



MINUTES

Council Meeting held
on Thursday 23 February 2012

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**These minutes comprising pages 1 - 41 were confirmed by
Council on 23 February 2012 as a true and accurate record.**

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Tony Dean
SHIRE PRESIDENT

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Minutes

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4.17 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(previously approved)

PRESENT

Councillors; Dean, Camarri, Dunnet, Gilbert, Longmore, Mellema, Steer and Lorkiewicz.

Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer

Vic Smith - Manager Corporate Services

Chris Wade – Works Manager

VISITORS: 5

APOLOGIES: Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (previously approved): Nil.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE:

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr M Loveland

Q1. How many people read my letters?

A1. The Shire President advised to approach Councillors individually.

Q2. Will Councillors read my notes and answer my questions in the future?

A2. The Shire President advised again to approach Councillors individually.

Ms P Fraser

Q3. Will traffic issues be looked at in relation to the Day Hospital?

A3. Question was taken on notice.

Q4. Will islands be removed from the Main Street?

A4. The Shire President responded that traffic islands have been removed in the concept stage of the Main Street upgrade.

Q5. Who pays for the Christmas parties?

A5. The Chief Executive Officer responded that the office staff socialise occasionally and this is paid on an individual basis.

The one and only Christmas party held this year at Loose Goose comes from the refreshments budget.

Mr A Mailes

Q6. What can I do and not do on my special rural zoned property?

A6. The Chief Executive Officer responded to contact himself or Steve Thomson for information.

Q7. Can I get help with the scheme amendment?

A6. The Chief Executive Officer responded again to contact himself or Steve Thomson for information.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

6. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The presentation by Greg Rowe and Association was cancelled on the day.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8729 STEER/DUNNET

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Nannup held in Council Chambers on 15 December 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 8/0

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

9. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ATTENDING COMMITTEES & OTHER EVENTS

Agricultural Department Busselton
Lotteries Commission
Warren Blackwood Strategic Alliance
Branding Group
Astro Resources
Bauxite Resources
Watercorp
Bushfire Advisory Committee
Local Emergency Management Committee meeting
Bunbury Mausoleum opening
Aged Housing
Active Ageing Reference group
Recreation Centre Architect selection

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.1
SUBJECT: Advertising Sign Application
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Lot 40 Valley Way, Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT: Greg Rowe & Associates
FILE REFERENCE: A1608
AUTHOR: Steve Thompson, Consultant Planner
REPORTING OFFICER: Robert Jennings – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Edge Planning & Property receive payment for planning advice to the Shire and declare a Financial Interest (section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995)
DATE OF REPORT: 14 February 2012

Attachments: 1. Location plan
2. Information from applicant
3. Submissions
4. Additional information from applicant
5. Local Planning Policy (LPP 018 Sign)

BACKGROUND:

Greg Rowe & Associates, on behalf of Paramount Outdoor who are working in conjunction with John Longbottom, the owner of Lot 40 Valley Way, have lodged a planning application for an advertising sign to be installed on Lot 40 Valley Way. The proposed location of the sign is shown in Attachment 1 which is in close proximity to Brockman Highway.

Details originally submitted by the applicant are provided in Attachment 2. Initially, the applicant sought a permanent planning approval for the sign.

The proposed advertising sign is double sided, 8.3 metres x 2.2 metres in size and fixed atop two poles, 2 metres above ground level. It is not proposed to be illuminated.

The proposed sign would run perpendicular to Brockman Highway and would be set back no more than 5 metres from the property boundary adjoining Brockman Highway. The Office of Road Safety has expressed their desire to expand their advertising presence throughout regional Western Australia and would like to use the proposed sign predominantly to advertise their safety messages.

Consultation

The Shire administration invited public comment on the planning application through writing to adjoining/nearby landowners and Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA). The Shire received three submissions on the planning application which are outlined in Attachment 3. The two submissions from nearby landowners raise objections/issues including:

- amenity/visual impact especially for a town and area that is heavily dependent on tourism (e.g. size & design of the sign is out of context with the area's character and qualities);
- doubts as to whether road safety adverts will be predominantly displayed and the lack of clarification on what "ancillary" advertisements mean throughout the year;
- precedent concerns for the size of the sign; and
- impacts on land values.

MRWA raises no objection to the application.

Negotiation with the applicant

Following the close of the consultation period, the Shire administration outlined the objections and issues raised through the submissions to the applicant. In response to these matters, the applicant has more recently provided supplementary information including additional justification and an artist impression (see Attachment 4).

More recently, there has been additional negotiation between the Shire administration and the applicant. The applicant in part advises:

“our Client is happy to obtain a three (3) year time limited approval in the first instance. They have been subject to this requirement several times, and are confident that they are able to fulfil the conditions of a planning approval.”

“With respect to the advertising content, they would be looking to provide the predominant display of advertising to the office of road safety (community based messages). This has been undertaken in a number of locations throughout regional Western Australia by our Client. The Office of Road Safety display road safety messages at various locations through the year, and focus on the lead up to key periods of the year, including public holiday weekends, Easter and Christmas. As the periods of occupation fluctuate, our Client cannot commit to an exact numerical figure or percentage of the year (in months) that the office of road safety content would be displayed for.”

“I have been instructed by our Client to confirm their acceptability of a condition relating to final finishes of the sign to be to the satisfaction of the CEO (or equivalent wording).”

Planning framework

The site is zoned “Special Rural” in the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3 (LPS3).

Outlined below are relevant clauses from LPS3:

“1.6.1 The local government’s general aim is to recognise the unique qualities and characteristics of the Scheme Area and safeguard its natural resources, whilst promoting sustainable development through diversified residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, timber, tourist and resource based activities.”

