



TRUE MINUTES

**The Ordinary Meeting of Council
was held on Monday 27th August 2012
in the Kimberley Room of the State Library Building, Perth**

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I, Chairperson, Councillor Lynne Craigie, of the Pilbara Regional Council, hereby declare on behalf of the Councillors of the Pilbara Regional Council that the enclosed minutes are true and accurate record of the Pilbara Regional Council Meeting held on Monday 27th August 2012 at the Kimberley Room of the State Library Building, Perth.

Cr Lynne Craigie

Chairperson

22/10/12

Date

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1. OATH OF OFFICE

Councillors Peter Long and Craig Hoyer undertook the Oath of Office before the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tony Friday prior to the commencement of the Council meeting.

2. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council was held on Monday 27th August 2012 in the Kimberley Room of the Perth Library Building, Perth and was declared open by the Chairperson at 9.07 am.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors	Cr Lynne Craigie, Chairperson	Shire of East Pilbara
	Cr Kelly Howlett, Deputy Chairperson	Town of Port Hedland
	Cr George Daccache	Town of Port Hedland
	Cr Kerry White	Shire of Ashburton
	Cr Fiona White-Hartig	Shire of Roebourne
Deputy Councillors	Cr Peter Long	Shire of Roebourne
Staff	Cr Craig Hoyer	Shire of East Pilbara
	Mr Tony Friday	Chief Executive Officer
	Ms Sue Shepherdson	Executive Assistant
Guests:	Mr Allen Cooper, CEO	Shire of East Pilbara
	Mr Ian Hill, Acting CEO	Town of Port Hedland
	Mayor Troy Pickard, WALGA President (9.07am to 10.15am)	WALGA
	Mr Mark Batty, Exec/Manager Environment & Waste(9.07am to 10.15am).	WALGA
	Mr Tim Fowler, Special Advisor Legislation and Reform(9.07am to 12.05pm).	Department Local Government
Presenters:	Ms Felicity Gilbert, Assistant Director, Regional Development (9.07am to 10.00am).	Pilbara Development Commission
	Lorraine Gregoriadis (12.10pm to 12.40pm)	Leadership WA
	Nicole Stein, Community Relations Manager (12.10pm to 12.40pm)	API West Pilbara Iron Ore Project
	Paul le Large, Base Manager Pt. Hedland (12.10pm to 12.40pm)	RFDS Western Operations
	Dave Pearson, Network Manager (12.10pm to 12.40pm)	Main Roads WA Pilbara Region
	David (Harry) Hipworth, Principal (12.10pm to 12.40pm).	Hooker Karratha
Apologies:	Cr Lorraine Thomas	Shire of Ashburton
	Cr Sharon Vertigan	Shire of Roebourne
	Cr Anita Grace	Shire of East Pilbara

Mr Jeff Breen, CEO
Mr Chris Adams, CEO
Ms Caroline Tuthill, Manager Local Government Reform

Shire of Ashburton
Shire of Roebourne
Department of Local
Government

Leave of Absence: Nil

4.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr George Dacacche – 9th to 24th September 2012.

5. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WHICH WERE TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

6.1 DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST AND PROXIMITY INTERESTS

Nil

6.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Nil

7. PETITIONS/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

7.1 PILBARA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – FELICITY GILBERT

Ms Felicity Gilbert, Assistant Director, Pilbara Development Commission presented to Council an update on the Short Stay Accommodation Project.

Project Objectives:

- Identify the existing and planned short stay accommodation.
- Identify the demand for short stay accommodation (by accommodation type and quantity over short, medium and long term).
- Provide information that will assist local governments in planning short stay accommodation needs.
- Provide information that may be used to attract private investors.

Project Deliverables:

- An analysis of the short stay accommodation requirements and the tourism development investment outlook for the Pilbara.
- Prioritised future short stay accommodation development requirements based on this analysis and identify localities for tourism development land to be released.

- A recommendation whether Government intervention is required in order to deliver short stay accommodation development in the Pilbara region, and if so, which incentives/interventions are recommended.

Tourism in the Pilbara is Small by comparison (tourism is only 0.6% of GRP).

In 2011, over 500,000 visitors to the Pilbara:

- Business visitors dominate (roughly 40% of total)
- 75% of business visitors arrive by air
- Leisure visitors make up 30% of total now
- Before 2006, leisure visitors outnumbered business
- 90% of leisure visitors arrive by road
- Tourism injects \$250 million into the local economy

Hotel market includes hotels, motels and serviced apartments. Occupancy rates and ADR are likely higher than what is captured in the official figures (above 65% occupancy generally shows some shortage of rooms). Tremendous ADR and RevPAR growth has outpaced all capital cities and shows shortage but still not enough to trigger new supply.

Many caravan parks are contracted to business or provide permanent residential accommodation. Very few are available for leisure visitors.

Strong potential pipeline of Transient Worker Accommodation (TWA) projects that would significantly increase beds in the region (increase of 40% by 2015). TWAs can also provide short-stay accommodation for business travellers (becomes a substitute for hotel accommodation and can significantly impact hotel market if these rooms are released onto the market).

There are numerous market factors that impact the accommodation industry (visitation, high dollar, natural disasters, etc.) Market can be very volatile.

Accommodation must generate a sufficient return on investment in order to trigger investment. Three key players: developer, investor, operators. All have profit motive. Investor is most critical and currently absence.

Barriers to Development: No single issue but a combination of issues that prevents developments from being viable:

- High Construction Costs
- Low Availability/High Land Costs
- Competing Land Uses
- Access to Finance
- Lack of Residential Housing
- Development Timeframes

As rates continue to increase and occupancy remains strong, developments become more and more viable. Recent announcements and DAs do not guarantee that developments will proceed.

To encourage accommodation a balance approach is needed. Government must ensure that the market is not overstimulated. Must seek to maintain sustainable supply and demand balance.

