



GVROC Council Meeting to consider WALGA State Council Agenda Items

Friday 3 May 2019
In Person, commencing at 9.00am

DRAFT MINUTES

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

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Agenda Items was held Friday 3 May 2019 9.00am

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to 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 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.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)
Cr Tracey Rathbone
Mr James Trail
Mr John Walker
Cr Laurene Bonza
Mr Peter Fitchat
Cr Basil Parker
Mr Shane Burge
Cr Patrick Hill
Mr Peter Naylor
Mr Jim Epis

President, Shire of Coolgardie
Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie
CEO Shire of Coolgardie
CEO, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
President, Shire of Dundas
CEO Shire of Dundas
Councillor Shire of Esperance
Acting CEO, Shire of Esperance
President, Shire of Laverton
CEO, Shire of Laverton
CEO, Shire of Leonora

3.2 Apologies

Cr Sherryl Botting
Ms Mia Hicks
Cr John Bowler
Cr Victoria Brown
Mr Matthew Scott
Cr Peter Craig
Cr Greg Dwyer
Cr Jill Dwyer
Ms Rhonda Evans
Cr Ian Goldfinch
Mr Peter Smith
Mr Gavin Pollock

Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie
Executive, Shire of Coolgardie
Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
President Shire of Esperance
CEO, Shire of Esperance
President Shire of Leonora
President, Shire of Menzies
Councillor, Shire of Menzies
CEO, Shire of Menzies
Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe

Cr Jim Quadrio
Mr Colin Bastow

President, Shire of Wiluna
CEO, Shire of Wiluna

3.3 Guests
Nil

3.4 WALGA Representatives

Mr Tony Brown – Executive Manager Governance and Strategy

4. Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From Chair GVROC CEO Group

Background:

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

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

4.1.1 Road Safety Audit Local Government Policy Template (05-001-03-0048 MS)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Road Safety Audit Local Government policy template be endorsed.

In Brief

- Austroads is the peak organisation of Australasian road transport and traffic agencies. Its purpose is to deliver an improved road transport system to meet current and future needs by undertaking research; and providing guidance on the design, construction and management of the road network and associated infrastructure.
- In February 2019 Austroads released an updated version of the Guide to Road Safety Part 6: Managing Road Safety Audits.
- The guide includes a road safety audit Local Government policy template, which provides a foundation for Local Governments as road managers to develop their own road safety audit policy should they elect.
- The road safety audit Local Government policy template is adapted from the City of Melville's policy.

GVROC COMMENT: Concerned that not one size fits all. Concern raised about the values mentioned in the policy. Example given by Esperance. Gravel Resheeting on one road would be in excess of \$150,000 so to undertake a road safety audit every time is not practical.

This would also impact significantly on RAV Networks. Question also raised as to clarity required on what permanent means?

WALGA advised the Shire that the policy template was not mandatory and to be used by individual Local Governments to meet their needs and requirements ie. Values.

Concern also raised about the significant cost of road safety audits now given recent changes by MRWA. Has resulted in significant increase to Local Governments – in some instances as much as 400% - Requested WALGA take this issue up with MRWA.

GVROC Note Road Safety Audit Local Government Policy Template

**RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie
Seconded: Mr John Walker – City of Kalgoorlie Boulder**

4.1.2 'Preferred Model' for Third Party Appeal Rights for Decisions Made by Development Assessment Panels (05-073-01-0002 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Continues to advocate for the State Government to introduce Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels; and
2. Endorses the 'Preferred Model' as the third party appeals process for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels.

In Brief

- At the May 2018 WALGA State Council meeting, it was resolved to amend the policy position to support the introduction of Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels (DAPs).
- State Council also resolved to further consult with members to provide more clarity on the exact details of the criteria that need to be established, before any system is implemented by the State Government. A preferred model was prepared at a workshop with members, then circulated for members to provide comment on the specific details before the 29 March 2019.
- A wide range of comments have been received from members, therefore, the 'Preferred Model' has now been refined and is attached for State Council's endorsement.

GVROC COMMENT: Nil

GVROC Support

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**
Seconded: President Patrick Hill – Shire Laverton

4.1.3 Interim Submission – Draft Position Statement: Tourism Land Uses within Bushfire Prone Areas (05-024-02-0056 CH)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on Draft Position Statement: Tourism land uses within bushfire prone areas, be endorsed.

In Brief

- On 20 December 2018, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) released the draft position statement for tourism land uses within bushfire prone areas for public comment.
- The position statement aims to provide policy positions for short stay tourism land uses and tourism land uses limited to day/night use with no overnight stay, located within bushfire prone areas.
- The public comment period closed on 20 March 2019, therefore an interim submission was prepared.

GVROC COMMENT: Nil

GVROC Support

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Mr Jim Epis – Shire of Leonora**
Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

4.1.4 Public Library Tiered Service Framework (05-012-03-0001KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the new tiered model to support public library service delivery in WA be endorsed.

In Brief

- The Western Australian Public Libraries Strategy Consultation Report was endorsed by WALGA State Council and the Library Board of WA in July 2018.
- The Public Libraries Working Group (PLWG), with representatives from State and Local Governments, was established to guide the implementation of the Strategy.
- The PLWG identified the development of a new tiered model for public library service delivery across WA with support for regional and remote public library services as the initial priority.

GVROC COMMENT: Nil

GVROC Support

RESOLUTION: **Moved: *President Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton***
Seconded: *Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie*

4.1.5 Community Technical Reference Group (05-018-02-0010 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the establishment of a Community Technical Reference Group be endorsed.

In Brief

- At its 27 March 2019 meeting, State Council received the Community Reform Report and requested further information to clarify the costs, membership, objectives and timeframes of the proposed Community Industry Reference Group.
- Clarity around the process is now being provided to State Council for final endorsement.

GVROC COMMENT: Definition of Regional Council should be explained. Example given is that Kalgoorlie is the Regional Centre in the Goldfields

GVROC: Note the establishment of the Community Technical Reference Group

RESOLUTION: **Moved: *President Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton***
Seconded: *Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie*

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

4.2.1 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

4.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports

4.3.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Policy Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)

4.3.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

4.3.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

4.3.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB)

4.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

4.4.1 Mayors / Presidents Policy Forum

4.4.2 Mining Community Policy Forum

4.4.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

4.4.4 Economic Development Policy Forum

GVROC COMMENT: Issue was raised with regards to the proposed changes to the Industrial Relations system and impact on Local Government. GVROC requested WALGA to provide an overview of other States and what is planned in Western Australia

GVROC Note Organisational Reports and Policy Forum Reports and request overview as per comment above

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Mr Jim Epis – Shire of Leonora*
 Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

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

6. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Friday 28 June 2018 – an in-person meeting to consider the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 3 July 2019 (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Friday 30 August 2019 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September 2019;
- Friday 29 November 2019 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 4 December 2019.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.50am.