“1.6.2 The local government’s general intentions are -

(d) To manage the use and development of land by means of zoning and development controls to achieve compatibility between land uses, and the preservation, and where possible the enhancement of visual amenity of urban and rural uses.

(f) To safeguard and enhance the character and amenity of the built and natural environment of the Scheme Area.”

“4.13.10.1 Specific Objectives of the Zone (for the Special Rural Zone)

(e) To establish minimum development standards to ensure development is consistent with, and does not detract from, the rural character or landscape qualities.”

“5.8.12 Development Adjoining Major Road Reserves

In considering an application for planning approval in respect of land adjoining a Major Road Reserve, the local government may refer the application to Main Roads Western Australia for consideration and comment. The local government shall have due regard to any comments received from Main Roads Western Australia and may impose conditions in relation to the following -

(a) the setback of the development from the Major Road Reserve;

(b) the quantity, location and design of any required access roads; and

(c) the provision of access from any secondary roads adjoining the subject land.”

“5.8.14 Control of Advertisements

5.8.14.1 Objectives

The objectives of the provisions for the control of advertisements are -

(a) to ensure that the visual quality and character of particular localities and transport corridors are not eroded;

(b) to minimise the total area and impact of outdoor advertising commensurate with the realistic needs of commerce for such advertising;

(c) to prohibit outdoor advertising which is considered to be superfluous or unnecessary by virtue of their colours, height, prominence, visual impact,

size, relevance to the premises on which they are located, number and content;

(d) to minimise clutter of advertising signs; and

(e) to promote a high standard of design and presentation in outdoor advertising.

5.8.14.2 Power to Control Advertisements

(a) For the purpose of this Scheme and subject to sub-clause 5.8.14.1, the erection, placement and display of advertisements and the use of land or buildings for that purpose is development within the definition of the Act requiring, except as otherwise provided, the prior approval of the local government. Such planning approval is required in addition to any licence pursuant to the local government's relevant Local Law or policy.

(b) Application for the local government's approval pursuant to this Part shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Clause 9.1 of the Scheme and shall be accompanied by a completed Additional Information Sheet in the form set out in Schedule 7 giving details of the advertisement(s) to be erected, placed or displayed on the land.

5.8.14.4 Consideration of Applications

Without limiting the generality of the matters which may be taken into account when making a decision upon an application for consent to erect, place or display an advertisement, the local government shall examine each such application in the light of the objectives of the Scheme and with particular reference to the character and amenity of the locality within which it is to be displayed, including its historic or landscape significance and traffic safety, and the amenity of adjacent area which may be affected."

Local Planning Policy (LPP 018) Sign is set out in Attachment 5. This policy provides limited guidance for assessing sign applications other than the objective "To control the proliferation, quality, size, type and location of signage within the Shire of Nannup."

Former application for advertising sign - Lot 1 Bishop Street

While the Council is required to consider the current planning application on its merits, the Council at its meeting on 22 September 2011 considered a planning application for a sign on the corner of Warren Road and Bishop Street. The Council resolved:

1. That Council determine that the proposed Advertising Sign is not consistent with the objectives of the Residential Zone of the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No.3.

2. That Council refuse the application for Planning Approval, to construct an 8.3m x 2.2m Advertising Sign, on Lot 1 Bishop Street, Nannup as submitted by Greg Rowe & Associates, as the proposal is not consistent with the objectives of the Residential Zone of the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No.3.

COMMENT:

The following table summarised reasons for and against the proposed sign. The table is not intended to be exhaustive, however it may assist the Council in its decision making.

Reasons for the proposed sign	Reasons against the proposed sign
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sign provides a valuable community service relating to road safety. The applicant advises that the sign will predominantly advertise material for the Office of Road Safety – suggested to be approximately two-thirds of the year. • The site is not within a Landscape Value Area or Heritage Area of LPS3. • MRWA raise no objection. This appears to address road safety and motorist distraction issues. • The sign is not illuminated. • The applicant accepts the planning approval being limited to 3 years and other conditions to minimise impacts. • Considered a better location and negotiated outcome than the previous application. • Other reasons are outlined in Attachments 2 and 4. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sign is large. • Impact on views and loss of amenity – especially impacts on a key tourist route. • Inconsistent with Nannup’s character. • Two objections are raised by adjoining/nearby landowners (see Attachment 3). • A suggestion it will devalue property values. • Distracting to motorists and safety concerns. • It may create a precedent – or at least until the Council adopts a new sign policy. • There are better locations with a submitter suggesting an alternative location on the corner of Brockman Highway and Vasse Highway. • Other reasons are outlined in Attachment 3.

It is highlighted that the proposed sign is large. The Shire administration would have recommended refusal if the sign was for advertising other than road safety and if the applicant had not agreed to accept a temporary approval. The Shire administration has previously advised the applicant it does not support a permanent sign as proposed in this location. However, the sign is for road safety and the applicant has agreed to a 3 year approval. Additionally, there are conditions relating to controlling content and final finishes to better reflect Nannup’s character. On this basis and following assessment of available

information against LPS3 and Council's sign policy, the Shire administration recommends that the development application be conditionally approved.

While noting the above, the Council is able to refuse the planning application and could do so largely on loss of amenity reasons. As Councillors are aware, the applicant has the ability to lodge a right of review (previously called an "appeal") to the State Administrative Tribunal should this occur.

On a related matter, it is recommended that the Council review its Sign Policy to provide clearer guidance for applicants, the community and the Shire administration.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Planning and Development Act 2005 and LPS3

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Local Planning Policy 18 is non-statutory document, which is designed to provide guidance to assist the Council in its decision making. Accordingly, the Council is not bound by the policy but is required to have regard to the policy it determining the planning application.

It is suggested there is a need to develop a comprehensive signs policy. The Shire administration has recently provided Councillors with a preliminary draft Local Planning Policy on signs for discussion purposes. Subject to Councillor feedback, the Shire administration intend to seek Council support to publicly advertise a revised signs policy to the community and stakeholders in the coming months.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Planning Application for the 8.3 metre x 2.2 metre Advertising Sign on Lot 40 Valley Way, Nannup subject to the following conditions:

1. This approval is valid only until 23 February 2015.
2. The sign shall be carried out in accordance with the details indicated on the submitted plans unless otherwise required or agreed in writing by the local government. All features indicated on the submitted drawings shall

- be implemented unless otherwise required or agreed in writing by the local government.
3. The predominant display of advertising is for the Office of Road Safety to the satisfaction of the local government.
 4. Final finishes of the sign (frame and poles) are to be to the satisfaction of the local government and prior to the sign being installed.
 5. Prior to advertising content being changed, an artist impression is provided to the local government to ensure the appropriateness of the content.
 6. The local government will require the removal of any inappropriate signage content, as determined by local government, within two working days.
 7. No illumination of the sign is approved.

Advice

- A) In relation to Condition 4, the materials should be compatible with Nannup's character which is predominantly timber or related products.
- B) The proponent is advised that this Planning Approval is not a Building Licence.
- C) Part 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 provides the right to apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for review of some planning decisions and the proponent may wish to take professional advice to determine whether or not such a right exists in the present instance. The State Administrative Tribunal Rules 2004 require that any such applications for review be lodged with the Tribunal.

DUNNET/LONGMORE

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LOST 3/5

Voting for the motion: Camarri, Dunnet and Steer.

Voting against the motion: Dean, Mellema, Gilbert, Lorkiewicz and Longmore.

Alternative Motion: 8730 MELLEMA/GILBERT

That Council refuse approval for the Planning Application for the 8.3 metre x 2.2 metre Advertising Sign on Lot 40 Valley Way, Nannup.

CARRIED 5/3

Voting for the motion: Dean, Mellema, Gilbert, Lorkiewicz and Longmore.

Voting against the motion: Camarri, Dunnet and Steer.

Reason for alternative motion:

There is a marked detrimental impact to the area's visual and other amenity. The sign is clearly out of context with the unique character and qualities of Nannup.

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.2 SUBJECT: Gravel Pit Reserve Fund LOCATION/ADDRESS: N/A NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Nannup FILE REFERENCE: WRK 7 AUTHOR: Chris Wade – Works Manager DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil DATE OF REPORT: 7 February 2012

BACKGROUND:

Council has historically developed gravel pits on an as needed basis. four years ago the approach changed and two large gravel pits at Six Mile Road and Bird Road were developed through funding from road projects Council were working on at the time.

COMMENT:

Looking to the future and also taking into account new road projects including Blackspot funded projects that are coming into consideration a reserve fund needs to be developed for Council's future raw material supplies once the current pits are exasperated. Dependant on future road programs it is estimated that Council still has between four - seven years supply of gravel. It is good business practice to portion a cost from all new construction and maintenance jobs to a reserve fund.

The alternative to a reserve fund will be to purchase gravel as needed for each individual job when current stocks have run out in the future. The cost of purchasing raw materials is unknown as supplies and fuel costs are ever changing.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A nominal figure per cubic metre of gravel will be costed against each individual jobs budget to be placed into a gravel reserve fund. Apart from any jobs that have already funded the current gravel pits.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council create a Gravel Reserve Fund for future gravel resource costs in its 2012/13 budget development.

8731 CAMARRI/DUNNET

That Council create a Gravel Reserve Fund for future gravel resource established with funding proportioned from future construction and maintenance costs.

CARRIED 8/0

The reason for the change in recommendation:
To clarify source of funds.

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.3
SUBJECT: Officer's Vehicle Replacement
LOCATION/ADDRESS: NA
NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Nannup
FILE REFERENCE: Ten 12
AUTHOR: Chris Wade – Works Manager
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 10 February 2012

Attachment: Costing spread sheet

BACKGROUND:

Council's 2011/12 budget originally contained the routine replacement of two of the three senior officers Ford Falcons. These were removed during budget deliberations.

COMMENT:

With the restructuring of the senior officer's roles it has become apparent that the requirement for the extra vehicle is unnecessary. Some consultation with suppliers as to the optimum time to trade vehicles has been undertaken and it is apparent that if we average the current vehicle kilometres within the next few months would be the premium change over time as can be seen on the attached spreadsheet. Two of the vehicles have already gone over what would be Councils normal changeover 40,000km mark. The 40,000km is the optimum for both kilometres and remaining warranties for resale values.

The question of buying used vehicles has been raised, Local Government fits into the State Government Discount Scheme and therefore any new vehicles purchased are subject to the discount. Purchasing used vehicles does not qualify for a discount and buying a late model used x government vehicle has the discount reapplied before it is resold.

Over recent years requirements for a bus have been raised with Council on several occasions, with the ongoing activities of both Youth and Community officers with organised outings it is estimated the an annual cost of hiring buses and using private cars is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Obviously other savings will be the smaller motors fuel economy, tyres, insurance, registration and the running costs of two vehicles instead of three.

