

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held are a true and accurate record of the proceedings contained therein.

Shire President

Date



SHIRE OF WYNDHAM | EAST KIMBERLEY

MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 pm, 23 August 2016

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**SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
KUNUNURRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2016 AT 5:30PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE
(PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

ATTENDANCE

Cr J Parker	Shire President
Cr K Wright	Deputy Shire President
Cr B Robinson	Councillor
Cr D Spackman	Councillor
Cr E Bolto	Councillor
Cr N Perry	Councillor
Cr S Cooke	Councillor
Cr A Petherick	Councillor
L Gee	Acting Chief Executive Officer
N TePohe	Director Corporate Services
D Klye	Director Infrastructure
M Le Riche	Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

GALLERY

R Bianco	SWEK
L Hannagan	SWEK
R B Dessert	
C Magnay	
N Brook	
W Shaw	Resident
N Hawes-Wright	Resident
S Hawes	Resident
R Guerinoni	JAB Industries
S Becke	Resident
R Hegarty	Rate payer
S Lodge	Resident
R Walsh	Kimberley Echo
L Spackman	Rate payer
D Carter	Rate payer
J Coulter	Rate payer
K Dennis	Rate payer
S Lesh	Rate payer
S Lesh	Rate payer
G Gould	
M Gould	

T Floyd	Rate payer
M Floyd	Rate payer
J Kemp	Rate payer
S Massey	Resident
J Kroeger	Rate payer
A Patterson	Rate payer
S Brandis	Ratepayer
M Dear	
M Brown	Tanami E/M
J Letchford	Citizen
T Chafer	Resident
J Spragg	
D Aladin	
R Storey	
T French	

APOLOGIES

Cr S Rushby	Councillor
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- Financial Interest
Nil
- Impartiality Interest
Nil
- Proximity Interest
Nil

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Warren Shaw, 57 Barringtonia Avenue, Kununurra

Question 1 (This question is directed to 5 Councillors, it may be responded to by all or by the chair)

Councillors Parker, Cooke, Bolto, Robinson and Perry, you failed to respond to both my email request and the Peoples Petition objecting to the high level of rates and the rate rise; this indicates that you do not feel a moral and ethical obligation to reply to the rate payers who voted you in, why is this so? And considering your personal views on this matter conflict with that of the public majority, should you not step down from Council? (Appendix A)

Response – J Parker, Shire President

The petition will be tabled and noted even though it is not in the correct format. 278 signatories are not a majority, and in fact a small minority of the total population. A 1.3% rate rise is not the highest in the state – we are actually 36th from the highest of rate increases adopted so far. We need to be able to safeguard the Shire for the future, we have come out of a tough time and don't want to find ourselves there again.

Response – S Cooke, Councillor

Your statement that I failed to respond is incorrect. On 12 August 2016 I received your email and my response to you on 12 August 2016 was:

Warren,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I have considered your letter and accompanying petition and it is duly noted.

Given that you have stated you will share my response on a social media platform of which I, and other Councillors (and anyone closely associated with them), are continued to be denied access I am going to abstain from comment. If you were prepared to assist in resolving this communication bias then I would be delighted to provide my response personally.

In the meantime, my views on any matters presented before Council can be heard during deliberations and debate at a Council meeting.

Further to that, I have done the utmost to represent the people who elected me to the best of my ability and I will not be bullied out of this role.

Response – B Robinson, Councillor

Whilst I believe it is important for Council to note the petition, it is inappropriate for a Councillor to respond or make comment to it. Public Submissions were called, they were considered and Council halved the original rate rise because we thought it was in the best interests of the whole community. We are here to do the best for the greater community and that may not be in the best interest of everyone. I am not going to sit here and resign just because you request it. It's not appropriate. To be asked to resign is rude.

Response – E Bolto, Councillor

I felt threatened by the letter you sent and I will not respond to threats. Should you wish to hear my opinions the appropriate form would be to attend the Ordinary Council meetings and hear me debate.

The Shire President requested that a copy of the letter sent by Mr Shaw to Councillors be included in the minutes. (Attachment 1)

Response – N Perry, Councillor

Firstly, I want to say that I have great respect for people who are passionate about their views and stand up for their beliefs. I encourage people to say what they believe and that is what democracy is all about. However, Mr Shaw, to say that I failed to respond to your email is incorrect. You emailed your letter through on 12 August, I replied to you on the 15 August, you replied on 16 August, I replied on 16 August, you replied on 16 August, I replied on 16 August, you replied on 16 August, I replied on 16 August, you replied on 16 August, I replied on 16 August, you replied on 17 August I replied on 18 August, you replied on 18 August, I replied on 19, you replied again on the 19th and I replied on the 19th and I had no further reply from you. You can hardly say I failed to respond. I will not read out all the emails however I will say that I offered for you to meet with me and have a real coffee in person. You have yet to take me up on that offer.

I'm fairly new to social media and I feel very uncomfortable about providing a response to you that will be going onto a Facebook group that I have no access to and no control over what is said about my response. It would be similar if I gave you a photo of me in a bikini to parade on Facebook without me knowing who you were going to be showing it to. I do not think it is reasonable to ask me to be exposed in that manner. I do not trust Facebook. I and other councillors have had some very nasty and derogatory things said about us on Facebook and I don't trust that I will be protected or respected.

You also make comment that the petition represents people who voted for me and this petition is a significant portion of our community. Firstly, I say that the petition is signed by 278 people of whom I am not sure are all registered to vote of rate payers in our community, however you cannot say that they all voted for me and I certainly cannot say that. Secondly, 278 members of our community represents 4% and although not insignificant is not a majority.

Regardless of these issues, I believe that the correct community consultation was sought and through democratic process the rate rise of 1.3% was voted on and that a zero percent rate rise is not appropriate or in the best interests of the community.

Dear Councilor,

May I commence this message by saying, that I love the region we live in. Having settled here 6 years ago with my family. It is a majestic part of the state, rich in natural beauty yet richer still, in the diversity, character, camaraderie and community spirit in individuals and families that call the East Kimberley home. Yes its hot, remote and expensive, but does the local council really need to make it so unnecessarily unaffordable for families to remain here and deter new families from settling here?

At the previous Council meeting I objected to the differential rating system and the rate rise. I then witnessed the passing resolution to increase shire rates a further 1.3%, despite the highest ever opposition in the Shires history, and facts from some councilors revealing 'another rate rise was not needed' under the current budget.

Following this, I read the article in the Kimberley Echo 'Rates Backlash' and agreed that despite ratepayer backlash, five of the Shire Councilors were not advocating for the people that voted them in to be their voice. I felt a moral obligation to take this omission to the people of the Shire via Social Media on the Kununurra Community Notice Board. I was inundated with positive responses, likes and comments supporting me in my disdain for the councils resolve to remain on differential rating and the rate rise and an overwhelming outcry from hundreds of others who felt the same.

On the basis of this highly significant outcry from rate payers and residents of this Shire I commenced a petition. The Petition is a call for SWEK to rescind the resolution on Differential rating and the 1.3% rate rise.

Below are some statistics regarding my initial post on social media and the corresponding petition.

1. Friday 29/7 10am face book post up.
2. Friday 29/7 1700pm over 200 likes, over 50 comments of support within 5hrs!
3. Saturday 29/7 1700pm Petition live.
4. Saturday 30/7 1700pm total 140 signatures within 24hrs!
5. Sunday 31/7 1700pm total 200 signatures within 48hrs!
6. Monday 1/8 1700pm
Totals after 72hrs/3 days
287 likes
110+ comments (of support)
265 petition signatures (278 at time of sending this email)

Now as you can see 278 objections to the 'Differential Rating System' and the rate rise is of GREAT significance. The number of people objecting the council's decision is indeed more than the votes some councilors received to be voted in at election!

Now Councilors, it is with this loud and resounding voice of the people within your shire, the people that voted for you to advocate for them, that I make the following request.