Investment Attraction Study:



Next Steps: Product development and marketing initiatives. We need to understand our market more and provide what they want. We need to begin discussions regarding greater coordination in tourism marketing. Engagement with Government regarding encouraging accommodation development and actions that are required. Continue marketing investment opportunities and engagement with prospective investors.

Chairperson Cr Lynne Craigie thanked Felicity for her time and Felicity Gilbert left the Meeting at 10.00am.

7.2 LEADERSHIP WA – PILBARA NOTICE BOARD WEBPAGE

Presentation was held over until the end of this Council meeting.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Attachments: 8. Minutes of the PRC Meeting – 3rd July 2012
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Ms Sue Shepherdson, Executive Assistant
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1177
Moved: Cr White-Hartig
Seconded: Cr Howlett

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 3rd July 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried 7/0

9. ANY BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

10. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

A verbal update was provided by the Chairperson Cr Lynne Craigie as follows:

- Meetings held with Minister Grylls and PRC CEO;
- Media interviews held regarding Tourism in the Pilbara
 - Promotion of the Coastal Rest Stop Project
 - High Australian dollar; lack of accommodation and cheaper overseas alternatives are contributing to tourist numbers declining;
 - Opportunity to invite political parties to the PRC upcoming meetings to assist in the promotion of tourism.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**11.1 STATE COUNCIL REPORT**

Attachments: 11.1 State Council Presidents Report September 2012.
Responsible Councillor: Cr Craigie – Councillor to State Council
Action Officer: Ms Sue Shepherdson, Executive Assistant
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attached for Councils information is Mayor Mr Troy Pickard, President, WALGA State Council Report for September 2012 including updates on:

- Local Government Convention;
- Regional Subsidiaries;
- Adjusted Financial Assistance Grants
- Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
- State Election Campaign
- Dog Amendment Bill 2012
- Container Deposit Legislation
- President's Contacts

Policy Implications – Nil

Legislative Implications - Nil

Financial Implications - Nil

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

Council discussed the Regional Waste Levy, waste and dispose in the Pilbara in general along with Dicom Facilities that manages mixed organic wastes sorting them in a process that recovers energy reduces waste in Landfill sites.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1178
Moved: Cr Howlett
Seconded: Cr White

That the State Council President's Report as presented be received.

Carried 7/0

11.2 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Attachments: Nil
Responsible Councillor: Ms Lynne Craigie, Chairperson
Action Officer: Ms Sue Shepherdson, Executive Assistant
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Purpose

To seek Council agreement to the Pilbara Country Zone's position on of the WALGA State Council meeting. The next meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council will be held at WALGA 15 Altona Street, West Perth on Wednesday 5 September 2012 commencing at 5.00pm.

Background

The Pilbara Regional Council is also the secretariat to WALGA Pilbara Country Zone delegate and is responsible for assisting the delegate to prepare to represent the Zone at the next State Council meeting. WALGA has distributed its State Council agenda for its meeting.

The Pilbara Country Zone delegate will represent the Zone's views at the State Council meeting and is seeking feedback on State Council agendum Items to represent the Zone's views at the State Council meeting.

State Council Agendum Items

State Council Agendum is divided into three main parts that require Zone endorsement or comment, which are Part 5 - Matters for Decision; Part 6 – Matters for Noting / Information; and Part 7 – Organisational Reports.

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Recommendation

That

1. AGM Motion 5.1, 5.3 and 6.2 be endorsed
2. AGM Motion 6.1 be noted;
3. AGM Motion 5.2 be amended and adopted as follows;

That:

- A. WALGA reaffirms the requested State/Local Government Communication and Consultation Protocol to the State Government that suggests the following protocols;
 - I. New legislation and amendments, proposals and legal mandate that will have an impact on Local Government expenditure - Minimum of twelve (12) weeks consultation.
 - II. Consultation for a minimum of eight weeks on proposed changes to Regulations or other compliance requirements that will have an impact on Local Government's responsibilities.

III. Communication between both spheres of government relating to changes in operating procedure or practice which will have minimal impact requires advice prior to any action.

- B. WALGA again request the State Government to endorse the proposed protocol as part of the State Local Government Agreement.

5.2 Metropolitan Local Government Review

Recommendation

That the following policy positions be reaffirmed:

1. The Association's commitment to structural reform of Local Government being voluntary, and
2. The Association's recommended transition process in relation to the Metropolitan Local Government Review process.

5.3 Grain Freight - Central Wheatbelt

Recommendation

That:

1. WALGA supports the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Inquiry into Closure of Tier 3 Rail Lines in the Central Wheatbelt;
 - a. "that the Government keep the central wheatbelt Tier 3 rail lines open until the end of 2014 to enable CBH Group to demonstrate the business case for retention of these lines, provided this does not impact on the funded upgrades to and maintenance of local roads"; and
 - b. "that the Wheatbelt Development Commission undertake an economic review of the appropriate grain transport infrastructure for areas serviced by the central wheatbelt Tier 3 lines in conjunction with the demonstration of rail operations on these lines".
2. The Association provides this support on condition that it does not impact on the funded upgrades to and maintenance of local roads; and
3. Retaining operation of central wheatbelt Tier 3 rail lines until at least the end of 2014 be referred to the Forum of Co-Chairs for consideration as part of the campaign to be run by the Association in the lead up to the 2013 State Election.

5.4 Local Government Planning Improvement Program, Action Plan

Recommendation

That the Local Government Planning Improvement Program, Action Plan be endorsed.

5.5 WALGA Submission – Seven Proposals to Regulate and Amend the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

Recommendation

That the Association's Submission on the Department of Indigenous Affairs' 'Seven Proposals to Regulate and Amend the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972' be endorsed.

5.6 WALGA Submission – Western Australian Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2012-2016

Recommendation

That the Association's submission on the Department of Health's Western Australian Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2012-2016 be endorsed

5.7 Bushfire Risk Identification and Mitigation Project – Building Protection Zones
Recommendation

That:

1. The phased introduction of Building Protection Zones (defendable spaces) in high bushfire risk areas, is supported in principle;
2. The State Government be advised that further development of the proposed Building Protection Zone policy and implementation process must occur in partnership with Local Government;
3. Local Governments in high risk areas be encouraged to review and if necessary, modify fuel loads around key Local Government infrastructure (eg evacuation centres) in preparation for the 2012/13 bushfire season; and
4. Where practicable, Local Governments encourage residents in high risk areas to modify fuel loads around buildings on private property, in line with the standards recommended by FESA, in preparation for the 2012/13 bushfire season.

5.8 Bushfire Risk Identification and Mitigation Project Team – Local Government Representative

Recommendation

That WALGA, on behalf of the sector, contribute appropriate staff resources to fulfill the role of Local Government representative(s) on the Bushfire Risk Identification and Mitigation Project Team, hosted under the auspices of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, for Phase II of the Bushfire Risk Identification and Mitigation Project.

5.9 Productivity Commission Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation – Draft Report
Recommendation

That the interim submission on the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Barriers to effective Climate Change Adaptation be endorsed.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Update on Implementation of the Building Act 2011

Recommendation

That the recent actions regarding the implementation of the Building Act 2011 be noted.

6.2 South West Native Title Settlement

Recommendation

That the developments in relation to the South West Native Title Settlement be noted.

6.3 Municipal Waste Advisory Council

Recommendation

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting held 27 June 2012 be noted.

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste

Recommendation

That the Key Activity Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the September 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Strategy

Recommendation

That the Key Activity Report from the Governance and Strategy Unit to the September 2012 State Council meeting be noted

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure

Recommendation

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the September 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development

Recommendation

That the Key Activity Report from the Planning and Community Development Unit to the September 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

Recommendation

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the September 2012 State Council Meeting be noted.

Policy Implications - Nil

Legislative Implications - Nil

Financial Implications - Nil

Conclusion

A copy of the State Council agenda is available on the WALGA website www.walga.asn.au. The Pilbara Zone Councillors and CEO have reviewed the State Council agenda and have noted the issues. The Pilbara Zone Delegate to the State Council is requested to pass on the Pilbara Zones concerns at the next meeting of the State Council.

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1179
Moved: Cr Howlett
Seconded: Cr White

It is recommended that the Council endorse the Pilbara Country Zone Delegate to pass on the Zone’s endorsements and comments on the matters for the State Council consideration at its meeting on Wednesday 5th September 2012.

Carried 7/0

Mayor Troy Pickard, WALGA President and Mr Mark Batty, Exec/Manager Environment & Waste, WALGA left the meeting at 10.15am.

Council took a break at 10.15am

Council resumed at 10.30am

12. FINANCE

12.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Attachments:	12.1 (1) Financial Statements as at 30th June 2012 12.1 (2) Financial Statements as at 31st July 2012
Responsible Officer:	Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer:	Ms Sue Shepherdson, Executive Assistant
Officer Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's consideration and adoption of the June and July 2012 Statements of Financial Activity and explanations of material variances between budget estimates and actual for expenditure, revenue and income.

Background

The PRC Council is required to review and approve the PRC expenditure and financial position on a regular basis.

The PRC's financial system is QuickBooks which generates Monthly Financial Reconciliations that show the PRC's expenditure and financial position on a monthly basis. Excel spreadsheets are used to provide statutory compliant reporting based on the QuickBooks output.

To enable the reporting of material variances to be consistent and compliant with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations (FMR 34) the Council adopted the material variance threshold of plus/minus 10% at sub-program and /or individual project level as per FM 34(1)(d), for 2011/12 financial year in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AAS 5).

The Local Government Act Financial Regulations require that a statement of financial activity, including reporting on revenue and expenditure, an explanation of the composition of net current assets and an explanation of any material variances between actual and (now) revised budget allocations be presented to Council to consider for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

The following financial statements for the periods ending 30th June 2012 and 31st July 2012 are attached:

- (1) Comprehensive Income Statement by Program;
- (2) Comprehensive Income Statement by Nature/Type;
- (3) Statement of Financial Position;
- (4) Statement of Changes in Equity;
- (5) Statement of Cash Flows;
- (6) Statement of Financial Activity;

- (7) Statement of Current Assets and Current Liabilities;
- (8) Supporting Schedules detailing income and expenditure

Policy Implications - Nil.

Legislative Implications - Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, reg. 34

Financial Implications - Nil

Conclusion

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Statements, the Statement of Financial Activity and commentaries on variances to the adopted budget for the periods ended 30th June 2012 and 31st July 2012.

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1180
Moved: Cr White-Hartig
Seconded: Cr Dacacche

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Statements, the Statement of Financial Activity and commentaries on variances to the adopted budget for the periods ending 30th June 2012 and 31st July 2012.

Carried 7/0

13. STRATEGIC ISSUES

13.1 PRC FY13 OPERATING PLAN (DRAFT)

Attachments:	13.1 Draft PRC FY13 Operating Plan
Responsible Officer:	Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Author Name:	Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain endorsement for the Draft PRC FY13 Operating Plan.

Background

The Integrated Planning Framework used by the PRC is structured to ensure that PRC activities are being driven by the strategic priorities of the organisation. The Operating Plan is derived through a review of the Strategic Plan and analysis of the requirements of the four member Councils.

The Council's Strategic Plan, and therefore the Operating Plan are framed so that they address the four key result areas identified during the Integrated Planning process. The four key result areas are:

- Key Result Area 1 – Regional Service Delivery
- Key Result Area 2 – A Voice for the Pilbara
- Key Result Area 3 – Economic Value
- Key Result Area 4 – Governance Support

For FY13, Strategic Objectives were developed for each of the key result areas which in turn were used to inform the development of the annual Operating Plan and budget.

Comment

In order to coincide with member Council's budget preparations for FY13, the Chief Executive Officer has consulted with member CEOs and prepared the Draft PRC FY13 Operating Plan.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

5.56. Planning for the future

(1) A local government is to plan for the future of the district.

(2) A local government is to ensure that plans made under subsection (1) are in accordance with any regulations made about planning for the future of the district.

[Section 5.56 inserted by No. 49 of 2004 s. 42(6).]

