extend an invitation to the Office of Bushfire Risk Management to meet with the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to discuss its project in regard to the review of the Permit to Burn process.

CARRIED

10. 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

10.1 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report

Mayor Ron Yuryevich, AM RFD

Mayor Yuryevich provided a verbal report to Member Councils.

Issues highlighted in his report included:

- The recent ALGA Conference – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Hon Warren Truss MP, highlighted changes for Round Two of the National Stronger Regions Fund; The Mayor highlighted that very few applications from Western Australia met with success. The project awarded the largest amount of funding, with over \$6M given, was the City of Belmont's Belmont Business Park Transport Infrastructure Project. He did not believe that this was appropriate given the funding was for regional development. As such the Mayor believes that GVROC should write to the Minister expressing disappointment at the way in which funds were being distributed; and
- Elections for the new WALGA President will be conducted at the next WALGA State Council Meeting. Three State Councillors have nominated – Cr Lyn Craigie (currently WALGA State Council Deputy President), Cr Karen Chappel and Mayor Henry Zelones. The next meeting of the WALGA State Council is on Wednesday 1 July 2015.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Cr Cullen**

1. **That GVROC write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development expressing Member Councils disappointment at the large levels of National Stronger Regions Funding being awarded to projects within the capital cities rather than in the non-metropolitan regions, requesting that the fund either recognise the need for funding within the regions or establish a fund specifically for projects outside the capital cities.**
2. **That the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Hon Jamie Briggs MP be cc'd into the correspondence to the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.**

CARRIED

10.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

From *Executive Officer*

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the Status Report for February 2015 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Meetings

ZONE COMMENT:

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Meeting.

10.3 WALGA Presidents' Report (Attachment)

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

In discussing the WALGA President's Report GVROC's Member Councils considered the increase to the Emergency Services Levy. The State budget has authorised an increase in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) in the order of 10.8%.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Mr Epis

That GVROC write to the region's parliamentary representatives expressing disappointment at the increase to the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and seek an explanation as to why the levy required and increase in the order of 10.8%. A copy of the letter should be provided to both the Chamber of Minerals and Energy and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

CARRIED

Whilst not covered specifically within the WALGA President's Report the reduction in the pensioner rebate and the increase in the loan guarantee fee was discussed at this point in the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Heasman Seconded: Cr Hill

That GVROC write to the region's parliamentary representatives seeking an explanation for the State Government's decision to increase the fee on borrowing charges to Local Government from 1 July 2015.

CARRIED

10.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From Executive Officer

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 Cycling on Footpaths Discussion Paper (05-009-02-0010 MS)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council resolves:

1. To support the amendment of regulation 216(1) of the *Road Traffic Code 2000* to allow cyclists of all ages ride bicycles on footpaths subject to the implementation of an appropriate speed limit for cyclists riding on footpaths.
2. Any change to regulation 216 (1) of the *Road Traffic Code 2000* is accompanied by a comprehensive public education campaign.
3. The Association to investigate the provision of local laws to exclude cyclists from riding on footpaths in specified areas, at the discretion of a Local Government.
4. The Association advises the Office of Road Safety and Department of Transport in writing of key matters highlighted by the Local Government sector to be considered should the proposed amendment to the *Road Traffic Code 2000* proceed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.2 Interim Submission on the Review of Safe and Sustainable Cycling for Perth (05-005-03-0006 MM)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council endorse the interim submission to the Office of the Auditor General on the Review of Safe and Sustainable Cycling for Perth.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.3 Feedback – Department of Transport’s 2015 Draft Coastal Adaptation and Protection Policy for WA (05-028-03-0015 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That the feedback provided to the Department of Transport on its draft 2015 Draft Coastal Adaptation and Protection Policy for WA be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.4 Interim submission to the Senate Inquiry into Regional Capitals (05-055-03-0002 PS)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Association’s interim submission in response to the Senate Inquiry into Regional Capitals be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.5 Interim submission to the Tax Discussion Paper (05-100-03-0001 PS)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Association’s interim submission in response to the Australian Government’s Tax Discussion Paper be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.5 Interim submission to the Tax Discussion Paper (05-100-03-0001 PS)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Association’s interim submission in response to the Australian Government’s Tax Discussion Paper be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Cr Cullen**

1. That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.
2. That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils seeking further information from WALGA on the response to Strategy 4.4.1 of the Draft State Biosecurity Strategy.

CARRIED

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

- 6.1 Metropolitan Local Government Reform Reimbursement Request (05-034-01-0018TL)
- 6.2 Response to the Department of Local Government and Communities – Proposed Amendments to the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 (05-034-01-0007 JM)
- 6.3 Review of Local Government Water Services Licensing (05-064-01-0007 MB)
- 6.4 Local Government Exemption from Drainage Licensing Regime (05-064-01-0007 MB)
- 6.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)
- 6.6 Partnership with Disability Services Commission - Change Places Project (06 071 01 002 EB)
- 6.7 Review of Local Government Alcohol Management Package (05-031-01-0001 MP)
- 6.8 Presentation to Parliamentary Committee – Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 (05-047-01-0016 VJ)
- 6.9 Senate Economics Reference Committee Report: Out of reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge (05-036-03-0020 CG)
- 6.10 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2013/14 (06-007-03-0016 MB)
- 6.11 User Guide for Calculating the Cost of Road Wear on Sealed Local Roads (05-006-03-0008 MB)
- 6.12 State Budget Outcomes (05-088-03-0001 PS)

10.6 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, Planning and Community Development (01-006-03-0014 AH)

10.7 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

7.2.1 Mining Community Policy Forum

7.2.2 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

7.2.3 Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum

7.2.4 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act (2007) Review Policy Forum

7.2.5 Freight Policy Forum

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the following reports, either provided separately or as contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- State Councillor Report;
- WALGA Status Report;
- WALGA President's Report;
- Matters for noting/information;
- Organisational reports; and
- Policy Forum reports.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr Epis

Seconded: Cr Best

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the following reports, either provided separately or as contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- **State Councillor Report;**
- **WALGA Status Report;**
- **WALGA President's Report;**
- **Matters for noting/information;**
- **Organisational reports; and**
- **Policy Forum reports.**

CARRIED

11. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting

Nil

12. FUTURE MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS

Wednesday 5 August 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Wednesday 5 August – GVROC Dinner at the Atrium Restaurant within the Crown Casino Complex

Friday 28 August 2015 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held 3-4 September 2015

Friday 4 September 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (venue to be determined)

Thursday 8 October 2015 - an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

Friday 27 November 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 3 December 2015 will also be considered. Elections must also be held at this time (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);

Friday 4 December 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

Friday 29 January 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance

Note: The GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (GTOWG) Meeting scheduled for Friday 10 July 2015 is to be rescheduled due to the inability of the CEOs of Esperance and Kalgoorlie-Boulder being unavailable that day. The Executive Officer will arrange a meeting of the GTOWG to be held prior to the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 5 August 2015.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.02pm

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held Wednesday 5 August 2015

Signed _____

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed