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Council Meeting

Friday 21 April 2017
In-Person Meeting
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillors Conference Room

MINUTES

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

An in-person meeting of the GVROC Council will be held Friday 21 April 2017 commencing at 8.35am

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is 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.

2. 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 and Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA 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 and the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA and the WALGA State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Sherryl Botting	Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie
Mr James Trail	A/CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Jacquie Best	President, Shire of Dundas
Cr Victoria Brown (joined the meeting via teleconference)	President, Shire of Esperance
Cr Beverley Stewart (joined the meeting at 8.55am via teleconference)	Councillor, Shire of Esperance
Mr Matthew Scott (joined the meeting via teleconference)	CEO, Shire of Esperance
Mayor John Bowler	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Suzie Williams	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr John Walker	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton
Mr Steven Deckert	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Mr Jim Epis	CEO, Shire of Leonora
Cr Jamie Mazza	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Ms Rhonda Evans	CEO, Shire of Menzies
Cr Damian McLean (joined the meeting via teleconference, leaving the meeting at morning tea)	President, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Mr Chris Paget (joined the meeting via teleconference)	CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Cr Peter Smith	Deputy President, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Mr Ian Fitzgerald	CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Jim Quadrio	President, Shire of Wiluna
Cr Graham Harris	Deputy President, Shire of Wiluna
Mr Colin Bastow	A/CEO, Shire of Wiluna

Ms Helen Westcott, Joint Executive Officer
Mr Bruce Wittber, Joint Executive Officer

3.2 Apologies

Cr Tracey Rathbone, Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie
Mr Doug Stead, CEO Shire of Dundas
Cr Shaneane Weldon, Deputy President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig, President Shire of Leonora
Cr Keith Dunlop, President, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Ian Goldfinch, Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe

Mr Rick Wilson MP, Member for O'Connor

3.3 Guests

Mr Dougall Ethell, Minderoo Foundation (left the meeting at the break for morning tea, returning at 11.09am)

Mr Neil McGilp, Manager Goldfields Tourism Network Association Inc (entered the meeting following the morning tea break at 10.22am, leaving the meeting at 10.54am)

Dr Lesley Arnott, Research Officer, Rick Wilson MP Member for O'Connor (left the meeting at the break for morning tea at 10.00am)

Mr Jarrod Lucas, News Reporter ABC Goldfields-Esperance (left the meeting at the break for morning tea at 10.00am, returning at 11.09am)

The following people attended the biosecurity workshop following lunch and the conclusion of the GVROC Council Meeting:

Mr Ross Wood, Executive Officer, Goldfields Rangelands Biosecurity Association

Dr Gaye McKenzie, CEO Rangelands NRM

Mr Kieran Massie, Rangelands NRM Program Manager

Ms Kim Eckert, CEO Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Centre

Ms Glenice Batchelor, Department of Food and Agriculture WA

Mr Barry Hooper, Ranger Coordinator, Goldfields Land and Sea Council

Mr Trevor Donaldson Jnr, Ranger Superintendent Goldfields Land and Sea Council

3.4 WALGA Representatives

Mr Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment and Waste

Ms Cherie Wallace, Road Safety Advisor, Goldfields Esperance

3.5 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative

The Department is unable to send a representative to the meeting.

4. GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Mr Dougall Ethell, Minderoo Foundation (Attachments)

Mr Dougall Ethell from Minderoo Foundation has been invited to discuss with GVROC's Member Councils the cashless debit card and its trialling here in WA and South Australia (this matter was a topic for discussion at the last in-person GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance in early February).

Copies of a brochure and handout made available by Dougall Ethell form attachments to the minutes of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9.58am

Meeting resumed after morning tea at 10.22am

4.2 Mr Neil McGilp, Manager Goldfields Tourism Network Association Inc

Mr Neil McGilp, Manager Goldfields Tourism Network Association Inc (GTNA) has been invited to meet with GVROC Member Councils to provide an update on the GTNA's activities and discuss its budget request for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Mr Neil McGilp joined the meeting following the meeting's resumption after morning tea.

It was agreed to invite Mr Neil McGilp to meet with the CEOs Group at its next meeting to discuss the development of Member Councils tourism data requirements

Mr McGilp left the meeting at 10.54am

4.3 Goldfields Biosecurity Workshop (Attachment)

At the GVROC Council Meeting in Kalgoorlie on Friday 22 April 2016, the Shire of Wiluna requested that the issue of resourcing for the Southern Rangelands Natural Resource Management (SNRM) unit of the statewide agency Rangelands Natural Resource Management WA be considered by GVROC. It was resolved that a meeting with representatives from Rangelands NRM WA be arranged. A meeting with Dr Gaye McKenzie, CEO Rangelands NRM WA, and Mr Kieran Massie, Program Manager Rangelands NRM WA, was arranged during the meeting held in Perth on Wednesday 3 August 2016.

Following this meeting GVROC Council resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Cr Dwyer

That GVROC:

- 1. Write to the Department of Mines and Petroleum requesting involvement in the review of the 1998 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) established between the Departments of Mines and Petroleum and Planning;*
- 2. Arrange annual updates from Squires Patton Boggs on Native Title issues affecting GVROC's Member Councils; and*
- 3. Seek to hold discussions with other groups from across the Goldfields Esperance region involved in landcare management.*

CARRIED

Due to GVROC's other commitments it has not been possible to hold these discussions until now.

In bringing together these various groups the Executive Officer sought the assistance of WALGA. A workshop has been developed to discuss the issue of landcare management/biosecurity across the region. A number of agencies/groups were invited to participate in the workshop, with the following representatives able to attend:

- Goldfields Rangelands Biosecurity Association – Ross Wood, the Goldfields Rangelands Biosecurity Association's Executive Officer has confirmed his participation in the workshop;
- Rangelands NRM – Gaye McKenzie, CEO Rangelands NRM and Kieran Massie, Program Manager Rangelands NRM have confirmed their participation in the workshop;
- South Coast NRM – representatives from the South Coast NRM are unable to attend the workshop but Gaye McKenzie from Rangelands NRM will represent their key projects;
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Centre – the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Centre's CEO, Kim Eckert, has confirmed her participation in the workshop;
- Department of Food and Agriculture WA – Glenice Batchelor, Biosecurity Officer, DAFWA; and
- Goldfields Land and Sea Council – Barry Hooper, Ranger Coordinator, and Trevor Donaldson Jnr, Ranger Superintendent.

The workshop facilitated by Mark Batty, WALGA's Executive Manager Environment and Waste, will be in two parts:

1. Information session – 15 mins for each group to outline their biosecurity activities, issues and opportunities; and
2. Next steps / where to from here. This part of the workshop will focus around a couple of key questions, such as:
 - What does GVROC see as its future role/involvement in post-border biosecurity?
 - How should it be structured and resourced?

The workshop was held following the lunch break taken at the conclusion of the GVROC Council Meeting.

A copy of the workshop program forms an attachment to the minutes of the meeting.

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 3 February 2017 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 3 February 2017 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 3 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Harris Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 3 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 24 February 2017 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 24 February 2017 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 24 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Harris Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 24 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

5.3 Meeting of the Goldfields Records Facility Review Committee held Friday 17 March 2017 (Attachment)

Minutes of the Goldfields Records Facility Review Committee held Friday 17 March 2017 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Goldfields Records Facility Review Committee held Friday 17 March 2017 be received.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Harris Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the Goldfields Records Facility Review Committee held Friday 17 March 2017 be received.

CARRIED

5.4 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) GVROC CEOs Group held Friday 24 March 2017 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting held Friday 24 March 2017 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting held Friday 24 March 2017 be received.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Harris Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting held Friday 24 March 2017 be received.

CARRIED

5.5 Business Arising from Meetings of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) - GVROC Status Report for April 2017

The Executive Officer will provide an update to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Status Report, as presented, be received.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mr Fitzgerald Seconded: Cr Harris

That the GVROC Status Report, as presented, be received with the following actions to be undertaken in response to discussion on the Status Report:

1. That GVROC extend an invitation to the Directors General of the Departments of Planning and Minerals and Petroleum to attend the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Perth on Wednesday 2 August 2017;
2. That a report on the impact of charter vs Regulated Transport be completed for consideration by the GVROC Council at the meeting scheduled to be held in Kalgoorlie on Friday 30 June 2017; and
3. That GVROC extend an invitation to a representative from Camp Kulin to attend the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Perth on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

CARRIED

5.6 Matters for Noting

Nil

6. GVROC FINANCE

6.1 Financial Statements for the Period ending 31 March 2017 (Attachment) and Accounts for Payment

From Executive Officer

Background:

Presenting the unaudited financial statement for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 18 January 2017 to 7 April 2017

Financial Statement:

The Executive Officer provides the following comment:

1. Account 501 - Members Subscriptions – all members' annual subscriptions have been paid.
2. Account 502 – Members Subscriptions Goldfields District Display – all members' annual subscriptions have been paid.
3. Account 512 - Project General Contributions - all members' annual subscriptions have been paid.
4. Account 521 – Reimbursements – this is the reimbursement of costs of attendance at the GVROC Dinner held during Local Government Week;
5. Accounts 1512, 1513, 1514 and 1515 – Executive Officer Services – payment for Executive Officer Services and expenses incurred such as travel and accommodation.
6. Account 1555 – Council Expenses – Meeting Food and Beverage - included in this account is expenditure for the GVROC Meeting held during Local Government Week and catering for the Strategic Planning Workshop.
7. Account 1557 – Council Expenses Travel and Accommodation – this account includes the costs associated with charter flights and accommodation for the Warburton meeting on 4 November 2016.
8. Account 1559 – Council Expenses Audit – cost of undertaking the financial audit.
9. Account Reimbursements – amount reimbursed for attendance at GVROC Dinner.
10. Account 1846 – Project General – the cost of Strategic Planning consultancy has been paid from this account.
11. Account 1836 – Sponsorship Goldfields District Display – expenditure to assist the preparation of the Royal Show District Display.
12. Account 1848 – DLG Asset Management Business Case – reimbursement payments paid to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on a quarterly basis.

