

Shire of Wiluna

MINUTES



Special Meeting of Council

Held

Tuesday 21 January 2020

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1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

The Shire President welcomed Councillors, staff and visitors and declared the meeting open at 11.01am.

2. Public Question Time

Nil

3. Record of Attendance

Present:

Cr Jim Quadrio	President
Cr Peter Grundy	Deputy President
Cr Brodie Sawyer	
Cr Norma Ward	
Cr Ane Koroicure	
Cr Lena Long	

In Attendance:

Warren Olsen	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Robert Wiles	Manager of Works
Katrina Boylan	Executive Assistant

Josh Kirk – Greenfields Technical Services (until 11:36am)

a) Apologies and Leave of Absence Previously Approved

Cr Tim Carmody

b) Notations of Interest:

- i. Financial Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60A**
Nil
- ii. Proximity Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60B**
Nil
- iii. Interest Affecting Impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct**
Nil

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4. Reports of Officers***Officer Recommendation & Council Decision*****MOVED CR SAWYER****SECONDED CR WARD**

Procedural recommendation that the meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to S5.23 (2) subparagraph (a) and (c) to consider items 4.1. which deals with a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the Local Government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

CARRIED 6/0**Resolution 001/20****4.1. Manager of Works****4.1. RFT 2019-08 Rural Road Construction Tender Assessment*****Officer Recommendation & Council Decision******Item 4.1.*****MOVED CR GRUNDY****SECONDED CR SAWYER****That**

1. The final report from Greenfield Technical Services be noted.
2. That Dean Contracting Pty Ltd be recognised as the preferred tenderer.
3. That, subject to the willingness of the Dean Contracting to execute contract documents in terms expressed in the request for tender and subject to confirmation of project resources, program and availability to complete the works by 30th May 2020, the CEO be authorised to contract with Dean Contracting Pty Ltd for all three works parcels in the following amounts:
 - a) Contract 2019-08A - \$670,140.00 plus GST
 - b) Contract 2019-08B - \$260,100.00 plus GST
 - c) Contract 2019-08C - \$340,500.00 plus GST

CARRIED 6/0**Resolution 002/20*****Officer Recommendation & Council Decision*****MOVED CR WARD****SECONDED CR GRUNDY****That the meeting be re-opened to the public.****CARRIED 6/0****Resolution 003/20**

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The meeting re-opened to the public at 11.36am.

5. Elected Members Motion of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

Motion by Cr Long Coordination of Vocational Training in Wiluna

From Lena Long, re Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre

Vocational training and training initiatives for school students in Wiluna need to be coordinated through the Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre so that all training is nationally accredited and leads to genuine employment opportunities in and around Wiluna. The school council has strong oversight of the Training Centre as it is an Education Department facility.

If the Shire and/or Shire staff are contacted about school-age students undertaking vocational training in Wiluna, they must refer the person to the Training Centre coordinator, Mr Mac Jensen. This will stop inappropriate/unsafe training being delivered in Wiluna, which is not consistent or coordinated with Training Centre/employer/community priorities.

CRTAFE Kalgoorlie is the Recognised Training Organisation (RTO) for the Training Centre, and the facility mostly contains their equipment and resources.

The Department of Education owns the facility and the coordinator is responsible to the Regional Executive Director in Kalgoorlie. The Training Centre is no longer part of the school. The Training Centre is entirely funded by the Wiluna Shire and a number of local mining companies (employers). All training at the Training Centre is coordinated with employers, the WRCS Council (ie representatives from local families) and CRTAFE.

Desert Support Services (DSS) are actively involved in all training decision/priorities as casual on-country Martu Ranger work employs the most people in Wiluna. Ranger training forms the basis of most courses at the Training Centre and is transferable to almost all other jobs. DSS provide significant in-kind support to the Training Centre.

CRTAFE have limited capacity and it is important that any training is nationally accredited and prioritised with employers and CRTAFE, and that the training is conducted in a safe manner in a dedicated training environment. Nationally accredited training is delivered within course packages which often require a training pathway, eg a certificate I course leading to a certificate II course, which prepares the students for local employment. Any uncoordinated training or non-nationally accredited training significantly complicates this process and wastes time, money and resources.

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School-age vocational education and training (VET) students can commence training at the Training Centre from 15 years of age. It is important that the school attracts and retains students until at least that age in order for them to access VET.

The school council's priority for the school is to address the very low literacy and numeracy levels with Wiluna school children, and not get distracted by programs which do not assist this. Low literacy and numeracy is a significant barrier to employment and must be addressed by the school as a priority.

Council Decision**MOVED CR LONG****SECONDED CR GRUNDY**

Council does not and will not support any initiatives of Wiluna Remote Community School (WRCS) re internal V.E.T. projects that are in conjunction with Wiluna Shire, unless they have been fully discussed and sanctioned by WRCS Council.

CARRIED 6/0**Resolution 004/20****6. Closure**

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 11.41pm.

These minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 26 February 2020.

Signed _____

(Presiding Person at the meeting of which the minutes were confirmed.)

Date: _____

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