

# ***SHIRE OF MURCHISON***

## **MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 2004 AT 9:52 AM**

### **ATTENDANCE**

President	Cr S A Broad
Deputy President	Cr K L Keynes
Councillors	Cr W McL Mitchell
	Cr H R Foulkes-Taylor
	Cr H Pollock
	Cr MW Halleen
	Cr PM Walsh (10.45 am)
Staff	
Chief Executive Officer	J N Warne
Deputy CEO	DJ Sellenger (2.53 pm)

### **APOLOGIES**

Cr-Elect Mr Patrick Walsh had advised of problems leaving Mileura due to rain caused road conditions and poor weather for flying.

### **DECLARATION OF OPENING MEETING**

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 9.52 am

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **VISITOR**

Ms Jane Wardlaw from the MidWest Development Commission was in attendance

### **PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No application for leave of absence were received.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2004**

**Moved Cr MW Halleen seconded Cr HR Foulkes-Taylor that the minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 as printed and circulated to Councillors be confirmed.**

Motion put and CARRIED 6

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

The Shire President said it was pleasing to see a good number of people at the 2003 Christmas Event on 20<sup>th</sup> December. During the evening past councillor Michael Foulkes-Taylor was presented with certificates from the Council and the State Government in appreciation of his 43 years as Councillor and past President of the Shire. Mr Rod Sweetman MLA had assisted with these presentations.

The President said he and Natalie were pleased to attend New Year's Eve at Boolardy during he was able to present past councillor Reg Seaman with certificates from Council and the Government in appreciation of his 10 years as a Councillor.

The President mentioned the need for unscheduled road maintenance due to rain in some areas.

The President commented on the retirement to Port Denison of Mrs Marie Wendland who over many years past had been an active volunteer in the Settlement and in particular had assisted Council with the cleaning of the Sports club and associated buildings.

#### **RETIREMENT GIFT – MRS MARIE WENDLAND**

**Moved Cr W McL Mitchell seconded Cr H Pollock that a suitable retirement gift be purchased for Mrs Marie Wendland in appreciation of her assistance to Council and the community over many years past and Mrs Warne be authorised to make the selection as discussed with the President.**

Motion put and CARRIED 6-0

The President mentioned having met the new owner of Innouendy Station being Mr Miles Williams.

Mrs Di Morrison of Wahroonga Station had recently been selected as WA Rural Women of the Year. The CEO had been asked to forward a letter of congratulations.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WITHOUT NOTICE**

Cr Pollock has ascertained that the ABC has footage of the flooding of the Murchison River Ballinyoo Bridge area from some years ago and could make this available to MRWA in their quest to establish maximum flood levels for the area.

The external mural (metal) boards which includes words of welcome have been installed at the Landcare Gazebo.

Cr Pollock raised the matter of the abandoned pieces of road in the Mullewa Shire on Yallalong Station where Yallalong had re-aligned parts of the road but not blocked off access to the abandoned sections. This should be done before Council erects a 'TO NOR'WEST COASTAL HWY' sign on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.

**Resolved that the CEO be asked to contact Mr Vaughan Barndon of Yallalong Station asking if he can arrange to have these sections of road blocked off.** Motion put and CARRIED 6-0

Cr Pollock provided council with details of the proposal she had been asked to investigate to upgrade the atrium area of the office to make it a suitable venue for lunch. This involved 3 or 4 square tables with black wrought iron legs, clear glass top, chairs to match, good artificial plants, new brick paving, table place mats similar theme to Murchison pamphlet, cupboard in the area to provide storage and top for serving, shift no freezer section fridge ex kitchen to atrium for refreshments and purchase a new fridge with freezer section for the kitchen, improved lighting and maybe some painting. Total estimated cost \$5 000 plus the cost of a new fridge.

#### **UPGRADE ATRIUM AREA OF THE OFFICE**

**Moved Cr W McL Mitchell seconded Cr HR Foulkes-Taylor that the project of upgrading the atrium area of the office, as outlined by Cr Pollock, at an estimated cost of \$5 000 plus the cost of a new refrigerator with a freezer section for the kitchen, be proceeded with.**

Motion put and CARRIED with an ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6-0

At this stage, the time being 10.40 am Councillor-Elect Patrick M Walsh attended.

The President announced that Mr Walsh had been elected unopposed in the extra-ordinary election in the Mileura Ward following the retirement from Council as at 31st December, 2003 of Cr TFM Walsh.

The President welcome Mr Walsh.

## SWEARING-IN

The Shire President officiated at the Swearing In of Cr Walsh who took the Oath and made the Declaration as required by Section 2.29 of the Act.

The Shire President, Councillors and CEO congratulated Cr Walsh.

Cr Walsh took his place at the Council table.

## **MIDWEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION –Jane Wardlaw.**

The Shire President invited Jane Wardlaw from the MW Development Commission to address Council.

Jane advised that the LOFAR Committee had been reformed and is now the International Array Committee. The Mileura site is still the preferred site for the project. A problem is the Dutch Government has recently decided that its contribution to the project should only be spent in Holland. A meeting of the International Committee will be meeting in Hawaii in late March to consider the project further.

In relation to the CSIRO/Community/ MWDC Pathmaker project Jane advised that the application for funding had not been successful. The official reason is that the project does not sufficiently meet the guidelines. Jane said the Development Commission, on behalf of the Community and MWDC would be lodge an appeal. The Shire President advised of the strongest support for the appeal from the Shire of Murchison. The President made himself available for a meeting in Perth in relation to the appeal on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Jane was thanked for bringing Council up to date on these matters.

Cr Halleen referred to the recent ZCA telephone hook up.

The thrust for autonomous ZCA's funded jointly by Government funds and local rates was continuing. Cr Halleen believed this would be advantageous. Some areas could face big increases in vermin rates to finance future ZCA expenditure.

The vermin rate was expected to increase 3% next year.

Cr Halleen expressed support for the WAFF/PGA HECS type low interest loans being made available to those in primary industry or small businesses in primary industry areas.

Dexter Davies had been supportive in recent drought meetings.

Cr Walsh said rain just the previous night had meant a lot of maintenance grading would be needed in north - eastern part of the Shire.

Cr Keynes reported having, with the Shire President, attended the drought meeting in Mount Magnet.

Cr Keynes said he believed the time was approaching when an on site mechanic-perhaps part time-might be required for preventative truck/machine maintenance. A young part qualified mechanic may be available for such a job.

**Resolved that this suggestion be considered over the next month and discussed with the Works Superintendent. The idea would be to have a set list of checks such a person would do and when. To be viable it must be clear that such a scheme would maximise truck/machine use and prevent problems or breakdowns during work times.** Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

Cr Mitchell provided information ex WALGA in relation to the renewal of the Roads to Recovery Programme which it seems certain will continue whichever party is elected at the (within a year) next Federal election. There is a slight difference in funding with some funds being channelled through Regional Road Groups for expenditure on local roads. There is also an additional \$265million to come into the system, the method of allocating this is yet to be determined.

The EPA Amendment Bill and Regulations are both receiving close scrutiny by WALGA. It is likely Councils will receive a 6 months exemption for maintenance, realignments and widening. The final outcomes will be known close to the end of the 6 months period.

The Local Government Road Funding Agreement is being negotiated. This is looking fairly positive.

WALGA's Outrage Campaign is being increased. Exposure at major public functions soon. Rambo the Ambo will become part of the campaign.

Cr Foulkes-Taylor commented that his recent observations in relation to the water tanker were that perhaps this item of plant was not robust enough for our operations.

Cr Pollock declared an interest in Item 400 of the agenda and left the council Chambers 12.18 pm.

#### **400 DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

GB-DOLA

Extension of the Murchison Settlement Area

Notice of the conclusion of the procedure to enlarge the Murchison Settlement west of the existing by an area equal to the eastern area. The Settlement now enlarged to an area of 694.604 ha and is an oblong shape with the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road traversing the Settlement from SE to NW.

In the early stages of this project Council agreed to compensate Wooleen Station \$7 500 for the loss of area of that Station's Pastoral Lease.

This project commenced in September, 2000.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr W.McL Mitchell That the advice from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure that the procedure to increase (double) the area of the Murchison Settlement has been concluded be received and Council authorise the payment of \$7 500 to Wooleen Station for compensation for loss of 353.3846 ha Pastoral Lease area**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

Cr Pollock returned to the meeting 12.21 pm.

#### **LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned for lunch 12.37 pm. Council resumed 1.19 pm

#### **401 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

PE-STIN

Arrangements to recruit a Chief Executive Officer

The incumbent CEO is due to complete his contract in early July '04. It is necessary to commence the process of appointing a replacement forthwith.

I believe the best procedure is for Council to compile and run the advertisements and possibly with some assistance short list the applicants and interviews be conducted with WALGA Workplace Solutions assistance.

A draft advertisement, job description etc and time table (roughly advertise in March, interview in April and make an appointment by the end of April/early May new CEO commences late June) will be made available to Council prior to the meeting for consideration at the meeting.

**Moved Cr W.McL Mitchell, seconded Cr M W Halleen That Council approve of the advertisement including the contents in relation to the employment package offered, job description and other information and the time table for the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer and that Council run the advertisements and short list the candidates and the assistance of WALGA Workplace Solutions be sought for prior employment checks and the conduct of interviews.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**402 BOUNDARY CHANGES : MURCHISON, NORTHAMPTON AND MULLEWA**

PO-BOUN

Progress in relation to the boundaries alterations project  
Letter from the Local Government Advisory Board in relation to this matter, extracts as under

'In the past, the Board has resolved to treat proposals that have the support of the affected local governments and electors as minor. I will provide a new map showing the existing boundaries of the pastoral stations and local governments concerned. The Shires can use this to indicate the boundaries they wish to support.'

This map was provided.

The Board also indicated it would be helpful if we could provide indications of support from the landholders affected.

The Shires of Northampton and Mullewa have been provided with a map indicating the proposed

transfer areas with the request that a letter of support be provided supporting the map.

Two letters from Northampton Shire extracts as under

Re: Coolcalalaya Road.

'Council is pleased that the boundary change for Yallalong Station is to progress

With regards to the gazetting of the Coolcalalaya Road, Council resolved that at this stage it does not support the gazettel of the road and will remain as a public access road. Council considers that by gazetting the road will undoubtedly create a financial and resources burden to have the road upgraded to a suitable standard as other gazetted roads and at this stage the traffic volumes do not warrant such an upgrade. Council will give the matter further consideration when the road warrants such action.

Re: Shire Boundary Alteration

I will present this matter to our next Council meeting 20thFebruary and will advise you of their

decision accordingly. From a staff point of view the additional changes you propose are supported.

In relation to landholders we are obtaining the rates and valuation particulars of each from the two Councils. From this we will work out 'the affect of rates' for each based on 2002/03 level of Murchison rates. We will then be in a position to have the proposed meeting between representatives of the three Councils and the landholders affected. Tentative arrangements have been made to hold this meeting at Woolgorong.

**Moved Cr W.McL Mitchell, seconded Cr H R Foulkes-Taylor That the progress of the boundary alteration project involving Murchison, Northampton and Mullewa be noted and when the figures relating to the 'affect on rates' are complete these be made known to all parties concerned and included with other information in the invitation to landholders to attend the meeting proposed to be held at Woolgorong.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**403 ESTABLISHMENMT OF A CEMETERY AT MURCHISON**

GB-CWH

Progress and Site- Cemetery at Murchison

Department of Local Government and RD acknowledging our application for an 'Order' that a cemetery be established in the Murchison Settlement, Shire of Murchison.

It is necessary that application be first made to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure for a portion of the reserve which has just been created being the extension of the Murchison Settlement west of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.

The Department of Local Government and RD contacted the Department for Planning and Infrastructure on our behalf. That Department has advised-  
'This office has no objection to this site being created. However the site should be separately identified and a new reserve created for the said purpose.  
Could you please provide this office with dimensions or coordinates of the proposed site.  
Upon receiving this information action will proceed to have the matter investigated.

The previously suggested site in the south of the extension to the settlement - that is SW of the office building - has been discussed with the Works Superintendent. Mr Schwarze says the ground at this site is very hard and may be unsuitable for a cemetery. The opportunity exists for a new site selection to be made and recorded using a GPS.

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, seconded Cr P M Walsh That a site for the proposed Murchison Cemetery, on suitable ground, and the roadway to it from an existing road be established as soon as possible and Councillors Foulkes-Taylor and Pollock with the staff be authorised to make the selection, have the GPS coordinates recorded and the staff continue the liaison necessary to have a separate reserve created for 'Cemetery Site'.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**404 ROAD HOUSE LEASE**

GB-DOLA

Lease of Road House Site Res 40237 Murch Loen 200  
Progress to correct the purpose of the Road house Site and extend the leased area to reflect the correct area of the caravan park and road house facilities.  
Copy of letter attached to the agenda.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr M W Halleen That the information from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure be received and the staff make every effort to expedite this matter.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**405 UNOFFICIAL BILUNG ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY**

CO-ABOR

Responses to Council Correspondence to MP's and others  
Four replies have been received to Council's correspondence in relation to the above matter.  
A summary as under-  
Norman Moore MLC 11th Decca 03:  
Questions asked in the Legislative Council on 9th December. Answers by the Minister as under:  
A request for a living area has been made to the department for Planning and infrastructure. DPI is still liasing with the applicants to determine the exact area of the application. When the area is identified, the DPI will refer the request to the Minister for initial consideration.  
.....no approval has been given to date, occupation is therefore unauthorised and potentially unlawful.  
Yes (the Government is aware of the concerns of the Shire of Murchison)  
The Shire of Murchison's concerns will be taken into account when the application is assesses

John Fischer MLC to Minister MacTiernan 12th Dec 03:  
Given the logical and justified concerns by the Shire of Murchison I trust you will give their views the highest accord when determining whether this application should proceed etc etc.  
With regard to their possible unauthorised occupation of the area, I certainly hope - that should this be the case - then it will not be regarded as a foregone conclusion to grant approval of their application.

Minister MacTiernan to John Fischer MLC 3rd Feb 04:

The DPI has received an application from.....for a living area near Bilung.....however the information provided is incomplete. The dept of Indigenous Affairs has been requested to provide some additional information so the matter can be considered further.....DPI is requesting DIA's assistance in stopping further development on the current location.

Rod Sweetman MLA 9th Feb 04:

Letter of support enclosing a copy of a letter from Minister MacTiernan advising similar information as provided to John Fischer MLC.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr H Pollock That the information provided by Members of Parliament in relation to the Unofficial Bilung Aboriginal Community be received and the situation be continued to be monitored.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**406 NORTHERN ZONE OF WALGA**

CR-CSM

Invitation to attend Northern Zone Conference Thurs 4th, Fri 5th March 2004

Two day conference with emphasis on environment, transport and community to be held at Wonthella Bowling Club Geraldton. Sponsors Haines Norton Auditors and Greenfields Technical Services.

Cost - for the two days \$200, for one day \$150 for the conference dinner \$70

In the past two years Murchison has been represented at this conference.

I am of the opinion that this conference would be of benefit to both long serving and recently 2003> elected Councillors.

The programme will be distributed prior to the meeting.

**Moved Cr W.McL Mitchell, seconded Cr H Pollock That Councillors Halleen, Keynes and Walsh and possibly Pollock and Foulkes-Taylor (both to advise) and their partners if desired be registered for the Northern Zone WALGA Conference in Geraldton on 4th, 5th March and Council meet registration costs, accommodation and travel expenses.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**407 RECORDS KEEPING PLAN**

PO-ADM

Adoption of Records Keeping Policy

In March 2002 legislation was passed that required each local Authority to adopt a draft Record Keeping Plan by 10th March 2004. This plan which is to be adopted in principle by each Local Authority is to be forwarded to the State Records Commission for a final review and then sent back to the Local Authority for Councils final adoption of the policy by 30th June 2004.