Accounts Paid:

Cheque/ EFT	Date	Payee	Details	Amount incl GST
EFT	090217	Up to Date Accounting	Financial Management December 2016 and January 2017	435.60
EFT	090217	City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder	Reimbursement of Expenditure on GERCG Asset Management Project September 2016 Quarter	56,456.00
EFT	090217	Puzzle Consulting	Final Payment Strategic Plan Development	6,314.00
EFT	210217	City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder	Reimbursement of Expenditure on GERCG Asset Management Project December 2016 Quarter	26,358.51
EFT	100317	BHW Consulting	Professional Services October 2016, November 2016, December 2016 and	11,265.53

			Reimbursements for travel and accommodation and teleconference meetings	
EFT	140317	BHW Consulting	Professional Services January 2017 and reimbursement teleconference meetings	3,678.07
EFT	230317	Up to Date Accounting	Financial Management February 2017	118.80
				TOTAL \$104,626.51

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2017, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 18 January 2017 to 7 April 2017 totalling \$104,626.51 be approved.

RESOLUTION:**Moved: Mr Epis****Seconded: Cr Botting**

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2017, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 18 January 2017 to 7 April 2017 totalling \$104,626.51 be approved.

CARRIED

6.2 GVROC 2017/2018 Budget

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 11 April 2017

Attachments: Draft 2017/2018 Budget

Background:

Presenting the Draft 2017/2018 Budget for the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) for adoption

Executive Officer Comment:

The following notes are provided in regard to the Draft 2017/2018 Budget:

1. Given that the estimated surplus at 30 June 2017 will be in the order of some \$474,000 and recognising that local government faces some uncertainty with respect to grant funding and increased impost through the loss of motor vehicle concessions it is proposed to decrease the annual subscription for the 2017/2018 financial year to \$5,500 (excl GST) per Member Council which is half of the 2016/2017 subscription.
2. During 2013/2014 GVROC agreed to change the funding level for the support of the Goldfields District Display (this support is made to the Goldfields Tourism Network Association Inc). The new arrangement was implemented in 2013/2014 and is proposed to be maintained in 2017/2018. The contributions for 2016/2017 year were:
 - City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder - \$6,500.00
 - Shire of Coolgardie – \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Dundas - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Laverton - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Leonora - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Menzies - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Wiluna - \$2,400.00

All amounts exclude GST.

The level of sponsorship has been retained at \$24,000 and is matched by the expenditure line item.

3. Interest accrued on general operating GVROC funds – the amount has been reduced from the 2016/2017 year due to a continuing decline in interest rates.
4. Interest accrued to the DLGC Grant for the asset management implementation project and is required to be accounted separately and added to the grant. It is likely that most of the funds will be expended by the 30 June 2017 and as such there is only a minimal amount of interest included in the budget.
5. 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 Projects General account is estimated to have a surplus of \$51,000 at 30 June 2017.
6. The allocation relates to the GVROC Executive Officer services and covers providing Executive Support, research, communication expenses, office expenses, travel and accommodation.
7. 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 2017.
8. Cost of holding meetings by teleconference. This amount has increased over the previous year as there is a growing tendency to have some Member Councils to join meetings by teleconference.

9. An allocation to meet the cost of food and beverages at meetings and other events. 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 including the cost of GVROC guests attending such functions.
10. This allocation covers the cost of the GVROC finances being managed through an outsourced provider.
11. Council Expenses – Travel and Accommodation has an allocation to cover the cost of delegates' accommodation in attending a "regional" meeting during the year.
12. This allocation meets that cost of an annual audit of the books of account. An allocation for the completion of acquittals of grant programs is also included.
13. An allocation to enable the GVROC to undertake special projects or consultancies. This line item is particularly relevant to progress the implementation of the recently adopted Strategic Plan.
14. The expenditure associated with the Digital Action Plan project. Given that this project has been with the GVROC for a number of years and the funds have not been expended or any project developed the funds have been incorporated for action to be undertaken during the 2017/2018 financial year.
15. Contribution to the Goldfields District Display which has been retained at a contribution of \$24,000 and is matched by the separate income line item.
16. The final expenditure on the DLGC Asset Management Project which is scheduled to be fully expended by the 30 June 2017 and reimbursed to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in the early part of 2017/2018. The allocation includes accumulated interest.
17. A new line item has been included for GVROC to undertake advocacy which may be required as part of the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Council adopt the Draft Budget for the year ending 30 June 2018, as circulated, with the following contributions:

1. The general annual contribution for each Member Council be set at \$5,500 (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: Mr Epis

Seconded: Cr Harris

1. **That the GVROC Budget be amended to include a new line item of \$20,000 to fund the operation of the Law and Order Working Party;**
2. **That the GVROC Council adopt the Draft Budget for the year ending 30 June 2018, as circulated and amended, with the following contributions:**
 - a) **The general annual contribution for each Member Council be set at \$5,500 (excluding GST);**
 - b) **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**
 - c) **A contribution of \$2,500 (excl GST) from each Member Council be set for GVROC general projects.**

CARRIED 9/1

The Shire of Esperance voted against the resolution on the basis that it disagreed with the inclusion of Part 1 of the above resolution.

7. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY - FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
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Reports on the Goldfields Records Storage Facility (GRS) were not available at the time of completing the GVROC Council meeting agenda.

John Walker, CEO City of Kalgoorlie, provided a brief report on the operation of the GRS, explaining that the GRS' Manager, Yvette Hargreaves would not be returning to work in April as first anticipated but would remain on workers compensation until mid-July.

8. GVROC BUSINESS

8.1 Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project

Reporting Officer: Ric Halse, Manager Planning, Development and Regulatory Services
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Steven Deckert, CEO Shire of Laverton
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 21 March 2017

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The need to develop renewable energy and energy efficient projects was recognised by Member Councils as early as 2012. At the GVROC Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 August 2012 Member Councils resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Cullen Seconded: Cr Petz

That for the 2012/2013 round of regional CLGF funding, the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils:

1. *Submit an alternate energy project for the region with the pool of funding for the project to be determined by Member Councils, with Member Councils notifying the Executive Officer of their intention to participate in the project no later than Friday 31 August 2012;*
2. *That the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder be given delegate authority to commence preparation of a business case for the alternate energy project, with the business case to look at participating Member Councils using funds from both the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 allocations of regional CLGF funds;*
3. *Request the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission provide funding for the preparation of a business cases for GVROC Member Councils for the following projects in the 2012/2013 regional CLGF round of funding:*
 - a) *Retro-fitting of lighting and renewable energy power generation;*
 - b) *Regional waste management;*
 - c) *Norseman gateway project; and*
 - d) *A project for the Shires of Laverton and Ngaanyatjarraku (still to be determined); and*
4. *Give delegated authority to the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to prepare and submit business cases for projects, other than the alternate energy project, agreed to for the 2012/2013 round of regional CLGF funds.*

CARRIED

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been the Lead Council for the projects developed, providing regular reports on the projects and undertaking the work associated with the projects' implementation.

With the LED street lighting all but completed the focus has been on the completion of the solar PV project.

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Warburton on Friday 4 November 2016 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder provided a project update, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Ms Evans* *Seconded: Cr Dwyer*

That GVROC:

1. Note both the Shire of Laverton and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project, efforts in seeking a further variation to the project's Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) between the Department of Regional Development and GVROC, as it relates to the solar PV component of the project.
2. In conjunction with Part 1, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project, seek support from the Minister of Lands to expedite the land tenure transfer for the ground mount component of the solar panel project in Laverton; and
3. In conjunction with Part 1 GVROC investigate the potential for any remaining funding from the project to be used for installation of solar panels to other GVROC facilities that are "shovel ready", noting that such work is contingent on funds being available to meet the cost of installing solar panels in Laverton as per the project business case.

CARRIED

Since that time the Shire of Laverton has been working with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to resolve the Shire's issue of land transfer for the ground mound component of its solar panel project.

The most recent update on the project was provided at a meeting of the GVROC Council on Friday 24 February 2017 at which time it was resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Rathbone* *Seconded: Cr Hill*

That:

1. The Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) supports an alternative proposal for Shire of Laverton to install a 50kw system on the Shire of Laverton Administration Building, in addition to the already proposed installation on the Laverton Tourist Centre;
2. Upon completion of the tendering and procurement process for the Shire of Laverton project the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project, undertake investigations to cost out projects for a Shire of Coolgardie 30kW system and a City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder 30kW system, and report back to GVROC on the investigation findings; and
3. Subject to surplus funds available after the completion of Shire of Laverton project, and the possible addition of projects at Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie-Boulder, commission Perdaman Advanced Energy to prepare specifications, costings and design documentation for Solar PV projects in remote Indigenous Communities in the Goldfields Region. The completed documentation will be used to form an application for funding from Royalties for Regions, or a similar funding source.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Since the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 24 February 2017 efforts have been underway to ensure the completion of the solar PV project in Laverton.

On Tuesday 21 March 2017 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder advised that it had received notification from the Department of Regional Development that it approved the following with respect to the GVROC Solar PV project:

- A change in project scope for Laverton to drop the ground mount solar PV system, and replace it with a 50kw roof mounted solar PV system to be installed at the Shire of Laverton Administration Building. This would be in addition to the already agreed 50kw roof mounted solar PV system on the Laverton Tourist Centre;
- Allow for investigations into expending surplus funds post the Laverton project on either, or both, Coolgardie Recreation Centre 30kw solar PV roof mount system, and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Animal Management Facility 30kw solar PV roof mount system; and
- Allow an extension of the funding acquittal date to 31 December 2017.

The Department of Regional Development, however, did not approve of surplus funds being spent on design documentation and costing for solar PV installations in remote Indigenous communities. The funding must be spent on capital projects only.

Notwithstanding the above, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is exploring options with the Department of Housing for the Department to fund the design documentation and costing for these installations.

The Shire of Laverton may wish to provide a further update.

Consultation: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the update on completion of the solar PV project in Laverton be noted.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Hill** **Seconded: Cr Harris**

That the update on completion of the solar PV project in Laverton be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Establishment of a Working Party by GVROC to Address Law and Order Issues across the Goldfields Esperance Region

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 13 April 2017

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017 the Shire of Laverton requested that the issue of law and order be considered by GVROC's Member Councils.

This request was agreed to.

Following discussion of the issue GVROC Council resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Mayor Bowler* *Seconded: Cr Weldon*

1. *That the GVROC Council congratulate the Shire of Laverton for raising the concerns around law and order. The GVROC as a body support the matters that have been raised and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder be asked to keep all Member Councils informed of the ongoing discussions between the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, relevant agencies and suppliers of alcohol.*
2. *That the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder be requested to organise a working party of interested Member Councils to progress this matter.*
3. *That the GVROC Chair prepare a media statement on the outcomes of the discussion with a copy to be sent to all political parties.*
4. *That GVROC write to the Commissioner of Police seeking an increased police presence in communities across the Goldfields Esperance Region.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

GVROC has written to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder regarding the establishment of a working party.

At a Council meeting held Monday 27 March 2017 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder acknowledged GVROC's request to establish a working party.

Actions 3 and 4 of the above resolution are yet to be completed as they rely on the establishment of a working party by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and any other consequent actions that GVROC may determine are required to progress the issue of law and order throughout the region.

In correspondence from the City's Mayor to the GVROC Chair commitment is given by the City to establish the working group on the assurance that administrative support is provided by the GVROC Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer would suggest that if GVROC is to provide administrative support to the working group then GVROC, rather than the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, may be better placed to initiate the working group's establishment.

Since receiving the City's response the GVROC Chair requested that an informal meeting of GVROC's Member Councils be held the evening before the GVROC Council Meeting on Friday 21 April to discuss informally the formulation of a strategy to address ways to improve law and order across the region, including the establishment of the working party.

An informal meeting has been arranged for the evening of Thursday 20 April.

Discussion on any of the outcomes arising from this meeting would be useful in determining any formal decisions by GVROC on this matter.

Consultation: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. GVROC establish a Working Party to develop a strategy to address ways to improve law and order across the region;
2. Membership to the working party include representation from the Shire/City of _____;
3. Support to the working party by provided by the GVROC Executive Officer; and
4. The first meeting of the working party be held on _____.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Stewart

That:

1. **GVROC establish a Working Party to develop a strategy to address ways to improve law and order issues across the region;**
2. **That the GVROC CEOs Group be requested to develop Terms of Reference for consideration by the GVROC at the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled for Friday 30 June 2017; and**
3. **Support to the Working Party by provided by the GVROC Executive Officer.**

CARRIED

8.3 Introduction of the “welfare card” across Communities in the Goldfields Esperance Region

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 13 April 2017

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The introduction of the “welfare card” across the Goldfields Esperance Region was discussed at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Mr Epis* *Seconded: Cr Harris*

That the matter of the introduction of the “welfare card” across communities in the Goldfields Esperance Region be included in the consideration of the resolution related to Item 8.12 - Law and Order – Alcohol Sales in Laverton.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Since the February GVROC Council meeting an invitation to Dougall Ethell from Minderoo Foundation has been extended to discuss with GVROC’s Member Councils the cashless debit card and its trialling here in WA and South Australia.

Member Councils might wish to further discuss issues raised during the presentation.

Consultation: Shire of Coolgardie

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for discussion and decision.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Mayor Bowler** **Seconded: Cr Botting**

That the GVROC support the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton and Leonora and other Member Councils who may advise of their desire to be involved in their efforts to have the cashless debit card trialled within their communities.