1. That an Electors special meeting be called. In accordance with Local Council Legislation Sect 5.28 (1) (b) can be requested by 1/3 of the number of council members. (in SWEK it is 3 councilors).
2. Sect 5.28 (2) The request is to discuss the public opposition and request to rescind the resolution on Differential Rates, the high rate in the dollar and the 1.3% rate rise.
3. In order that the ratepayers have a better understanding of what we are being charged for in rates under the differential system and the nominal system, I recently requested that the shire provide me with a comparison table of rates under the two systems. With this information we have a factual foundation on which to make our plea. I was informed by councilor Rushby that initially this request would be completed by the Director of

Corporate Services once time permitted. This was then altered as Simone advised “Unfortunately, over the weekend I have been informed that three Councilors have now made it clear that they will not agree to the Director spending her time in this manner. In addition, they have stated that they are not prepared to allow Ms Octoman to complete the comparison (a) without a Shire resolution and (b) any earlier than the budget deliberations of 17/18.

I (and the ratepayers and signatories of the petition) would like this request to be brought as a motion to the Shire in order that a resolution be granted.

In your reply to my email, please provide me with your rationale for your agreeance or dis-agreeance to calling an Electors special meeting based on the evidence and petition provided in this email. Please also provide me with your rationale for or against putting forward a motion to rescind the resolution on differential rating and the rate rise and the comparison table of rates.

Please consider when drafting your response, that all information I receive will be relayed directly via social media to the 278 signatories and hundreds of additional ‘likers’ and ‘commenters’ who have taken a significant interest in this matter.

Kind regards

Warren Shaw

Question 2

Councillor Robinson, in a recent letter dated 19/08/2016 from the Honourable Tony Simpson MLA, he stated "I have previously expressed my concerns about the rate increases imposed by local government and have asked my Department of Local Government and Communities to work with the sector and consider the options for putting downward pressure on rates. I have put the sector on notice that it needs to engage with the Liberal-National Government about policy options to reduce rates"; considering the motions before Council tonight are you in opposition to the Minister as well as the rate payers of this shire? (Appendix B – Attachment 2)

Response – J Parker, Shire President

Cr Robinson, can you please read out the full letter from the Minister.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No: 11446

Moved: Cr K Wright

Seconded: Cr N Perry

That Public Question Time be extended by 15 minutes.

Carried 8/0

Response – B Robinson, Councillor

In reading the Ministers letter I see no recommendations. It shows that he understands that there is too much emphasis on compliance by the Department of Local Government which places undue pressure on Councils. He is asking that Councils work with the Department of Local Government on amending the Department's policies to help relieve the burden placed on Councils by the Department.

The Shire President declares Public Question Time over.

I encourage all ratepayers to bring forward any concerns they may have regarding their local government during Public Question Time at one of the regular Ordinary Council Meetings. Attending Public Question Time provides members of the public with the opportunity to raise issues of concern in a public forum.

I hope this information clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Simpson', written in a cursive style.

HON TONY SIMPSON MLA
**MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; COMMUNITY SERVICES;
SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERING; YOUTH**

19 AUG 2016

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Mr Warren Shaw, 57 Barringtonia Avenue, Kununurra, containing 278 electronic signatures requesting the Shire to cease increasing the rates.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

10 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

11 REPORTS

Nil

12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTIONS FROM CR K WRIGHT, CR D SPACKMAN AND CR A PETHERICK

Notice of Motions from Cr K Wright, Cr D Spackman and Cr A Petherick

The Shire President called for a show of hands to bring motion one for discussion. For the motion to be discussed: Cr K Wright, Cr D Spackman, Cr A Petherick.

Motion One (1):

That Council:

Rescind minute 11438 passed by Council on Tuesday 26 July 2016

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No: 11447

Moved: Cr K Wright

Seconded: Cr A Petherick

That Council:

Rescind minute 11438 passed by Council on Tuesday 26 July 2016

Lost 3/5

For: Cr D Spackman, Cr K Wright, Cr A Petherick

Against: Cr J Parker, Cr S Cooke, Cr E Bolto, Cr N Perry, Cr B Robinson

Cr K Wright foreshadowed the motion:

Using Section 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations propose to alter minute 11438 passed 26/07/2016. Minute number 11438 although not shown incorporates a 1.3% increase in rates. To change this to a 0% increase incorporating minimum payments. To make any subsequent changes to Strategic Rating policy CP/FIN3200 including the 2016/17 draft budget and associated notes. And advise the department accordingly of this alternation of the minute.

COUNCIL DECISION

Minute No: 11448

Moved: Cr K Wright

Seconded: Cr A Petherick

That Council, using Section 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations propose to alter minute 11438 passed 26/07/2016. Minute number 11438, although not shown, incorporates a 1.3% increase in rates. To change this to a 0% increase incorporating minimum payments. To make any subsequent changes to Strategic Rating policy CP/FIN3200 including the 2016/17 draft budget and associated notes. And advise the department accordingly of this alternation of the minute.

Lost 3/5

For: Cr D Spackman, Cr K Wright, Cr A Petherick

Against: Cr J Parker, Cr S Cooke, Cr E Bolto, Cr N Perry, Cr B Robinson

Cr K Wright withdrew motion two.

Motion Two (2):

That Council:

- 1. Resolve to adopt a 0% GRV rate increase for the Shire budget 2016/17***
- 2. Request that detailed comparative charts be prepared for the rates for all rateable properties under the differential and non-differential rating systems such that all may easily compare.***

Such comparative charts to include a matrix that shows for selected rate areas (GRV Residential, GRV Commercial, UV Pastoral, UV Rural Ag 1, UV Rural Ag 2, UV Rural Residential, UV mining and UV Mining Exploration and Prospecting).

The Matrix will show for each category, Minimum rate to be charged, Number of properties in each category, Total valuations for each category, rate in the dollar and Total rate yield for each category.

Reason for Motions:

To respond to the overwhelming public outcry regarding the high level of rates with the Shire and the rate rise adopted by Councillors of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, and in relation to the support shown in the people petition which gathered two hundred and eighty seven (287) signatures in just three (3) days, and which has been presented to the Shire: And further to rescind past motions and adopt and pass new resolutions.

Officer Comment

At the 31 May 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Council resolved the following:

COUNCIL DECISION Minute No: 11383
Moved: Cr S Cooke
Seconded: Cr N Perry

That Council endorses the Community Engagement Plan (Attachment 1) for the Draft Corporate Business Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 and the Draft 2016/17 Annual Budget.

Carried 8/0

COUNCIL DECISION Minute No: 11384
Moved: Cr S Cooke
Seconded: Cr B Robinson

That Council endorses for advertising and community engagement for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days and seeks public submissions on:

- a. The Draft Corporate Business Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 (Attachment 2);***
- b. Council Policy CP/FIN-3200 Strategic Rating (Attachment 5) that outlines the principles which underpin the proposed 2016/17 rating model, including the Object of and Reasons for Differential Rates;***
- c. The Draft 2016/17 Annual Budget (Attachment 6) which incorporates the Object of and Reasons for Differential Rates, along with the following proposed differential rates and minimum payments to be applied from 1 July 2016 for the 2016/17 financial year in accordance with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995:***

Differential Rating Category	Rate in the Dollar (cents)	Minimum Payment
GRV Residential	9.5363	\$1,113
GRV Other Vacant	14.3045	\$1,113
GRV Commercial	12.3972	\$1,113
GRV Industrial	11.4436	\$1,113
UV Rural Residential	1.0045	\$1,113
UV Pastoral	5.4410	\$1,113
UV Commercial/Industrial	0.6890	\$1,113
UV Rural Agriculture 1	0.9744	\$1,113
UV Rural Agriculture 2	0.6890	\$1,113
UV Mining	28.2265	\$1,113
UV Mining Vacant	14.1132	\$557
UV Other	0.6463	\$1,113

Carried 8/0

COUNCIL DECISION Minute No: 11385

Moved: Cr B Robinson

Seconded: Cr N Perry

That Council notes:

- 1. That subsequent to Council consideration of public submissions, approval from the Minister for Local Government and Communities will need to be sought for:**
 - a. Imposing a minimum payment on the GRV Other Vacant rating category which results in more than 50% of the properties in this category being subject to minimum payments, in accordance with section 6.35(5) of the Local Government Act 1995; and**
 - b. Imposing a rate in the dollar for UV Mining, UV Mining Vacant and UV Pastoral which will result in it being more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed, in accordance with section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995.**
- 2. That the 2016/17 rate in the dollar and minimum payments proposed, cannot be adopted by the Council for incorporation into the 2016/17 Budget until after Ministerial approval has been provided in accordance with section 6.35(5) and 6.33(3) respectively.**

**Carried 5/3 For: Cr J Parker, Cr N Perry, Cr E Bolto, Cr S Cooke, Cr B Robinson
Against: Cr K Wright, Cr D Spackman, Cr S Rushby**

Engagement has taken place in accordance with the Shire's Community Engagement Guidelines. To date there have been numerous Budget Briefings with Elected Members, including the following:

- 9 February 2016: Overview of roles and responsibilities, principles, process overview and associated timelines.
- 10 March 2016: Mid-Year Budget Review outcomes; revised Corporate Business Plan Project Status Report for 2015/16; 2016/17 Fees and Charges and 2016/17 Elected Member Allowances.
- 15 March 2016: 2016/17 Fees and Charges and Kimberley loading examples.
- 22 March 2016: Strategic Rating Policy – theory.
- 5 April 2016: Rates Exemptions and Concessions for 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- 19 April and 28 April 2016: Financial overview and trends; 2016/17 budget overview, staff establishment proposed; proposed plant management program; proposed community engagement plan.
- 30 April 2016: Corporate Business Plan discussion and prioritisation process.
- 10 May 2016: Rates Concessions for 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- 5 July 2016: Review of public submissions and impacts on draft Corporate Business Plan and 2016/17 Budget including the rates in the dollar.

This year's process was significantly different to that undertaken in prior years. While there is a legislative requirement to provide local public notice of the proposed rates in the dollar for a period of 21 days and seek public submissions, the Council adopted a Community Engagement Plan that outlined a significantly higher level of community engagement in order to finalise the Corporate Business Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 and the 2016/17 Budget including the proposed rates in the dollar.

The Community Engagement Plan was implemented by officers whereby along with the usual social media avenues and public notices being provided, a media release, radio advertising, and direct invitations to stakeholders (including ratepayers) to attend community forums in both Kununurra and Wyndham were distributed. The intent was to work directly with the community to ensure that their concerns and aspirations were reflected in any alternatives developed in relation to the Corporate Business Plan, rate in the dollar and Council's priorities. Feedback from those who attended the community forums was positive in terms of the process, and several indicated that they would be encouraging additional community members to attend if it were undertaken again next year.

In accordance with the Community Engagement Plan, advertising occurred in the following manner in order to seek public submissions on the proposed rate in the dollar and the Corporate Business Plan given the direct link between the two (2) documents:

- Local public notice in the Kimberley Echo on 9th and 16th of June;
- A copy of the Notice to Impose Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments for 2016/17 was placed on the Coles noticeboard on 6th June;
- The Shire's facebook page and website on 6th June;
- Media Release on 7th June;
- A copy of the Notice to Impose Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments for 2016/17, including the Strategic Rating Policy, draft Corporate Business Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 and draft 2016/17 Budget was placed on the Shire's website, public noticeboards at the Civic Centres and Libraries in both Kununurra and Wyndham on 9th June;
- Stakeholders (including ratepayers) were sent correspondence regarding the draft documents and outlining the feedback process, which included online feedback forms via the Shire's website;
- All Post Boxes in Kununurra and Wyndham were provided with a flyer (with the exception of those who do not accept junk mail) inviting them to attend the Public Forums that were held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of June.

As outlined in the 26 July Ordinary Council Meeting agenda item, the effective date of local public notice was Thursday 9 June 2016, with submissions to be received by 4pm Friday 1 July 2016. At the conclusion of the public submission period there were 62 submissions received. A further submission was received on 12 July. As this was received after the closing time, it is not considered to be a formal submission however it was attached for the Council's information to ensure openness and transparency of the process.

All submissions (both formal and late) were provided as Attachment 1 to that report with some submissions being in relation to the draft Corporate Business Plan and not the rate in the dollar specifically.

As outlined in the report, there were some public submissions that requested a zero rate rise. While the Council considered this, it was not considered a financially sound strategy moving forward as it would have a cumulative effect in terms of rates lost and was therefore not a recommended position, particularly as the Shire was in a budget deficit position in 2014/15 and has implemented a range of strategies to overcome the deficit.

At the 26 July Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Council therefore resolved the following:

COUNCIL DECISION Minute No: 11438

Moved: Cr E Bolto

Seconded: Cr B Robinson

That Council:

1. **Notes the submissions received in relation to the draft Corporate Business Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 along with the draft 2016/17 Budget including the proposed Differential General Rates and Minimum Payments and Strategic Rating Policy, and thanks the community for their input;**
2. **Endorse the revised Council Policy CP/FIN-3200 Strategic Rating including the 2016/17 Rating Model as follows, with the intention of striking the rates as part of the 2016/17 Budget adoption, subject to receiving Ministerial approval where required by legislation;**

Rating Category	Total Properties	Total Rateable Value of Properties	Proposed Minimum Payment	Rate in the Dollar (cents)	% of Properties on Minimum Payments	Proposed Rates Revenue Budget 2016/17
GRV - Residential	1,677	48,374,914	1,099	9.4201	2.68%	\$4,570,442
GRV - Other Vacant	131	872,950	1,099	14.1302	77.86%	\$182,226
GRV - Commercial	175	14,742,454	1,099	12.2461	9.71%	\$1,813,859
GRV - Industrial	178	9,022,110	1,099	11.3041	3.93%	\$1,024,073
UV - Rural Residential	185	51,149,000	1,099	0.9922	0.00%	\$507,500
UV - Pastoral	24	6,188,271	1,099	5.3747	4.17%	\$332,761
UV - Commercial/Industrial	61	14,368,840	1,099	0.6806	39.34%	\$119,893
UV - Rural Agriculture 1	80	75,530,309	1,099	0.9626	1.25%	\$728,057
UV - Rural Agriculture 2	109	57,381,000	1,099	0.6806	0.00%	\$390,535
UV - Mining	68	1,681,422	1,099	27.8824	45.59%	\$489,742
UV - Mining Vacant	44	300,068	550	13.9412	61.36%	\$51,664
UV - Other	2	526,000	1,099	0.6384	0.00%	\$3,358
TOTALS	2,734	280,137,338				\$10,214,112
					Less Concessions	\$(56,620)
					Add Ex-Gratia Rates	\$5,355
						\$10,162,846

3. **Request the CEO, or their delegate to seek approval from the Minister for Local Government and Communities to approve the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley's application to:**
 - a. **Impose minimum payments for vacant land which will result in more than 50% of the properties in the GRV Other Vacant and UV Mining Vacant rating categories subject to minimum payments in accordance with section 6.35(5) of the Local Government Act 1995; and**

b. Impose a rate in the dollar which will result in it being more than twice the lowest differential general rate imposed for UV Mining, UV Mining Vacant and UV Pastoral rating categories, in accordance with section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried 5/4

***For: Cr J Parker, Cr S Cooke, Cr N Perry, Cr E Bolto, B Robinson
Against: Cr K Wright, Cr S Rushby, Cr D Spackman, Cr A Petherick***

Subsequent to the July Council Meeting, Officers have made application to the Minister as the Council requested. While there are some minor amendments required that are the subject of the Special Council Meeting to be held also on 23 August 2016, no further application to the Minister will be required at this stage.

It should be noted that if there are further delays, the Shire may be required to utilise the bank overdraft facility, however if this occurs, a report will be provided to the Audit (Finance and Risk) Committee as required.

13 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil

15 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

16 CLOSURE

The Shire President declares the meeting closed at 6.27pm