WALGA developed a Record Keeping Plan Template for small Local Governments which was prepared by the State Records Commission in conjunction with the Association and the Local Government Records Management Group.

WALA State Council at its meeting in December 2003 endorsed the draft Record Keeping Plan Template for use by Local Governments and the draft document provided to each member (on meeting day) is a modified version of this document which has appropriate modifications to suit the Shire of Murchison.

Several changes are required to the existing storage facility located at the west end of the Shire Depot to comply with our record-keeping plan. These are modifications to shelving, provision of a dry powder fire retardant blanket, smoke detector and dust sealing. Total estimate \$1910.

*Recommendation*

*That Council adopt the draft Record Keeping Plan in principal and provision of \$2 000 be made in the 2004/05 budget for the purpose of modifications and purchases for Council's records storage facility located at the west end of the Shire Depot.*

Recommendation not adopted as Council is keen to establish a new records area.

**Moved Cr HR Foulkes-Taylor, seconded Cr M W Halleen That Council adopt the draft Record Keeping Plan in principal and provision of \$2 000 be made in the 2004/05 budget for the purpose of modifications and purchases for Council's record storage facility and the option of a sea-container for use as a secure storage room be investigated.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**408 DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RD 2003 COMPLIANCE RETURN** AD-LGD

Council's Consideration and Adoption of the 2003 Compliance Return

The CEO of each Council is required to complete and furnish a Compliance Return for each calendar year. This return is then to be-

- a. presented to a meeting of the Council
- b. adopted by the Council
- c. the adoption recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted
- d. forwarded to the Department by 31st March

**Moved Cr H R Foulkes-Taylor, seconded Cr M W Halleen That the 2003 Departmental Compliance Return be received and adopted and forwarded to the Department and Council note the comments contained in the Compliance Return in relation to item 36 - advertising before imposing a differential rate.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**409 SHIRE OF MULLEWA** EN-CARM

Talling Peak - Mullewa Ore Carting Route

Letter of 19th December 03 from Mullewa Shire in relation to the turn off to the Talling Peak Mt Gibson ore mine together with other information relating to Mt Gibson's night carting operations.

Letter in part-

'The Council has again drawn to the attention of Mount Gibson Mining its concerns with respect to an appropriate design and construction time table for this junction. It is understood that mount Gibson has directed its contractors to undertake these works as a matter of urgency. Its attention has also been directed to your concerns about traffic exiting the mine site.'

This junction does not seem to be completed as yet.

**Moved Cr P M Walsh, seconded Cr K L Keynes That the information in relation to Mt Gibson's ore carting route Carnarvon-Mullewa Road in the Shire of Mullewa be received and Council furnish a reply which includes the level of dust which could be reduced with more water, the non completion of the T junction to the mine site, the position of fencing where the 'tourist' entrance has been fenced off, unspread windrows of gravel left at knock off time, the wisdom of night only operations at this time and the value of talking with ore truck drivers (channel 40) when travelling in close proximity to the trucks.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0



**410 PASTORAL RATING REPORT**

AD-LGD

Response to Pastoral Rating Report

Council has been given the opportunity to comment on the Pastoral Rating Report to the Minister for Local Government.

Relevant sections mailed to all Councillors.

Any comments or response is to be received by the department by the end of February.

**Moved Cr H R Foulkes-Taylor, seconded Cr H Pollock That in relation to the Pastoral Rating Report Council make no comment to the Department.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**411 PASTORAL INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

AD-LGD

Response to Pastoral Industry Working Group Reports

Council has been given the opportunity to comment on the Pastoral Industry Working Group Reports.

Relevant sections mailed to all Councillors.

Any comments or response is to be received by the Department by the end of February.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr M W Halleen that in relation to the Pastoral Industry Working Group Reports the Department be advised that Council is of the opinion that in relation to the renewal of pastoral property leases, to ensure lessees have a commitment to the industry, will invest in their long term future and the industry and to assist in maintaining a stable population in pastoral areas a minimum tenure of 50 years should be adopted and if the recommendations in relation to public access to pastoral leases includes stock routes Council believes that adequate barriers need to be put in place to control environmental damage and the spread of noxious weeds or unwanted non local vegetation.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**412 TABLED ITEMS THIS MEETING**

PO-ADM

Sundry correspondence, circulars and information.

Items to be received by Council.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr M W Halleen That Council receive correspondence and circulars items 1165 to 1233.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**FINANCE**

**135 LIST OF CREDITORS PRESENTED TO 20 FEBRUARY '04 MEETING**

FI-APAY

List of creditors for payment

All accounts for payment at this meeting. See list.

**Moved Cr W.McL Mitchell, seconded Cr K L Keynes That the list of creditors Municipal Fund \$123 301.82 (cheques 5253 and 5298 to 5339), Trust Fund \$1 338.50 (cheques 1449 to 1451), CEO's Advance Account \$9 993.92 (cheques 1905 to 1910) totalling \$134 634.24 including emergency and previously approved payments be passed for payment.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**136 MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

PO-FIN

Financial Update to 16th February, 2004

Update based on cash, sundry debtors, sundry creditors and stock.

**Moved Cr M W Halleen, seconded Cr H Pollock That the financial update to 16th February, 2004 showing an estimated current position of the Municipal Fund, including the CEO's Advance Account, to be \$285 279.28nt and LSL/AL Reserve \$371 919.81 invested at 5.39% due 5th March, 2004, be received and adopted.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

Note : On 17<sup>th</sup> February the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 Grants Commission payments of \$370 613 was paid into Council's Municipal Fund Account bringing the current position up to a figure of \$655 892.

**WORKS**

**158 ACCESS FROM YALLALONG TO YUNA AND NORTHAMPTON**

EN-RESM

Letter from M & I Tomkins Nookawarra

Mr and Mrs Tomkins write indicating support for Council's boundary alteration proposals involving Northampton and Mullewa.

They ask if, as part of this project, a road could be created to Yuna and Northampton. Mr Tomkins says this could cut off a lot of distance and save a lot of freight. Would also be useful in case of fire. He says there has been an old track there.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr P M Walsh That Mr Tomkins be advised that at this stage the boundary alteration project is limited to the acquisition of the pieces of land identified for transfer to Murchison and the gradual upgrade of roads in those areas.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**159 5 KM BITUMEN AND LANDING STRIP CARNARVON-MULLEWA ROAD**

PO-RCM

Specifications for 5 km Bitumen / Landing Strip Job

Information from Greenfields Technical Services in relation to the airstrip section of the job which is almost identical with information obtained from other sources and comment about the 'normal road bitumen width.

Sketch of airstrip section on white board in Council Chambers. Bitumen seal will be 10 m. As to the bitumen road width Greenfields say 7 m bitumen seal on a 10m gravel pavement (this provides for 1.5 shoulder on either side) is very adequate and is recommended.

At the bitumen rate accepted an extra 3800 sq m bitumen (to achieve 8 m bitumen width) will cost about \$15 000, in addition the gravel formation will need to be 11 m instead of 10 m..

The mover and seconder of the motion were supported by at least one other Councillor before the motion was put.

**Moved Cr W.McL Mitchell, seconded Cr P M Walsh that the information received from Greenfields Technical Services be received and the motion in relation to the five km bitumen passing opportunity / emergency landing strip appearing on page 2 of the minutes of the meeting held 29th January '04 be altered by, in line 5, deleting the distance stated of '8 m' and instead inserting '7 m'**

Motion put and CARRIED with an ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5-2

Cr HR Foulkes-Taylor asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he voted against the motion.

**160 BLACK SPOT FUNDING MEKA - NOONDIE ROAD**

FI-GRRD

Outcome of Black Spot Funding Application: Meka Noondie Road  
Advice from MRWA MidWest Region is that our application was not successful. The project came in at priority 13 from 21 projects assessed. MRWA was able to fund down to project No 7 which was only partly funded.  
This job was valued at \$126 000. A Black Spot Grant will deliver \$84 000 of this.

*Recommendation*

*That the Meka-Noondie Black Spot proposal be submitted in the next round of black Spot Application for funding in the 05/06 financial year.*

This recommendation not adopted as the use of this road has altered since the 'Black Spot' proposal was formulated.

**Moved Cr W MCL Mitchell seconded Cr M W Halleen That the information from MRWA and Greenfields Technical Services in relation to Council's 04/05 Black Spot Application be received and this Meka-Noondie Black Spot proposal be not proceeded with.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**161 CEO'S REPORT TO THIS MEETING**

EN-PLA

CEO's General and Plant Report  
Report on important activities of Council and Plant sine the January meeting of Council.

**Moved Cr K L Keynes, seconded Cr H R Foulkes-Taylor That the CEO's Works and Plant Report as presented to this meeting be received adopted.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**162 WORKS PRIORITIES TO END DECEMBER 2004**

PO-RCM

Priority list resulting from 2003 road inspection.  
Council decided following the road inspection that a list of items noted during the road inspection be prepared by staff and considered by Council with a view to establishing a priority list, the first part of which would be attempted by 30th June and the second half by the end of the calendar year.  
In doing this it must be remembered that the construction staff will be on the current job for possibly 5 more weeks and the Regional Roads funded job north Carnarvon-Mullewa road has to be completed no later than the end of May.  
Two or so larger jobs could be listed for 04/05 Roads to Recovery - \$245 000 in 04/05

**Resolved that Council note the list of priority jobs compiled by consensus as a result of the January road inspection as under-**

**Already approved by Council prior to the road inspection  
Regional Road Funded Carnarvon-Mullewa Rd north**

**Jobs from Road Inspection (first priorities)**

**Parkers Hill new alignment  
South Nookawarra straighten S bends  
Protective bund around cliff edge Wooramel Gorges  
Realignment Wooleen creek and grid  
Boolarady to Nookawarra crowning and bunds  
Twin Peaks – Wooleen realign corners, upgrade grids etc  
Creek sth of Byro Carnarn. - Mlwa. Rd Regional Roads or R to R**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

## **NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**

### **LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**

The CEO read two letters of appreciation recently received.

The first was from recently retired councillor Mr TFM Walsh who thanked Council for the presentation made to him on the occasion of the AGM of Electors and for the privilege and pleasure to have been part of the Council for so many years.

The second was from Mr Tim Officer in his capacity as President of the Sports Club who expressed appreciation for the work of the Settlement caretaker in particular the presentation and surrounds of the Sports Club Building.

### **SOUTH NOOKAWARA S BENDS JOB**

The CEO reported that Mr Merv Tomkins of Nookawarra had advised he was available to meet a delegation of Councillors (say 2) and staff on site one morning in the coming week to discuss Council's proposals in relation the S bends south Nookawarra Beringarra-Pindar Road.

**Resolved that Crs Keynes and Foulkes-Taylor, the Works Superintendent and CEO form the delegation and Mr Tomkins be approached for an on site meeting 10.30 am Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

Note: this meeting did not proceed due to objections from Mr Tomkins.

### **SHORT TERM CONTRACTS – ASSISTANCE WITH ROAD WORKS**

**Moved Cr W MLC Mitchell seconded Cr Keynes that the CEO, in conjunction with the Works Superintendent, be authorised to engage the services of short term contractors to assist with road work operations where economics or practical considerations deem this to be advantageous.**

Motion put and CARRIED 7-0

**SHORT TERM CONTRACT – ASSISTANCE ON 5 KILOMETRES BITUMEN JOB**

Cr HR Foulkes-Taylor declared an interest in this item and left the Council Chambers 4.25pm

**Moved Cr MW Halleen seconded Cr H Pollock that Twin Peaks Pastoral Co be contracted to provide a front end loader and operator for approximately three weeks to assist the gravel loading operation on the 5 kms bitumen job on the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road.**

Motion put and CARRIED 6-0

Cr HR Foulkes-Taylor returned to the Council Chamber and resumed his seat 4.28 pm

**NOTICE OF MOTION - Nil**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 4:28 PM

Confirmed this ..... day of .....

**PRESIDENT**