CARRIED

8.4 GVROC Regional Equipment Pool

Reporting Officer: John Walker, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Tanya Gartner, Team Leader- Community Development Unit, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 6 April 2017

Attachments: Nil

Background:

A summary report for usage of equipment from the GVROC Regional Equipment Pool for the period January to December 2016 was tabled at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017. Following consideration of the report, GVROC Council resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Harris* *Seconded: Cr Craig*

That:

1. *The report on the usage of equipment from the regional equipment pool for the period January to December 2016 inclusive be noted; and*
2. *GVROC seek advice from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as manager of the GVROC Regional Equipment Pool whether it wishes Member Councils to contribute towards the costs associated with the maintenance of equipment during 2016.*

CARRIED

The Executive Officer sought advice from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as to whether it wished Member Councils to contribute towards the costs associated with the maintenance of equipment during 2016. The City advised that for 2016 it wished to recoup the costs associated with maintenance undertaken on the equipment within the pool.

The GVROC CEOs Group considered the matter when it met on Friday 24 March 2017.

A status report on the portable stage purchased through the regional equipment pool was also considered at this time, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: John Walker* *Seconded: James Trail*

The GVROC CEOs Group recommend to GVROC Council that:

1. *All costs associated with maintenance to equipment within the GVROC Equipment Pool be met by GVROC;*
2. *An item with the heading "GVROC regional equipment pool maintenance" be included in the GVROC 2017/2018 budget;*
3. *The Executive Officer develop an Expression of Interest for the sale of the portable stage with a view to selling the stage as soon as practicable; and*
4. *All funds raised from the sale of the portable stage be used enhance/maintain the GVROC regional equipment pool.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment.

Consultation: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. All costs associated with maintenance to equipment within the GVROC Equipment Pool be met by GVROC;
2. An item with the heading "GVROC regional equipment pool maintenance" be included in the GVROC 2017/2018 budget;
3. The Executive Officer develop an Expression of Interest for the sale of the portable stage with a view to selling the stage as soon as practicable; and
4. All funds raised from the sale of the portable stage be used enhance/maintain the GVROC regional equipment pool.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Best

That:

1. **All costs associated with maintenance to equipment within the GVROC Equipment Pool be met by GVROC;**
2. **An item with the heading "GVROC regional equipment pool maintenance" be included in the GVROC 2017/2018 budget;**
3. **The Executive Officer develop an Expression of Interest for the sale of the portable stage with a view to selling the stage as soon as practicable; and**
4. **All funds raised from the sale of the portable stage be used enhance/maintain the GVROC regional equipment pool.**

CARRIED

8.5 Review of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group's Terms of Reference

Reporting Officer:	James Trail, A/CEO Shire of Coolgardie and GVROC CEO Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	18 April 2017
Attachments:	Draft Terms of Reference for the GVROC Chief Executive Officers Group

Background:

Some years ago GVROC developed a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for its Technical Officers Working Group. The Executive Officer advised that she was unaware whether the ToR were ever adopted.

Given GVROC's recent adoption of its first Strategic Plan the Executive Officer believes that a review of the functions of the GVROC Chief Executive Officers Group (a decision to rename the group was taken last year) should be undertaken.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the GVROC Chief Executive Officers Group (GVROC CEOs Group) held Friday 24 March 2017 at which time it was resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Matthew Scott* *Seconded: Ian Fitzgerald*

That the Executive Officer:

- 1. Review the current Terms of Reference for the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group preparing a draft report with recommendations on possible changes for comment by the Member Councils;*
- 2. Prepare a final report once all comments have been received, with the final report and recommendations to be tabled as soon as possible.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

In arriving at the above recommendation, the GVROC CEOs and GVROC Executive Officer reviewed the current terms of reference.

As part of the review discussion centred around the role of the working group and how it can best serve the Council. The consensus view was that in order to best assist and support the GVROC Council, the terms of reference for the GVROC CEOs Group be more akin to the role and functions the CEOs have with their individual Councils. That is to:

- Ensure that advice and information is available to the council so that informed decisions can be made; and
- Cause Council decisions to be implemented.

The GVROC CEOs Group presents the draft terms of reference for consideration by GVROC Council.

Consultation: GVROC CEOs Group

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Chief Executive Officers Group as attached be endorsed.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Hill* *Seconded: Mr Fitzgerald*

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Chief Executive Officers Group as attached be endorsed.