As a result of the above points the recommendation that has been put to Council to replace the current three vehicles for two seven seat wagons. The preferred option for this is the Toyota Kluger both for resale and accessibility. The attached spread sheet indicates changeover costs with a second option including two

Toyota Rav 4's. The resale of Toyota vehicles are generally well above other vehicles Council has previously purchases.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A change over figure of \$25,332 will be incurred if the officer's recommendation is supported. The funding will come from two budget items that will not eventuate this financial year. \$10,000 from Manager Development Service training and the external painting of the office \$ 15,000.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council allocate \$25,332 from the budget for the replacement of the current three Ford Falcons for two Toyota Klugers.

Recommendation not considered.

Alternative Motion:

8732 CAMARRI/LORKIEWICZ

That the information on changeover costs of vehicles be accompanied by costings on services, insurance, fuel consumption costs, maintenance details (eg; service charges) as a direct comparison to conventional sedans.

CARRIED 7/1

Voting for the motion: Dean, Camarri, Dunnet, Gilbert, Longmore, Lorkiewicz and Steer.

Voting against the motion: Mellema.

Reason for Alternative motion:

Need other details to make an informed decision.

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.4

SUBJECT: Policy LPP 016 Over Flow Camping Review LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Nannup FILE REFERENCE: ADM 9 AUTHOR/REPORTING OFFICER: Chris Wade – Works Manager DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil DATE OF REPORT: 9 February 2012
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Attachments: 1. Current Policy LPP 016
2. Draft updated Temporary Caravan Park and Camping Policy

BACKGROUND:

Council currently has policy LPP 016 Overflow Camping that was reviewed in April 2010. Council's health officer has completed research on the requirements and legislation in regards to both temporary caravan parks and temporary camping grounds. The research has highlighted deficiencies in the current policy.

COMMENT:

The attached draft Temporary Caravan and Camping policy now includes all relevant requirements and conditions that Local Government are required to consider before issuing a license. The draft policy does not indicate areas that Council may consider for temporary sites but this will be dealt with at the time of license applications.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Update and review Policy LPP 016 Overflow Camping and renamed Policy LPP 016 Temporary Caravan Park and Camping.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council update LPP 016 Overflow Camping and rename Policy LPP 016 Temporary Caravan Park and Camping as per attached draft policy.

8733 DUNNET/CAMARRI

Council update LPP 016 Overflow Camping and rename Policy LPP 016 Temporary Caravan Park and Camping as per attached draft policy.

CARRIED 8/0

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.5.
SUBJECT: Compliance Audit Return 2011
LOCATION/ADDRESS: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Nannup
FILE REFERENCE: ADM 14
AUTHOR: Vic Smith – Manager Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 9 February 2012

Attachment: Completed 2011 Compliance Audit Return

BACKGROUND:

Council is required by section 14 of the Local Government Audit Regulations 1996 to complete a Compliance Audit Return each year covering the period 1 January to 31 December. The Compliance Audit Return is to be:

1. Presented to Council at a meeting of the Council.
2. Adopted by the Council.
3. The adoption recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted.
4. Signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer and returned to the Department of Local Government with a copy of the Council minutes of the meeting at which it was received.

A new requirement has been introduced in that the 2011 return must also be reviewed by the Audit Committee prior to its adoption by Council.

COMMENT:

The Annual Compliance Audit Return contains 78 questions of which:

- 50 were complied with;
- 5 were not complied with; and
- 23 were not applicable to the Shire of Nannup during the year under review.

The areas of non-compliance were:

1. Officer Delegations

Whilst all delegations to officers were fully recorded in a Delegations Register as required by the legislation, these delegations were not reviewed during the year. A review will be carried out in 2011 to revise the delegations in the light of the new management structure.

2. Disclosure of Interests

Members disclosed their interests in matters under consideration by Council during 2011 as required by the legislation; these declarations were concerning matters affecting impartiality except for one, which was a proximity interest. In each case the member remained, participated in the debate and voted. The minutes should have recorded the decision to allow the member to participate in the debate but this was not done.

The other instance of non-compliance in this area was that written acknowledgement of the Annual Declarations by members and officers was not provided.

3. Auditor's Report

Members will be aware that delays have been experienced in preparing material for the annual audit of the financial statements. These delays meant that the auditor was unable to finalise the audit by the statutory deadline of 31 December. The audit has been completed and the auditor's report has been submitted to this meeting. The Manager Corporate Services will ensure that information for the 2011/12 audit is provided in a timely manner.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Local Government Audit Regulations 1996.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Local Government Compliance Audit Report for the Shire of Nannup for the period 1 January 2011 to the 31 December 2011, and submits the report to the Department of Local Government as required.

8734 GILBERT/DUNNET

That Council adopt the Local Government Compliance Audit Report for the Shire of Nannup for the period 1 January 2011 to the 31 December 2011, and submits the report to the Department of Local Government as required.

CARRIED 8/0

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.6
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Shire of Nannup Annual Report 2010/11
LOCATION/ADDRESS: N/A
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
FILE REFERENCE: ADM 17
AUTHOR: Vic Smith - Manager Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 7 February 2012

Attachment: Annual Report 2010/11 is included as a separate document

BACKGROUND:

Section 5.53 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) stipulates that a Local Government is to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year. A draft Annual Report has been circulated under separate cover for consideration.

COMMENT:

The Annual Report contains all the statutory information required, including the Annual Financial Statements for the year under review and will also form the main document for scrutiny at Council's Annual Electors Meeting.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Section 5.54(1) of the Act requires that the Annual Report be accepted by 31 December, with an absolute majority vote being required. However, if the auditor's report is not available in time for the Annual Report to be accepted by 31 December section 5.54(2) requires that it be accepted no later than two months after the auditor's report becomes available. The auditor's report was received on 17 February 2012, which did not allow the report to be presented to the Council meeting on 15 December.