[5.57, 5.58. Deleted by No. 49 of 2004 s. 42(6).]

Financial Implications

Nil

Conclusion

The PRC has begun the process of transforming into a quality driven organisation striving for excellence as a Regional Council in the business of Local Government. We see our commitment to business excellence as fundamental in achieving our strategic and business operating outcomes. In particular, our desire to align PRC business objectives with those of our member Councils wherever possible is of paramount importance.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1181
Moved: Cr Howlett
Seconded: Cr White

That Council:

1. Approve the draft PRC FY13 Operating Plan;
2. Approve development of the PRC FY13 Budget based on the FY13 Operating Plan.

Carried 7/0

14. GOVERNANCE

14.1 2013 PRC COUNCIL MEETINGS

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Author Name:	Ms Sue Shepherdson, Executive Assistant
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council consideration of meeting locations for the 2013 year prior to a report being drafted for consideration by Council at the December meeting for approval of the 2013 meeting dates.

Background

Council meeting dates need to be set and key stakeholders advised of meetings so that they in-turn can schedule their activities, provide support for the PRC, and attend meetings. The PRC previously endorsed meeting dates for 2012 at its November 2011 meeting via Resolution Number: 1118. Meetings for the remainder of 2012 are scheduled for Perth (22 October) and Karratha –Shire of Roebourne (3 December). 2013 Meeting dates and locations are yet to be considered by Council.

In determining the dates, times and locations for the Ordinary Meeting of Council for the upcoming year, consideration needs to be given to a number of factors including travel and facilitation of workshops / briefing sessions with Councillors and CEO's, along with Councillor commitments at their own Council level. Traditionally meetings are held on a Monday commencing at 9.00am with no meeting being held in January.

Comment

In accordance with the Local Government Act, meetings of Council are to be held regularly and no less than every three months. The PRC meets in-person six times per year.

The PRC Executive meets in between meetings via teleconference or in-person as required. Working Groups meet as required.

The holding of Ordinary Meetings of Council is governed by, in priority order, by the need to:

- meet frequently enough to consider and provide approvals on key Pilbara issues and for works in progress;
- meet prior to the WALGA State Council meeting to review and comment on that Council's agenda;
- attract Members of Parliament to attend Council meetings;
- meet early enough in the day to allow for a Regional Road Users Group meeting to be held following the PRC Meeting;

- be conscious of Councillor and CEO obligations to their Town/Shires and employment as appropriate; and
- Ordinary Meetings of Council can be supplemented by Special Meetings of Council as required and are supported by the PRC Executive and Working Groups as appropriate.

Working Groups will be convened as required and will meet as required by teleconference, videoconference, or if necessary in-person.

Issues

Special Council meetings cannot be held via teleconference unless permission has been granted at a previous Council meeting indicating the Date and time of the meeting being held via teleconference and the location of each Councillor and time of the meeting.

The vast distance within the Pilbara can make getting to meetings a costly and timely process for some PRC Councillors. Each individual member council currently incurs the costs associated for Councillors to attend PRC Meeting.

Following Council's endorsement consultation will need to be made with each member Council CEO for approval of any additional expenditure that may be incurred as a result of altering the current pattern of PRC meetings.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Local Government Act 1995, Section 5.3 requires Council to hold an Ordinary Meeting not more than three months apart.

Financial Implications

Previous agreement indicates that administration and cost of Councillor and employee attendance at meetings is the responsibility of each Town/Shire. The PRC funds all teleconference and videoconferences along with the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Assistants costs for meetings held in the Pilbara Region.

Conclusion

Any alteration to the existing meeting structure should be given careful consideration. The PRC office is based in Perth and attending meetings in the region provides the CEO and Executive Assistant with the opportunity to visit the region and see first-hand some of the projects that member Councils are currently undertaking. It is important that the Pilbara Regional Council Officers maintain a strong connection to the region.

Holding meetings in the region also offers PRC Councillors the opportunity to view other LGA's and discuss topical matters with Councillors from across the region. Perth based meetings may provide a benefit of time and cost savings Councillors not having to drive great distances between their residence and meetings held in the region. It also provides the opportunity for Councillors to conduct other business whilst in Perth.

Options

Option 1

As per officers recommendation.

1. Maintain its existing meeting location structure for 2013 with alternate meetings being held in the Perth CBD and the Pilbara Region with Regional meetings being held on a rotational basis between each LGA.
2. Request the CEO draft a report for Councils consideration for dates of 2013 based on (1).

Option 2

That Council:

1. Alter its existing meeting location structure for 2013 with all meetings to be held in the Perth CBD.
2. Request the CEO to consult with member LGA CEO's for agreement in associated costs with (1)
3. Request the CEO draft a report for Councils consideration for dates of 2013 based on (1).

Option 3

That Council:

1. Alter its existing meeting location structure for 2013 with two of the six meetings to be held in the Pilbara Region, one meeting to be held in Port Hedland and one in Newman. All remaining meetings will be held in the Perth CBD.
2. Request the CEO draft a report for Councils consideration for dates of 2013 based on (1).

Option 4

That Council:

1. Alter its existing meeting location structure for 2013 with two of the six meetings to be held in the Pilbara Region, one in Karratha and one in Tom Price and the remaining meetings to be held in the Perth CBD.
2. Request the CEO draft a report for Councils consideration for dates of 2013 based on (1).

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

ALTERNATE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1182
Moved: Cr White-Hartig
Seconded: Cr White

That Council:

1. Alter its existing meeting location structure for 2013 with two of the six meetings to be held in the Pilbara Region, rotating between the LGA's for location and the remaining meetings to be held in the Perth CBD.
2. Request the CEO draft a report for Councils consideration for dates of 2013 based on (1).
3. Request the CEO and Executive Assistant travel to the region and attend Council meetings at the other two councils where PRC meetings are not being held each year.
4. Invite one member Council's CEO to present an update of projects and new initiatives from their Council to the PRC on a rotational basis.