CARRIED

8.6 Asset Management Improvement Project Report

Reporting Officer: John O'Sullivan, Manager Assets and Procurement City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 13 April 2017

Attachments: Asset Management Software Report
GERCG Implementation Project – Quarter 3 Report 2016-2017

Background:

As Member Councils are aware, the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) wrote to GVROC in late May 2016 regarding the GERCG asset management project. The letter, with a report prepared by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as lead agency for the project was considered by the GVROC Council when it met on Friday 1 July 2016. At this time GVROC resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Mayor Bowler* *Seconded: Cr Williams*

That:

1. *GVROC seeks a commitment from its Member Councils to successfully complete the asset management project funded by the Department of Local Government and Communities through the Royalties for Regions Program;*
2. *The Executive Officer write to the Department of Local Government and Communities to seek a further extension of time for completion of the GVROC asset management project, with a request that the extension be until 30 November 2016; and*
3. *Subject to the granting of a further extension of time for the GVROC asset management project, GVROC consider engaging additional support to assist in the completion of the asset management project.*

CARRIED

The matter was again considered at the GVROC Council Meeting held Wednesday 3 August 2016 at which time GVROC further resolved:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Mr Epis* *Seconded: Mr Fitzgerald*

That GVROC write to the Department of Local Government and Communities confirming the commitment of all Member Councils to fulfil their obligations in completing the objectives of the asset management project funded through Royalties for Regions.

CARRIED

The City's Manager Assets and Procurement, John O'Sullivan, has provided a number of reports for this meeting. Each forms an attachment to the meeting agenda. Whilst the 2016 NAF assessment report and the project's Quarter 3 Report for 2016/2017 are provided for Member Councils' information the attached software report provides some figures and recommendations that require GVROC's consideration and decision.

To quote directly from the report (Part 6 Recommendation):

It is clear based on the pricing structure that Asset Finda or similar full Asset Management systems are not suitable or cost effective for the smaller Shires. Esperance and Coolgardie have already implemented Asset Finder and it has been quite effective. The total cost of implementation of Asset Finda across the group exceeds the budget for software and Consultants in this project and will require significant additional investment from participant shires. It is likely that Kalgoorlie will implement an AM system such as Asset Finda in the near future however that will be separate to this current project.

The cost of providing a Pocket Ramm system and training to each shire is within the budget available to the project. The system will not provide the full range of capabilities of the Asset Finda software but will allow improved management of each shires roads asset's which is

approximately 70% of the overall asset base in the region. The system can be expanded at a later date if required.

In order to maximise the benefit to the smaller shires it is recommended to review the Pocket Ramm system further. A visit to Kalgoorlie will be arranged with a representative from RAMM during November or early December subject to their availability. The GVROC asset management group will hold their quarterly meeting to coincide with this visit.

Following discussions with the DLGC in relation to an extension of time for completion of the project the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, on behalf of Member Councils, signed the variation to the FAA providing for a 12 month extension for the asset management project, which must now be completed by 30 September 2017.

The issue was further considered at the GVROC Council Meeting on Friday 4 November 2016 when it resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Craig* *Seconded: Mr Stead*

That GVROC:

- 1. Acknowledge the work undertaken by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to gain an extension for the GVROC Asset Management Project; and*
- 2. Receive the report prepared by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Manager Assets and Procurement on the GVROC Asset Management Project, noting that a further review of the Pocket Ramm asset management system will be further investigated by the GVROC Asset Management Group.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Since the November 2016 GVROC Council Meeting, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Manager Assets and Procurement and delegates from a number of GVROC Member Councils undertook a review of the Pocket Ramm system during several training sessions.

The general conclusion of the review was that Pocket Ramm was a suitable product and a recommendation should be made to proceed with the purchase which will be fully funded by the DLGC Grant.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC:

1. Receive the GERCG Implementation Project – Quarter 3 Report 2016-2017; and
2. Noting the evaluation undertaken by GVROC Member Councils, approve the expenditure on the Pocket Ramm asset management system.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Ms Evans* *Seconded: Mr Epis*

That GVROC:

- 1. Receive the GERCG Implementation Project – Quarter 3 Report 2016-2017; and**
- 2. Noting the evaluation undertaken by GVROC Member Councils, approve the expenditure on the Pocket Ramm asset management system.**

CARRIED

8.7 Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods

Reporting Officer: Glenn Bone, Project Officer Shire of Laverton
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 11 April 2017

Attachments: Nil

Background:

In late June 2012 the Shire of Menzies emailed the Executive Officer regarding the matter of restricted and prohibited burning periods across the region. At this time GVROC's Member Councils began to investigate the potential to align the dates for the restricted and prohibited burning periods for local governments across the region.

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance On Friday 1 February 2014 Member Councils resolved as shown below:

MOTION: Moved: Cr Dwyer Seconded: Ms Browning

That the GVROC works with FESA to align restricted and prohibited burning periods for the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku and Wiluna so that the restricted and prohibited burning periods will be as follows:

1 October	Restricted burning period commences
31 October	Restricted burning period ends
1 November	Prohibited burning period commences
31 March	Prohibited burning period ends
1 April	Restricted burning period commences
30 April	Restricted burning period ends

AMENDMENT

MOTION: Moved: Mr Doust Seconded: Cr Dwyer

That the GVROC works with FESA to align restricted and prohibited burning periods for the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies and Ngaanyatjarraku so that the restricted and prohibited burning periods will be as follows:

<i>1 October</i>	<i>Restricted burning period commences</i>
<i>31 October</i>	<i>Restricted burning period ends</i>
<i>1 November</i>	<i>Prohibited burning period commences</i>
<i>31 March</i>	<i>Prohibited burning period ends</i>
<i>1 April</i>	<i>Restricted burning period commences</i>
<i>30 April</i>	<i>Restricted burning period ends</i>

CARRIED

The amended motion became the substantive motion which put and carried.