Section 5.27(2) states that a general meeting of electors is to be held on a day selected by the local government, but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year. Section 5.29(1) requires that the CEO give at least 14 days local public notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Assuming that the Annual Report is accepted at today's meeting, it is proposed to hold the Annual Electors Meeting at 6.00pm Monday 26 March 2012.

Notice of the availability of the Annual Report is to be given as soon as practical after its acceptance by Council. An advertisement informing electors of the proposed timing of the Electors Meeting has been prepared for The West Australian, which will meet the statutory requirement of the advertising period. It

will also be placed in the relevant local papers and appropriate notices will be posted throughout the Townsite.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Absolute Majority
Decision required for the acceptance of an Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council accept the Annual Report for the Shire of Nannup for the financial year 2010/11 as required by section 5.54 (1) and 5.54(2) of the Local Government Act 1995.
2. That Council hold its Annual Electors Meeting on Monday 26 March 2012 in the Shire Function Room commencing at 6.00 pm.

8735 LORKIEWICZ//MELLEMA

1. That Council accept the Annual Report for the Shire of Nannup for the financial year 2010/11 as required by section 5.54 (1) and 5.54(2) of the Local Government Act 1995.
2. That Council hold its Annual Electors Meeting on Monday 26 March 2012 in the Shire Function Room commencing at 6.00 pm.
3. Thank you to outgoing Councillors, Boulter & Pinkerton to be included in the Shire President's report.

**CARRIED 8/0
BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

Reason for change to recommendation: On recommendation by the Chief Executive Officer.

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.7
SUBJECT: Budget Monitoring 2011/12
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT:
FILE REFERENCE: FNC15
AUTHOR: Tracie Bishop- Finance Officer
REPORTING OFFICER: Vic Smith – Manager Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 3 February 2012

Attachments:

1. Monthly Financial Statements for period ending 31 October 2011
2. Monthly Financial Statements for period ending 30 November 2011
3. Monthly Financial Statements for period ending 31 December 2011

BACKGROUND:

It is a statutory requirement that Council report monthly on the financial activity from all the various operating and capital divisions. Previously this has resulted in all variances of 10% being identified and reported. While this achieved the objective of showing these variances as at the date of the report, a lot were actually a result of timing as opposed to actual variances which will carry through to the end of year figures.

From this month forward we will be presenting the Financial Statements in what we believe to be a more 'user friendly' format. The aim is to focus attention on those variances which we envisage will impact on the end of year position.

The new format does not reflect the detailed requirements as set out in Section 34(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. In order to comply with legislation these statements are provided in attachments 1 – 3. This covering report identifies all of the major variations; other variations as shown in the statutory statements are due to timing differences.

The new format has been broken down showing over and underspends in both operating and capital divisions. The second column shows the current variances and column three shows the anticipated final figures.

COMMENT:

The variances to date identify that we anticipate overall expenditure in Fuels and Oils to be below that originally budgeted for. A reason for this reduced figure is shown below.

The impact of the Milyeannup Fire has seen a variance within Other Property & Services. Considerable officer time has been spent negotiating with FESA

towards a settlement of this overspend but it is not expected to be recouped at this point.

Variances within the income component are shown within Hall Hire Fees and Health licenses. Please refer to table below for explanations.

Capital expenditure is also expected to be reduced within the Recreation Centre for reasons mentioned.

Net Result	
	Expected End of Year Position
Current	
<i>Income</i>	-\$913,757.00
<i>Expenditure</i>	-\$1,491,577.00
<i>Net Effect:</i>	-\$2,405,334.00
	-\$106,908.00

Expenditure	
Current	Expected
<i>Underspends</i>	-\$1,530,369.00
<i>Overspends</i>	\$38,792.00
<i>Net result:</i>	-\$1,491,577.00
	-\$104,908.00

Income	
Current	Expected
<i>Under Received</i>	-\$918,519.00
<i>Over Received</i>	\$4,762.00
<i>Net Result:</i>	-\$833,901.00
	-\$2,000.00

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 (1)(a).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

Operational Expenses/Income				
Expenditure – Underspends	Current \$	Expected \$	Comment	Management Action
General Purpose Revenue				
Royalties For Regions	-\$1,312,837	-\$12,000	2010/11 Revenue is lower than anticipated and 2011/12 revenue higher. The net result is that we will receive less income than originally budgeted for and based on this expenditure will be decreased so that the net impact on the budget is nil.	MCS to monitor closely.
Health				
Administration Expenses	-\$4,881	-\$5,000	Overall expenses lower due to not having a full time health inspector.	To be incorporated into 2012/13 budget.
Community Amenities				
Review on Townsite Strategy	-\$15,000	\$Nil	Town site strategy review has not been started at this stage. It is still expected to be completed within the financial year.	CEO to monitor.
Other Property & Services				
Fuel & Oil	-\$66,061	-\$75,000	Vehicles currently used predominantly on Mowen Road resulting in cartage distances being minimal and bulk of fuel expenses being taken direct from this account.	WM to monitor.

Expenditure – Overspends	Current \$	Expected \$	Comment	Management Action
Other Property & Services				
Scott River Bushfire	\$38,792	\$38,792	Bushfire expenditure not anticipated. It now appears that these expenses will not be recouped.	Continued negotiations with FESA to reach a suitable outcome.
Income – Under	Current \$	Expected \$	Comment	Management Action
General Purpose Funding				
Royalties for Regions	-\$918,519	-\$12,000	Partial Royalties for Regions income from 2010/11 is still outstanding and based on recent correspondence this will be \$18,000 lower than anticipated. 2011/12 is currently showing a \$6,000 increase in income receivable. It is anticipated that the net effect overall will be a \$12,000 deficit.	MCS to monitor closely.
Income – Over	Current \$	Expected \$	Comment	Management Action
Recreation & Culture				
Hall Hire Fees	\$3,144	\$8,000	This is the first year since the introduction of the User Pay system. Therefore variances are to be expected.	
Health				
General Licensing Fees	\$1,618	\$2,000	Introduction of Food licensing has seen income higher than expected.	To be incorporated into 2012/13 budget.

Capital				
Expenditure Underspends	Current \$	Expected \$	Comment	Management Action
Recreation and Culture				
Capital Works - Halls	-\$131,590	-\$51,700	Recreation Centre expenditure lower than anticipated.	As this is a capital project, spanning more than 1 year any under spending will be carried forward.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Monthly Financial Statements for the period ending 31 December 2011 be received.

8736 DUNNET/CAMARRI

That the Monthly Financial Statements for the period ending 31 December 2011 be received.

CARRIED 7/1

Voting for the motion: Dean, Mellema, Camarri, Dunnet, Gilbert, Longmore and Steer.

Voting against the motion: Lorkiewicz.

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.8
SUBJECT: Shifting of the boundary between Bidellia and Carlotta Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
LOCATION/ADDRESS:
NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Nannup
FILE REFERENCE: FRC 1
AUTHOR: Terese Levick-Godwin- CESM
REPORTING OFFICER: Chris Wade – Works Manager
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
DATE OF REPORT: 6 February 2012

Attachments 1. Correspondence from the Landowners and from Carlotta Brigade
2. Correspondence from the Bidellia Brigade

BACKGROUND

After discussion between the Land Holders of Location numbers 127,127/3524, 75/127, 13158, 3651, 4039 and Lot 5004, 5005, Nelson Location 4, the Carlotta Brigade, the Bidellia Brigade and the Shire Officers, it has been agreed that the boundary between the two Brigades moved to include the locations into the Carlotta Brigade.

COMMENT:

The extent of the impact on the Council would be moving the boundary line on the map. FESA and John Lane from WALGA have been consulted on this regarding other implications.

With regard to the name change of the Bidellia Brigade, the farming land in the valley containing the above Locations is known as Bidellia. The area where the remaining residents reside is the Peerabeelup Valley, The applicants have requested that a name change to reflect the new boundary changes and this is supported by the Officer and the Bushfire Advisory.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

BFAC RECOMMENDATION:

J Patman/M Scott

That the Bushfire Advisory Committee supports the moving of the boundary for Locations 127,127/3524, 75/127, 13158, 3651, 4039 and Lot 5004, 5005 , Nelson Location 4 into the Carlotta Brigade area.

Carried

M Scott/B Brown

That the area formerly known as the Bidellia Brigade will now be known as the Peerabeelup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Carried

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council support the moving of the boundary for Locations 127,127/3524, 75/127, 13158, 3651, 4039 and Lot 5004, 5005, Nelson Location 4 into the Carlotta Brigade area.
2. That the area that would then contain the remainder of the Bidellia Brigade be renamed the Peerabeelup Brigade.

8737 MELLEMA/DEAN

1. That Council support the moving of the boundary for Locations 127,127/3524, 75/127, 13158, 3651, 4039 and Lot 5004, 5005, Nelson Location 4 into the Carlotta Brigade area.
2. That the area that would then contain the remainder of the Bidellia Brigade be renamed the Peerabeelup Brigade.

CARRIED 8/0

AGENDA NUMBER: 10.9
SUBJECT: New Brigade Shed on the Carlotta Hall site
LOCATION/ADDRESS:
NAME OF APPLICANT: Shire of Nannup
FILE REFERENCE: FRC 1
AUTHOR: T Levick-Godwin - CESM
REPORTING OFFICER: Chris Wade – Works Manager
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 13 February 2012

BACKGROUND

The Carlotta 2.4 fire fighting appliance has been housed on private property for a number of years. The Carlotta Brigade supports the building of a new shed to house the fire appliance and the Carlotta Hall Reserve is a fitting location.

COMMENT:

It would benefit the Brigade and the Council to have a fire shed on Reserve 20915. Capital for the fire shed will be requested as part of the Emergency Services Levy application for 2012 – 13 process. Footprint designs are provided by FESA and the fire shed will be the same design as that of the Scott River Lake Jasper Brigade.

A survey will be carried out of the Carlotta Hall site if the funding application is successful, this will be included as part of the costings.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT: Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: No budget implications.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Safety and Emergency Response Benefits

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Emergency Services Levy funding for the proposed new Carlotta Fire Shed should the Capital Grant application be successful.

8738 GILBERT/LORKIEWICZ

That Council accept the Emergency Services Levy funding for the proposed new Carlotta Fire Shed should the Capital Grant application be successful.

CARRIED 8/0

AGENDA ITEM: 10.10
 SUBJECT: Accounts for Payment
 LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nannup Shire
 FILE REFERENCE: FNC 8
 AUTHOR: Tracie Bishop – Administration Officer
 AUTHORISING OFFICER: Vic Smith – Manager Corporate Services
 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:
 DATE OF REPORT: 8 February 2012

Attachment: Schedule of Accounts for Payment

COMMENT:

The Accounts for Payment for the Nannup Shire Municipal Account fund and Trust Account fund are detailed hereunder and noted on the attached schedule are submitted to Council.

Municipal Account

Accounts paid by EFT	EFT 3016 - 3245	\$2,017,526.35
Accounts paid by cheque	Vouchers 18743 - 18803	\$ 91,463.37
Accounts paid by direct debit	Vouchers 99281 - 99287	\$ 83,852.64

Trust Account

Accounts Paid by Cheque	Vouchers 22755 - 22756	\$ 364.00
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STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 13

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As indicated in the Schedule of Accounts for Payment.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Simple majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the List of Accounts for Payment for the Nannup Shire Municipal Account fund totalling \$2,193,206.36 in the attached schedule be accepted.

8739 LORKIEWICZ/DUNNET

That the List of Accounts for Payment for the Nannup Shire Municipal Account fund totalling \$2,193,206.36 in the attached schedule be accepted.

CARRIED 8/0

11.NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

(c) OFFICERS

GILBERT/DUNNET

That Council introduce new business of an urgent nature introduced by decision of meeting being:

- 11(a).1 Recreation Centre EOI Consultant selection report,
Late item to be sent separately.

WITHDRAWN

8740 GILBERT/DUNNET

- 11(a).2 Budget Review
Late item to be sent separately.

CARRIED 6/2

Voting for the motion: Dean, Mellema, Dunnet, Gilbert, Longmore and Steer.

Voting against the motion: Camarri and Lorkiewicz.

AGENDA NUMBER: 11(a).2
SUBJECT: Budget Review
LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A
FILE REFERENCE: FNC 3
AUTHOR: Vic Smith – Manager Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 8 February 2012

BACKGROUND:

Council is required by section 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations) to conduct a review of its budget. This review must be completed between 1 January and 31 March each financial year. Council is also required to submit the outcome of the review to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development within 30 days of the acceptance of the review.

COMMENT:Outturn From 2010/11 Budget:

Council considered the anticipated outturn position for 2010/11 at its meeting on 24 November 2011; at this point the final position was still subject to any adjustments required by the auditor. The report to the meeting on 24 November identified a gross surplus of \$589,000, reducing to \$253,000 after taking account of the possible late payment of Royalties for Regions grant of \$336,000. At that meeting Council allocated \$120,000 of the surplus to purchase a water truck to service the Mowen Road project and \$40,000 to support the implementation of various compliance measures arising from statutory plans.

Following completion of the audit of the financial statements for 2010/11 the gross surplus has been reduced to \$406,805. Since the previous report was compiled more detailed research on the Royalties for Regions projects has been completed and this is summarised in the following section; however, it would appear that it will not be necessary to set aside funds from the 2010/11 surplus to cover the late payment of these grants. After taking account of the allocations made in November 2011 the amount available for distribution is \$246,000.

As part of this review more detailed work on the compilation of the 2011/12 budget has been completed; this is summarised in the next section. This work has shown that \$169,000 will be required from the 2010/11 surplus to balance the budget for 2011/12.

The distributable surplus is therefore \$77,000 as detailed below:

	\$
Gross surplus	406,805
Less: Expenditure allocated on 24/11/11	(160,000)
Required to balance the 2011/12 budget	(169,000)
Available for distribution	<u>77,000</u>

This amounts to a 0.6% surplus compared to the overall budget. Following the initial report on the surplus carried forward, a number of ratepayers have requested that any surplus be redistributed. The power to grant concessions to ratepayers is contained in section 6.34 of the Local Government Act 1995 but no guidance is provided on the methodology to be adopted. However, given the relatively small size of the surplus available for distribution and the potential cost associated with the exercise, this course of action is not recommended.

Anticipated Outturn For 2011/12:

Members will see from the new style budget monitoring report elsewhere on the agenda that at 31 December 2012 a surplus on the year of \$106,908 is currently predicted. This is made up of an income variance of \$2,000 and net savings in expenditure of \$104,908. Of the expenditure savings \$51,700 relates to capital expenditure and will need to be carried forward to fund works in future years, leaving a net saving of \$53,200.

The main area where expenditure savings are predicted relate to Fuel and Oil (\$75,000). This budget head can be quite volatile and could change significantly over the next six months; for this reason the Management Action column of the report shows that the items will be closely monitored, rather than being incorporated into the 2012/13 budget.

At this point in time it is anticipated that the grant income from Royalties for Regions will be received during 2011/12; however only the individual allocation for 2010/11 has so far been received, leaving the regional allocation for 2010/11 (\$205,490) and both the regional and individual allocations for 2011/12 (\$670,936) outstanding. This funding is currently planned to the following projects:

	\$
Regional Allocation 2010/11	
Heart of Nannup – Main Street upgrade	205,490
Regional Allocation 2011/12	
Heart of Nannup – Main Street upgrade	235,468
Aged Accommodation	100,000
Total	335,468

	\$
Individual Allocation 2011/12	
Heart of Nannup – Main Street upgrade	95,468
Brockman Street Caravan Park upgrade	100,000
Recreation Centre upgrade	140,000
Total	335,468

Although some initial work has commenced on Heart of Nannup and the Recreation Centre upgrade projects, this can be funded from within the approved budgets without reliance on the Royalties for Regions funding. It is therefore not anticipated that late receipt of this funding will affect the 2011/12 budget.

The budget approved for 2011/12 shows that the rate in the dollar for 2011/12 was set on the basis that a surplus of \$155,347 would be carried forward from 2010/11 to fund expenditure in 2011/12; a deficit for 2011/12 of \$14,044 was also anticipated. This means that in order to achieve a balanced budget for the year \$169,391 would need to be applied from the 2010/11 surplus.

As part of this budget review it was identified that there is a surplus within Salaries and Wages. It is proposed to retain the Youth Officer until the end of the 2011/12 financial year using this surplus.

Long Term Financial Position:

It was hoped that enough work on the Long Term Financial Plan would have been completed to provide Council with a more strategic assessment of the budgetary position for this review. Regrettably, work to finalise the Annual Report and review and reformat the detailed 2011/12 budget has taken longer than expected, delaying the completion of the Long Term Financial Plan. It is anticipated that this

element of next year's budget preparation will be completed by May in sufficient time for Councillors considerations as part of the 2012/13 budget.

The outline budget timetable and progress against objectives is summarised below:

Activity	Report to Council	Progress
Review budget monitoring reports	23 February	On target. New format presented to February meeting
Reformat detailed budget	23 February	The budget has been reformatted into a more user friendly format and balanced to the rate requirement for the year. Work is currently being undertaken to reconcile the information to the statutory statements.
Interim audit and systems review.	26 April	External auditors will undertake this work in March and report to the Audit Advisory Committee. This is a new initiative to improve processes within Council.
Long Term Financial Plan	24 May	Work not yet started. The reformatted budget will be used as the baseline for developing spending projections.
2012/13 Budget	28 June	Managers will be reviewing their spending needs in February and March in readiness for budget discussions in April and May. This work will determine the amount required to be raised from rates.
Rate in the Dollar	26 July	Work not yet started. Rate models will be developed to allow Council to assess the impact of different options for raising the rates required.

Sustainability of Reserves:

The Council maintains a number of reserves to meet recurrent capital expenditure requirements and other liabilities, such as long service leave. The budgeted position of these reserves is as follows:

Reserve	Opening Bal 1.7.11 \$	Additions \$	Payments \$	Closing Bal 30.6.12 \$
Long Service Leave	97,354	27,927		125,281
Plant	125,317	328,067	116,014	337,370
Civic Building	462,457	13,873	203,000	273,330
Kindergarten/ FROGS Early Childhood Learning Centre	100,000	0	100,000	0
Office Equipment	8,689	266	14,036	(5,081)
Main Street Upgrade	63,821	1,919		65,740
Land Fill Site	0	10,000		10,000
Total	857,638	382,052	433,050	806,640

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Sub-section 2A of the Regulations requires the Council to:

- (a) Consider the local government's financial performance in the period beginning on 1 July and ending no earlier than 31 December in that financial year: and
- (b) Consider the local government's financial position as at the date of the review; and
- (c) Review the outcomes for the end of that financial year that are forecast in the budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The performance in the first half of the financial year has been strong and if this is sustained then a surplus of approximately \$107,000.00 will be generated. Monthly monitoring reports will continue to be developed to improve the quality of this data.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: Absolute majority.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council not make any changes to its budgetary position at this stage as there could be substantial movement in the financial position over the next six months.

8741 DUNNET/STEER

Council not make any changes to its budgetary position at this stage as there could be substantial movement in the financial position over the next six months.

CARRIED 8/0

(d) ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil.

12. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12.1 Local Government Reform Agenda

Attachments: 1. Councils for Democracy letter
2. Suggested letter to send with suggested recipients

Cr Dean put forward the following Notice of Motion;

That Council accept the following:

1. Advise the Premier of the State of Western Australia, the Minister for Local Government, the Leader of the Opposition, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, our local members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel, and the President of the Western Australian Local Government Association, that this Council calls upon the Parliament of Western Australia to forever uphold and not dilute our constituents' right to self-determination as embodied in clauses 8, 9 and 10(2) of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA).
2. Request the recipient of each such letter to notify our Council by written reply as to whether they do support and will continue to support the preservation without dilution of our constituents' right to self-determination as embodied in clauses 8, 9 and 10(2) of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA).
3. Provide to the Secretariat of the Councils for Democracy a copy of each of our above letters and any responses that our Council receives, for use in demonstrating collective support for our constituents' right to self-determination in clauses 8, 9 and 10(2) of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.

COMMENT (from the Secretariat of the Councils for Democracy)

The structural review of metropolitan local government currently being undertaken is expected to deliver its findings by the end of June 2012. The terms of reference for this review include a pre-determined recommendation that the number of local councils in the metropolitan area will be reduced as follows:

- *Identify new local government boundaries and a resultant reduction in the overall number of local governments to better meet the needs of the community.*

No doubt a similar approach may later be applied to rural councils.

The Councils for Democracy have asked all local governments for support in preserving the right of our constituents to decide for themselves whether or not Councils should be amalgamated with another councils.

8742 DEAN/STEER

1. Advise the Premier of the State of Western Australia, the Minister for Local Government, the Leader of the Opposition, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, our local members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel, and the President of the Western Australian Local Government Association, that this Council calls upon the Parliament of Western Australia to forever uphold and not dilute our constituents' right to self-determination as embodied in clauses 8, 9 and 10(2) of Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA).
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CARRIED 8/0

13. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Cr Camarri has put forward the following question;

Q.1 Did the Shire of Nannup receive an invitation to the City of Busselton official celebrations? If so, did a Councillor attend, and if not - why not?

A.1 Taken from the February 2012 information report;
On 9 February 2012, the CEO received a call from Mike Archer, the CEO of the City of Busselton, sincerely apologising for missing the Shire of Nannup from the invitation list to the event for recognition of its 'City' status.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5.51 pm.