Carried 7/0

15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**15.1 DISPOSAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

Attachments: Nil.
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Council of the disposal of an asset.

Background

The previous CEO had elected to package a motor vehicle into her salary arrangements. This was not required for the current CEO, and the organisation was holding a depreciating asset for which there was no immediate use. A decision was taken in conjunction with Cr Craigie to dispose of the asset.

Comment

A tender process for the sale of the vehicle was conducted by WALGA meeting all statutory requirements. One response was received to this tender, and the vehicle was disposed.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Sale realised \$9,000.

Conclusion

Nil for information purposes only.

15.2 RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

Attachments: Nil.
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Council of recent media coverage.

Background

The CEO has conducted two media interviews as a result of the release of the FIFO study. These were conducted with the Australian newspaper, and the BBC Asia media desk. A story was run on page 7 of The Australian featuring commentary from the CEO and from Cr White-Hartig. The PRC has not been able to ascertain whether any story arose from the interview with the BBC.

The CEO has conducted a media interview with the Editor of Rock Candy magazine, targeted specifically towards FIFO workers. As a result of this interview, the Editor has agreed to run a series of pieces showcasing selected regions in the Pilbara with a view to encouraging FIFO workers to consider bringing their families to experience the region in which they work. The first of these pieces is tentatively scheduled for December 2012.

Comment

As a result of the story in The Australian, the PRC was contacted by the CEO of Maranoa Regional Council (Qld) to congratulate the PRC on the ground-breaking nature of this study, and to seek access to some of the work product arising from the study.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Conclusion

Nil for information purposes only.

Cr Lynne Craigie volunteered to participate in interviews with Rock Candy magazine.

15.3 FEDERAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS & ROADING STUDY

Attachments: Nil.
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Council of a recent meeting with Minister Grylls, and its impact on the proposed extension to the FIFO research.

Background

The CEO and Cr Craigie attended a meeting with Minister Grylls on 19 July 2012 to discuss affordable housing issues in the Pilbara, and to introduce the results of the recent FIFO study.

Comment

The Minister expressed a high level of interest in the FIFO study, as it provides some quantitative data towards this emotive (and traditionally qualitative) issue.

The Minister was encouraging in his response towards the PRCs intention to examine the links between Federal Assistance Grants and the impact of FIFO work practices on Local Government service delivery.

The Minister was encouraging in his response towards the PRCs intention to examine the links between road degradation and the impact of FIFO work practices on Local Government service delivery. He specifically requested a copy of the research outcomes that will be delivered using the Nullagine road as an exemplar.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Unquantified potential future financial implications for Federal Assistance Grants and road funding.

Conclusion

Nil for information purposes only.

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**16.1 COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING 2011/12**

Attachments: Nil.
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council on the recent application to the Department of Regional Development and Lands for Country Local Government Funding.

Background

At the July Ordinary Council Meeting, the Council endorsed the CEOs activity in lodging a revised application to the Department of Regional Development and Lands for Country Local Government Funding to support the next phase of the 'Upgrade of Coastal Tourism Locations and Improvement of Selected Roadside Rest Stops' project.

Comment

An application has been lodged with the Department of Regional Development and Lands for Country Local Government Funding, and this has been reviewed by the Department's agents (Thinkscape) to ensure that the application is consistent with the requirements of the funding programme. The PRC has been advised that the application meets all of the Department's compliance requirements and is now being considered by the DG's group for merit.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

The allocation for the Pilbara for the current grant allocation is \$3,714,103

Conclusion

If the 2011/12 Country Local Government Fund grant application is approved, then the PRC executive team will act immediately to implement the supporting business case.

For information purposes only

16.2 UPGRADE OF COASTAL TOURISM LOCATIONS & IMPROVEMENT OF SELECTED ROADSIDE RESTSTOPS

Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Report Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council on the progress of this project, supported by the Department of Regional Development and Lands for Country Local Government Funding.

Background

This project has recently been subject to a comprehensive internal review in preparation for Financial Year and Project Controls Audits, currently scheduled for September. The project has not yet delivered infrastructure 'on the ground', however a considerable amount of consultation and preparatory work has been conducted to support these activities.

Comment

The PRC executive has commissioned detailed engineering design, and this has now been completed. These documents will form the basis of a procurement exercise for manufacturing, with pricing valid for 24 months. These documents will form the basis of a procurement exercise for installation, with pricing valid for 24 months. Once both elements are costed, the project team will be able to accurately determine how much infrastructure can be installed at each location, and submit development applications as required.

Issues

The approach to market for installation services will be reissued as an invited tender, with a detailed scope of works provided. Regional preference will be included within the market approach, and exercised as part of the evaluation criteria.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

An inability on the part of the PRC to meet the requirements of the funding body could result in loss of these funds to the PRC and member Local Governments.

Conclusion

Member Local Governments will see an escalation in the level of activity attached to this project, with a view to the first structures being erected within the next 9 months.

Voting Requirements

Nil

For information purposes only

16.3 PROJECTS UPDATE

Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Report Purpose

This report is to inform the Council of the degree of adoption of the various proposed projects by member Local Governments.

Background

As a component of the FY13 Operating Plan, the CEO offered a suite of projects to member Local Governments under a bureau service provision model.

Comment

After various discussions both in person and via email, the suite of projects has been refined and member Local Government participation finalised. CEOs have offered informed comment where appropriate, and this has been incorporated into project documentation.

The colour codes for each project represent whether the member CEO has indicated support (green), tentative/limited support (orange), or does not wish to be involved (red). The diamond indicates whether the project is currently considered 'live'.

	<u>Project</u>	<u>SoA</u>	<u>SoEP</u>	<u>SoR</u>	<u>ToPH</u>
1	Visitor Centre Web Assets	◆	◆	◆	
2	Project Portfolio Management				
3	Staff Sourcing	◆			
4	Coastal Rest Stops	◆	◆	◆	◆
5	FAG/Roading FIFO Study				
6	Grants Master Planning	◆	◆	◆	
7	Short Stay Accommodation	◆	◆	◆	◆
8	ICT Strategies	◆	◆	◆	◆
9	Affordable Housing	◆	◆	◆	◆
10	Payroll Processing				

Issues

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Projects are linked to the draft FY13 Operating Plan and the draft FY13 Budget.

Conclusion

The Pilbara Regional Council is now able to commence activities against each of these projects.

Voting Requirements

Nil

For information purposes only

16.4 USE OF COMMON SEAL

Attachments: Nil.
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Ms Sue Shepherdson, Executive Assistant
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Purpose:

This report is a standard report and for noting purposes only.

Background:

Section 2.5 of the Local Government Act 1995 states that a Local Government is a Body Corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal. A document is validly executed by a Body Corporate when the common seal of the Local Government is affixed to it by the Chief Executive Officer, and the President/Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer attest the affixing of the seal.

Since the last meeting of Council the common seal has been applied to the following documents:

- Engagement for Provision of Services Administrative support.

Comment:

The Chief Executive Officer is primarily responsible for the governance role of the PRC which includes ensuring all legislative requirements are complied with including: adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets. This use of the Common Seal is a Standard Report for noting by Council.

All documents validly executed will have the common seal affixed and the President and the Chief Executive Officer's attestations affixing the seal. Use of the common seal is to be recorded in the common seal register and must have the Council resolution number included and the date that the seal was applied.

Policy Implications - Nil.

Legislative Implications:

Section 2.5(2) of the Local Government Act 1995.

The local government is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

Section 9.49. Documents, how authenticated.

A document, is, unless this Act requires otherwise, sufficiently authenticated by a local government without its common seal if signed by the CEO or an employee of the local government who purports to be authorised by the CEO to so sign.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Conclusion:

This is a standard report for information.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1183

Moved: Cr Daccache

Seconded: Cr White-Hartig

That the action of the Chief Executive Officer in executing the documents listed under the Common Seal of the Pilbara Regional Council, be noted.

Carried 7/0

16.5 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Attached to this agenda is a report from the Director General of the Department of Local Government providing updates on the following:

- WA's Cultural Diversity is on the Rise – 2011 Census;
- New Tools Available to Help with Workforce Planning;
- Grants Commission to Visit Local Governments;
- Termination Payments Set, Fees and Allowance with Tribunal;
- Introduction of Local Government Amendment Bill;
- CLGF Reminder;
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Advisory Standard;
- Activities in Local Government Reform;
- Over \$3m in Funds Available for Cat Act Implementation;
- Tribunal Determines CEO Remuneration for Local Governments;
- 2012-13 Heritage Grants Program;
- InHerit – A New One Stop Online Portal for Heritage Listings;
- WALGA Convention 2012.

Council discussed the role of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal in determining Councillor remuneration and would like to meet with representatives from the Tribunal at a future meeting.

17. REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE GROUP**17.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRC REGIONAL BUSINESS PLAN****Report Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the activities undertaken to acquit FY12 DLG grant funding in support of the implementation of the regional business plan, and to propose the allocation of FY13 DLG grant funding to support the implementation of the regional business plan.

Background

The Department of Local Government provides grant funding to support Regional Local Governments in adopting elements of the integrated strategic planning framework. In the past, these funds have been used to draft a Pilbara Regional Business Plan, and to conduct enterprise risk management and corporate governance reviews within each Local Government.

Comment

All activities are now substantially complete.

Issues

Pilbara Regional Council has not yet been able to secure confirmation from the member Local Governments regarding the success (or otherwise) of these activities, but will conduct a survey towards the end of this calendar year to assess FY12 funding outcomes.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Legislative Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Finalising these two activities will serve to fully utilise the \$190,300 allocated by DLG towards implementation of the PRC regional business plan. DLG have advised that \$125,000 is available for regional business plan initiatives within the FY13 period, and the PRC proposes to allocate these funds across two current PRC projects (Staff Sourcing and Payroll Outsourcing) under the Workforce Planning element of the Integrated Planning Framework. Any additional funds remaining from this allocation will contribute towards the development of the Pilbara Regional Council Strategic Community Plan and Asset Management Plan.

Conclusion

The PRC is in the process of acquitting FY12 DLG grant funding for implementation of the Regional Business Plan, and will allocate FY13 grant funding to extend these initiatives via two nominated projects.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to allocate FY13 DLG grant funds in support of implementing the Regional Business Plan towards two nominated projects (Staff Sourcing and Payroll Outsourcing), with any surplus funds allocated towards the development of the Pilbara Regional Council Strategic Community Plan and Asset Management Plan.

ALTERNATE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1184
Moved: Cr White-Hartig
Seconded: Cr White

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer to allocate FY13 DLG grant funds in support of implementing the Regional Business Plan towards two nominated projects (Staff Sourcing and Payroll Outsourcing).

Carried 7/0

Cr White-Hartig left the meeting at 11.30am

Cr White-Hartig re-entered the meeting at 11.33am

18. LATE ITEMS

18.1 PROCUREMENT FOR FIFO/FAG/ROADING PROJECT

Attachments: Nil
Responsible Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Action Officer: Mr Tony Friday, Chief Executive Officer
Officer Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement procure AEC Group for the delivery of the FIFO/FAG/Roading Project in a manner that that is not consistent with the Pilbara Regional Council purchasing policy.

Background

The PRC Executive is required to procure goods and services in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the Act and its own Purchasing Policy. A project was conducted in June 2012 to prepare a submission for a Parliamentary Standing Committee into the costs and impacts of FIFO work arrangements on the Pilbara region.

As a result of a competitive procurement process, AEC Group were commissioned to conduct the economic research and to prepare a report. This report was completed and a submission made to the Standing Committee prior to a 30 June deadline. AEC Group were further commissioned to develop a reusable economic model that could be used by Councils to inform subsequent discussions regarding Federal Assistance Grants and with other grant funding bodies. The economic model has been completed and is available for the use of the PRC member Councils.

An additional body of work has been identified to adapt the FIFO economic impact assessment model to the funding model used during the Federal Assistance Grants process, and to apply this model specifically to the issue of roading in the Pilbara. The cost of this additional body will be approximately \$35,000. If the PRC was to engage the AEC Group for this additional work it would take the amount of the combined two contracts for the AEC group above the \$100,000 amount requiring a public tender process.

The PRC Executive holds the view that an approach to the market is not likely to yield any respondents as the proposed activities are building on previous economic modelling conducted by AEC Group.

The Local Government Act Regulations Reg 11(2) (c) (d), (e) and/or (f) support the direct engagement of AEC Group to conduct the additional activities without approaching the market with a separate procurement exercise.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FUNCTIONS AND GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1996 - REG 11

11 . When tenders have to be publicly invited

(1) Tenders are to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division before a local government enters into a contract for another person to supply goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than \$100 000 unless sub regulation (2) states otherwise.

(2) Tenders do not have to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division if ...

(II) (in the opinion of the local government) substantially similar to, or closely related to, goods or services of a type,

...

(c) within the last 6 months —

... or

(d) the contract is to be entered into by auction after being expressly authorised by a resolution of the council of the local government; or

(e) the goods or services are to be supplied by or obtained through the government of the State or the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, or by a local government or a regional local government; or

...

(f) the local government has good reason to believe that, because of the unique nature of the goods or services required or for any other reason, it is unlikely that there is more than one potential supplier; or

...

[Regulation 11 amended in Gazette 29 Apr 1997 p. 2145; 26 Jun 1998 p. 3447; 25 Feb 2000 p. 970–1; 29 Jun 2001 p. 3130; 31 Mar 2005 p. 1054–5; 2 Feb 2007 p. 245–6.]

PILBARA REGIONAL COUNCIL PURCHASING POLICY

The PRC Purchasing Policy provides for the following requirements:

The purchasing thresholds below makes provision for the process to be followed by the Pilbara Regional Council (PRC) where the value of goods or services (excluding GST) subject of the contract (inclusive of purchasing orders), over the full contract period (including options to extend) is, or is expected to be:

Amount of Purchase Form of Quotation (Minimum Requirements)

\$20,001 - \$50,000	Obtain three (3) written quotations and include specification of goods and services.
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In the following instances public tenders or quotation procedures are not required (regardless of the value of expenditure):

a) ...

b) Where it can be demonstrated there is good reason to believe that, because of the unique nature of the goods or services required or for any other reason, it is unlikely that there is more than one potential supplier.

Policy Implications – Waiver request for the Pilbara Regional Council Purchasing Policy.

Legislative Implications – Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996 - Reg 11

Financial Implications - Nil

Options

Option 1: Engage AEC Group directly to conduct additional activities related to the alignment of Federal Assistance Grants and Roading to the FIFO Work Practices economic assessment model to a maximum of \$35,000 ex GST.

Option 2: Conduct a new approach to market seeking supplier to meet the requirements detailed above.

Conclusion

That Council consider two possible options for engaging a supplier to conduct additional work towards the FIFO economic assessment model previously provided by AEC Group.

Voting Requirements - Simple Majority

Council felt that due to the unique nature of this project it was unlikely to receive respondents if a public tender process was called. It also felt that this next project could be accepted as a separate project to the original work.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1185
Moved: Cr Howlett
Seconded: Cr White

That Council direct the CEO to engage AEC Group directly as a sole supplier to conduct additional activities related to the alignment of Federal Assistance Grants and Roading to the FIFO Work Practices economic assessment model to a maximum of \$35,000 (ex GST).

Carried 7/0

18.2 COUNCILLOR WHITE ITEM

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Cr White
Author Name:	Cr White
Disclosure of Interest:	Councillor of Shire of Ashburton

Report Purpose

To inform the Pilbara Regional Council on the details of a planning application which is due to be considered by the Shire of Ashburton for the Mackerel Islands in Onslow, WA and gain Councils option on this application.

Background

Information obtained from Shire of Ashburton 18th July 2012 Minutes:

Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd holds the lease on Thevenard and Direction Islands for tourist purposes and seeks the 'temporary' (five year) use of facilities on Thevenard Island for transient workforce accommodation associated with the construction period of the Wheatstone LNG plant and port development. A five year period links the construction of Wheatstone and the port. The Island is reserved under the Shire of Ashburton Local Planning Scheme No. 7 as 'Conservation, Recreation and Nature Landscape' and planning approval is required from the Shire for the 'transient workforce accommodation' use. An incomplete application for planning approval has been lodged by Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd but cannot be considered until the application form is signed on behalf of the State of Western Australia. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the proposal and to seek direction as to the manner in which Council wishes to consider the application.

Situated 83 kilometres south west of Barrow Island and 25 kilometres from the mainland, Thevenard Island is leased by the State for 21 years to Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd. It is understood that this company has held leases on Thevenard and Direction Islands since 1968. Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd operates tourist facilities comprising 15 self-contained beachfront cabins, 30 double rooms at Club Thevenard, a general store, licensed restaurant, licensed tavern and recreation facilities including games room, swimming pool and dive shop. Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd seeks the 'temporary' (five year) use of facilities on Thevenard Island for transient workforce accommodation associated with the construction period of the Wheatstone LNG plant and port development.

Council Decision was as follows:

MOVED: Cr C Fernandez SECONDED: Cr D Wright That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the application for planning approval from Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd seeking 'temporary' (five year) use of facilities on Thevenard Island for transient workforce accommodation, noting that until the application is signed on behalf of the State of Western Australia, that the application is 'deficient' and cannot be considered.*
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to:*
 - (a) Write to Mackerel Islands Pty Ltd:*

- *advising that until the application is signed by the 'land owner', the application is 'deficient' and cannot be considered;*
 - *requesting details how it can assure the community that incomes from the transient workforce arrangements will be invested in the island facilities (e.g. through trust accounts etc); and*
 - *requesting a clear timetable of when Thevenard Island would return to tourist use.*
- (b) *Write to Chevron Australia Pty Ltd requesting advice on:*
- *Why it needs Thevenard Island for accommodation purposes?*
 - *Why it has never been raised in earlier planning environmental documents?*
 - *Whether accommodation on Thevenard Island will result in less accommodation facilities at the ANSIA?*
 - *The final number of accommodation rooms at the ANSIA?*
3. *Once the application is signed on behalf of the State of Western Australia and a response is received in relation to 2 above, that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:*
- (a) *advertise the application for a minimum 14 day period (once) in the West Australian newspaper, Pilbara News newspaper and the Onslow Telegraph newspaper;*
- (b) *refer the application to any agency or persons the Chief Executive Officer sees fit; and*
- (c) *refer the application along with any submissions to the next available Council meeting for determination.*
- (d) *to the next available Council meeting for determination.*
4. *Request the CEO write to the RDL advising that the decision in relation to 1 – 3 above should not be considered as supporting the application and Council has strong reservations with losing tourist accommodation on Thevenard Island.*

CARRIED 9/0

Comment

The Pilbara Regional Council has no authority to impact on planning control at a member council level, it can support member Councils, if required, through letters of support that can be included and considered by member councils when a final decision is being made.

Issues

PRC - Nil

Policy Implications

PRC – Nil.

Legislative Implications

PRC Establishment Agreement: 3 (c) and 4 (a)

3. Regional Purpose

The regional purpose for which the PRC is established is to undertake the following functions, for the Participants.

- (b) *To influence and liaise with local, state and Federal Governments in the development of policies and legislation which are of benefit to the Region.*

4. Objectives. The objectives of the PRC shall be:

(a) To endeavour to carry out the Regional Purposes in a manner which enhances and assists in the advancement of the Region.

Financial Implications

PRC – Nil

Conclusion

Cr White is requesting that the Pilbara Regional Council support the Shire of Ashburton's decision and submit to the Shire of Ashburton a letter of support indicating the Pilbara Regional Councils support of the Shire of Ashburton's decision at the 18th July 2012 Council meeting relating to the variation to use Mackerel Islands planning application.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Options

Option One

The Council note the information provided by Cr White in relation to the Mackerel Islands planning application.

Option Two

That Council:

1. Support the Shire of Ashburton's decision MINUTE: 11251 of the 18th July 2012 in relation to the Mackerel Islands planning application.
2. Request the CEO submit a letter of support to the Shire of Ashburton in relation to its decision on the Mackerel Islands planning application.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1186
Moved: Cr White-Hartig
Seconded: Cr Long

That Council:

1. Support the Shire of Ashburton's decision with regard to the Mackerel Islands planning application.
2. Request the CEO submit a letter of support to the Shire of Ashburton in relation to its decision on the Mackerel Islands planning application expressing concerns about the loss of tourism diversity in the area.

Carried 7/0

Mr Allan Cooper left the meeting at 11.48am

Mr Allen Cooper re-entered the meeting at 11.50am

19. GENERAL BUSINESS

19.1 CR LONG – GENERAL BUSINESS

North West Games

Enquired as to the Northwest Games and if they are still operating?

Cr. Craigie advised that when the games were due to be held in Newman they were cancelled due to the lack of accommodation.

Petrol Stations / Roadhouses

Can the PRC look into funding options for critical stations along the main arterial highways to improve them as a number of them are lacking in facilities and general maintenance.

19.2 CR HOWLETT – GENERAL BUSINESS

- The new Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Port Hedland Mal Osborne will be commencing on the 20th October. Cr Howlett extended her thanks to Acting CEO Mr Ian Hill.
- The Town of Port Hedland are progressing work on the KPMG report and developing a number of plans and frameworks.
- ToPH will consider their budget on Thursday 30th August 2012.
- The water Park is approximately 4-6 weeks away from completion.
- The South Hedland Aquatic centre upgrade is going well and is anticipated to be finished in early October.

19.3 CR WHITE – GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Shire of Ashburton is in the process of investigating the development of a RFDS airport of Tom Price owned and operated by others. The CEO will be lobbying resource companies, state government departments, etc. to construct own and operate an RFDS air strip in Tom Price.
- The Tom Price Skate Park is being reconstructed to increase the park's size and include a parents' retreat. The Project is currently approximately 6 months behind schedule.

20. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

7. PETITIONS/ DEPUTATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

7.2 LEADERSHIP WA – PILBARA NOTICE BOARD WEBPAGE

Please note that this presentation was delayed from the start of this Council meeting.

Lorraine Gregoriadis (Leadership WA); Nicole Stein (API West Pilbara Iron Ore Project – Community Relations Manager); Paul le Large (RFDS – Base Manager Pt. Hedland RFDS Western Operations); Dave Pearson – Network Manager Main Roads WA Pilbara Region) and David (Harry) Hipworth (Principal LJ Hooker Karratha) presented to Council on the Pilbara Notice Board Webpage.

The Leadership WA Aims to enhance leadership through its Programs and improve the WA Community by fostering leadership for the benefit of individuals, organisations and communities. It aims to do this through the spirit of their core values: ethical leadership, respect for diversity, accepting and guiding change and community service.

Community Project: Pilbara Noticeboard – the project purpose is to create a one-stop, web-based, Pilbara communications information noticeboard by 1 November 2012.

Options:

1. Create a new Pilbara Noticeboard website with mobile phone app.
2. Utilise existing information networks.
3. Create a page in addition to the new PRC initiated Visitor Centre website with mobile phone apps.

Seeking in principle support for this important community project.

Cr Craigie thanked Lorraine Gregoriadis (Leadership WA); Nicole Stein (API West Pilbara Iron Ore Project – Community Relations Manager); Paul le Large (RFDS – Base Manager Pt. Hedland RFDS Western Operations); Dave Pearson – Network Manager Main Roads WA Pilbara Region) and David (Harry) Hipworth (Principal LJ Hooker Karratha) for their presented to Council on the Pilbara Notice Board Webpage.

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21. CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting Closed at 12.50pm.

The next meeting of the Pilbara Regional Council will be held in Perth on Monday 22nd October at 9.00am.