It should be noted that the decision did not cover all the local governments in the GVROC region as it was intended that Shires of Esperance, Ravensthorpe and Wiluna restricted and prohibited burning periods remain unchanged.

Since that time it would appear that only the Shires of Laverton and Leonora have had their times altered as per the 2012 intentions.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Shire of Laverton, through its Project Officer, Glenn Bone, has requested that the matter be listed for discussion in order to seek an update from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Shires of

Coolgardie, Dundas, Menzies and Ngaanyatjaraku as to whether they were ever going to action the 2012 GVROC accord on Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for discussion and decision.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Cr Williams

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

9. 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

9.1 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report

Cr Mal Cullen (President, Shire of Coolgardie)

9.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

From Executive Officer

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the Status Report for April 2017 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the WALGA Status Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Cr Smith**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the WALGA Status Report.

CARRIED

9.3 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 Review of the Emergency Services Levy (05-24-02-0001 MP)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Economic Regulatory Authority (ERA) on the Review of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) be endorsed.

Executive Officer Comment:

As the interim submission notes, due to the short timeframe provided for comment on the ERA's review of the ESL, WALGA has not been able to consult with all parts of the sector.

It also notes that whilst it provides feedback on the Local Government sector's views on the current ESL arrangements and areas where it could be improved, due to the diverse nature of views across the sector, the interim submission does not intend to provide a united sector position on the ESL. Rather, it aims to ensure that the ERA is aware of the diverse range of issues and challenges facing the sector in relation to funding emergency management activities.

Unless there are aspects of the interim submission Member Councils are opposed to, the Executive Officer believes the WALGA recommendation should be supported.

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

ZONE COMMENT:

5.2 Interim submission to the Department of Planning on the Government Sewerage Policy (05-026-03-0041 CG)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Department of Planning regarding the draft Government Sewerage Policy be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.3 Productivity Commission Study into Transitioning Regional Economies (05-001-03-0006 DM)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Productivity Commission study into Transitioning Regional Economies 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 Harris** **Seconded: Mayor Bowler**

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.

CARRIED

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

- 6.1 National Disability Insurance Scheme roll out (05-021-01-0002/1 NH)
- 6.2 Discussion Paper - Third Party Appeal Rights in Planning (06-03-01-0001 GC)
- 6.3 Control of Off-Road Vehicles (05-053-03-008 NH)
- 6.4 2016-17 Energy Efficient Street Lighting (05-028-04-0001 DM)
- 6.5 Local Government Strategic Purpose Permit (05 095 03-0001 RZ)
- 6.6 Online Voting in Local Government Elections (05-034-01-0013 TL)
- 6.7 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

9.5 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 WC)**

9.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

- 7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum**
- 7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum**

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Hill** **Seconded: Mayor Bowler**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils request that a meeting of the WALGA Mining Communities Policy Forum be held in Kalgoorlie as part of a GVROC Council Meeting .

CARRIED

- 7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum**
- 7.2.4 Freight Policy Forum**

9.7 WALGA President's Report (Attachment)

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

12.00noon Cr Cullen left the meeting

Mayor Bowler assumed the chair

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- Matters for Noting/Information;
- Organisational reports;
- Policy Forum reports; and
- WALGA President's Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Harris** **Seconded: Cr Williams**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- **Matters for Noting/Information;**
- **Organisational reports;**
- **Policy Forum reports; and**
- **WALGA President's Report.**

CARRIED

10. Agency Reports

10.1 Department of Local Government and Communities

No report

11. Members of Parliament

Nil

12.02pm Cr Cullen returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair

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

12.1 Chamber of Minerals and Energy – Advertising Campaign during the State Government Elections

Cr Quadrio raised the matter of the Chamber and Minerals' advertising campaign against the National Party's proposed "mining tax" during the recent State Government elections, expressing concern about any future campaign the Chamber may mount on local government over differential rates and airport charges. In raising this matter he referred to a recent article in one of the Chamber's publications.

In discussing this matter a number of possible actions were considered.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Mr Epis**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Council release a media statement in support of its FIFO policy.

CARRIED

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday 26 May 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group to be hosted by the Shire of Coolgardie

Friday 30 June 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 5 July 2017 will also be considered (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.14pm

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held on Friday 30 June 2017

Signed _____
Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed