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Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Merredin Shire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cnr King/Barrack Streets, Merredin on Tuesday 17th October 2006 at 1.09pm.

ATTENDANCE: Cr KA Hooper – Shire President
Cr RM Crees – Deputy Shire President
Crs JP Townrow; J Jones; WR Wallace; G Astbury; N Hooper, S Marley, M Morris & D Morley.

Messrs FB Ludovico, Chief Executive Officer;
JA McGovern, Deputy Chief Executive Officer;
WD Bow, Manager of Development Services;
JF Garrett, Manager of Works; AM Peters, Personal Assistant

1.0 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 1.09pm.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

3.0 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Simmonds declared a Proximity Interest in Item 10.2.

Cr N Hooper declared a Financial Interest in item 10.3.

Cr Marley declared a Financial Interest in Item 10.3.

5.0 PETITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Renee Manning – WA Rural Ambassador Development Officer - DAFWA

Renee presented her “Vision for Merredin” presentation which gained her the award of WA Rural Ambassador Winner in August 2006.

(See attachment 5.1A).

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6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1** PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on the 19 September 2006.

28671 Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morley
That the minutes of Council Meeting held on the 19 September 2006 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.
CARRIED 11/0

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION**8.0** MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**9.0** RECEIVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL

9.1 Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA Meeting held on 22 September 2006.

9.2 Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre Management Committee meeting held 26 September 2006;

9.3 Business & Community Development Committee meeting held 04 October 2006;

9.4 Merredin Bushfire Brigade Annual General meeting held 29 September 2006.

28672 Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Astbury
That the Merredin Shire Council receive the minutes of the WE-ROC Meeting held on 22 September 2006; Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre Management Committee meeting held 26 September 2006; Business & Community Development Committee meeting held 04 October 2006 and the Merredin Bushfire Brigade Annual General meeting held 29 September 2006.
CARRIED 11/0

9.1 Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA Meeting held on 22 September 2006.

Administrative burdens on Local Government items to be developed for an agenda item for Council's November 2006 meeting.

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- 9.2 Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre Management Committee meeting held 26 September 2006.

5.2 Joint Recreation Centre Officer / Telecentre Coordinator

Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Astbury

That the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre Management Committee recommend Council endorse the appointment of the present Telecentre Coordinator to the dual role of Administration Officer / Telecentre Coordinator on co-location of the Merredin Telecentre.

CARRIED

28673

Moved Cr Wallace sec Cr Astbury

That Council endorse the appointment of the present Telecentre Coordinator to the dual role of Administration Officer / Telecentre Coordinator on co-location of the Merredin Telecentre.

CARRIED 11/0

- 9.3 Business & Community Development Committee meeting held 04 October 2006.

7.1 Carrington Way Update

Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Townrow

That the Business and Community Development Committee recommend to Council that an Electrical Design Consultant be employed to develop the required plans and costings for Carrington Way subdivision with the costs to be allocated from Land Development Reserve.

CARRIED 5/0

28674

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Astbury

That Council employ an Electrical Design Consultant to develop the required plans and costings for Carrington Way subdivision with the costs to be allocated from Land Development Reserve.

CARRIED 11/0

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

7.7 Land Information Update

Moved Cr Morris sec Cr Townrow

That the Business and Community Development Committee recommend to Council that Lot 368 Great Eastern Highway be sold by Tender.

CARRIED 5/0

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Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Jones

That Council sell Lot 368 Great Eastern Highway by Tender.

CARRIED 10/1

The following item to lay on the table to be dealt with at Item 10.5 when further information is available.

Moved Cr Morris sec Cr Jones

Subject to there not being a prior resolution of Council and pending the availability of the land, the Business and Community Development Committee recommend that Council purchase Lot 160 King Street Merredin.

CARRIED 5/0

7.9 Christmas lights

Moved Cr Jones sec Cr Townrow

That the Business and Community Development Committee recommend that Council fund the purchase of Christmas decorations at the discretion of staff, to an amount of \$1,600.

CARRIED 5/0

28676

Moved Cr Wallace sec Cr Morris

That Council fund the purchase of Christmas decorations at the discretion of staff to an amount of \$1,600.

**CARRIED
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

7.10 Whitfield Way

Officers Recommendation

That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to accept offers for the purchase of land in the Whitfield Way subdivision at the Council approved prices with any submissions received during the local Public Notice Period (S3.58(3)) to be considered by Council.

If there are no written submissions resulting from the local Public Notice Period (S3.58(3)) the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to transfer the land without further reference to Council.

28677

Moved Cr Jones sec Cr Morris

That Council delegate the Chief Executive Officer to accept offers for the purchase of land in the Whitfield Way subdivision at the Council approved prices with any submissions received during the local Public Notice Period (S3.58(3)) to be considered by Council.

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If there are no written submissions resulting from the local Public Notice Period (S3.58(3)) the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to transfer the land without further reference to Council.

**CARRIED 9/2
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

9.4 Merredin Bushfire Brigade Annual General meeting held 29 September 2006.

That Council accept the following appointments to the Merredin Bushfire Brigade:

CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER
S Crook

DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER
G Whitehead

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Moved B Gray sec N Edgecombe

That the following people be appointed as Fire Control Officers of the Shire of Merredin for the 2006/07 fire season: -

<i>P McCrae</i>	<i>R Morton</i>	<i>J Goodier</i>
<i>C Hooper</i>	<i>K Cahill</i>	<i>G Crees</i>
<i>F Alvaro</i>	<i>Nigel Edgecombe</i>	<i>R Last</i>
<i>J Lambert</i>	<i>S Crook</i>	<i>C Barnett</i>
<i>R Cockram</i>	<i>R Gray</i>	<i>G Whitehead</i>

FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS

Moved P Cahill sec G Whitehead

That the following people be appointed Fire Weather Officers for 2006/2007 fire season:

North East - C Barnett

South East – P McCrae

North West – P Fisher

South Central – N Edgecombe

North Central – R Cockram

South West – C Hooper

Central – S Crook

28678

Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Astbury

That Council accept the following appointments to the Merredin Bushfire Brigade:

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FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

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<i>R Cockram</i>	<i>R Gray</i>	<i>G Whitehead</i>

FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS

North East - C Barnett
South East - P McCrae
North West - P Fisher
South Central - N Edgecombe
North Central - R Cockram
South West - C Hooper
Central - S Crook

CARRIED 11/0

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W Bow MDS and J Garrett MoW entered the meeting at 1.59pm.

10.0 COMMUNITY, HEALTH, BUILDING, TOWN PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

10.1 UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE – PEST CONTROL TREATMENT – MERREDIN RAILWAY MUSEUM

Reporting Department: Development Services
Reporting Officer: Warren Bow, Manager of Development Services
Legislation: Various
File Number: CP/8/Railway Museum

Background:

A termite inspection of the Railway Museum was undertaken recently by Local Pest Control as part of Council's building maintenance obligations.

A copy of the report from Local Pest Control is contained as **Attachment 10.1A.**

Regrettably, live termite activity was identified in the "Refreshment/Dining Room" building.

Legal Implications:

Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995 states that local government is not to incur expenditure unless authorised in advance by resolution by *absolute majority*.

Budget Implications:

Whilst \$20,000 was allocated for capital works at the Railway Museum, only a nominal amount of \$1550 was allocated to maintenance of the Merredin Heritage Precinct.

Two separate quotes for various degrees of termite treatment of the affected buildings were provided by Local Pest Control.

- Colony eradication - \$12,000, plus drilling costs (est. \$3,500)
- Baiting system - \$2,784

The building maintenance reserve has a current balance of \$60,915.

Comment:

Staff joined the proprietor of Local Pest Control for a visual inspection of the affected area and confirmed the termite activity.

The colony eradication treatment comes complete with a guarantee from the manufacturer, with Local Pest Control working under a specific contract to install the system. The major drawback of this system is the requirement for core drilling into the hot mixed platform at two metre intervals, then hand drilling to enable the correct installation of the termite traps.

Whilst capped with a stainless steel cover this would have a detrimental affect on the appearance of the railway platform in the adjacent area.

The baiting system is not 100% guaranteed to completely remove all termite colonies from the general area, however will destroy the major nests and individual areas of termite activity.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute majority

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council engage Local Pest Control to undertake termite baiting at the "Refreshment/Dining room" building of the Railway Museum in accordance with the quote for \$2,784, and that such expenditure be transferred from the building maintenance reserve.

28679

Moved Cr Astbury sec Cr Morris

That Council engage Local Pest Control to undertake termite baiting at the "Refreshment/Dining room" building of the Railway Museum in accordance with the quote for \$2,784, and that such expenditure be transferred from the building maintenance reserve.

**CARRIED 11/0
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

Cr Simmonds declared a Proximity Interest in Item 10.2 and left the meeting at 2.06pm.

**10.2 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE –
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL STORAGE FACILITY,
LOT 31 MITCHELL STREET, MERREDIN – SOLFAME PTY LTD**

Reporting Department: Development Services
Reporting Officer: Warren Bow, Manager of Development Services
Legislation: Planning and Development Act 2005, Shire of Merredin Town Planning Scheme No.1
File Number: P/2548

Background:

Staff have conducted various meetings and negotiations with Ms Lee Steel of Solfame Pty Ltd (the owner) concerning the establishment of a commercial storage business at Lot 31 Mitchell Street, Merredin (the property).

A site plan and aerial photograph of the property can be seen as **Attachment 10.2A.**

A written submission from the owner seeking approval in principal from Council can be seen as **Attachment 10.2B.**

A graphic representation of the commercial storage buildings and proposed fencing can be seen as **Attachment 10.2C.**

A floor plan and elevations of the proposed buildings can be seen as **Attachment 10.2D.**

The property is immediately to the west of the Newfields building at Lot 36 Mitchell Street which is also under the ownership of Solfame Pty Ltd.

Legal Implications:

Lot 31 Mitchell Street, Merredin is zoned “Shop” in accordance with the Shire of Merredin Town Planning Scheme No.1 (the scheme).

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A commercial storage facility is a “use not listed” within the zoning and development table of the scheme.

Clause 2.2.4 of the Scheme states that –

“if a particular use is not listed in the use classes, and it is not included in the general terms of any use class, then the Council shall, upon application to it determine either:

- *That the use shall be prohibited within the Scheme area; or*
- *That the use may be permitted within one or more of the zones within the Scheme area.*

The Council shall, in the latter case, decide which of the use symbols shall apply and may impose any conditions or development standards it deems fit.”

The relevant use symbols of the scheme are listed below -

- “P” – permitted
- “PS” - not permitted unless special approval given by Council subject to conditions being complied with
- “AP” - not permitted unless special approval given after advertising
- “IP” - not permitted unless it is incidental to a predominant use as determined by Council

Under the provisions of the draft Local Planning Strategy, Lot 31 Mitchell Street is to be included in the “town centre” zone, which encompasses the main Merredin central business district.

Any development on the property is bound to comply with the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Merredin Town Planning Scheme No.1.

Budget Implications:

Town Planning fees are levied on applications as per Councils Schedule of Fees and Charges and under the provisions of the Town Planning (Local Government Planning Fees) Regulations 2000.

Comment:

The policy statement of the zoning and development table relevant to the “Shop” zone indicates that the area should be used primarily for retail shopping. The proximity of the Landmark operations at Lots 12, 32 and 38 Mitchell Street however creates a precedent for non-retail development in the area.

Council’s Town Planning Scheme No.1 does not refer to, or accommodate, a commercial storage business in any of the zones. It is generally felt however that such business would be most appropriately located in the “Light Industry”, “General Industry” or “Showroom” zones.

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Discussions with the owner indicate that it is proposed to locate the storage buildings at the rear (south) of Lot 31 and to have such buildings screened from view using “Neetascreen” or similar “colorbond” solid sheet fencing.

It is also proposed to locate the storage buildings at the rear of Lot 31 to enable future development of the property along the Mitchell Street frontage at a later date.

The buildings are proposed to be clad in colorbond sheeting.

In her submission, Ms Steel suggests a collaborative approach to address the stormwater issues aligned to the laneway between Barrack and Mitchell Streets. Discussions with Council’s Manager of Works indicate that no allocation for drainage upgrades in this area has been made in the 2006/2007 budget.

Whilst probably increasing the volume of traffic using the laneway, the proposal should not result in vehicular obstructions as all vehicles accessing the storage units will do so from within Lot 31.

This proposal has been in direct response to the shortage of commercial storage space within the Merredin townsite and Council’s policy restricting the use of sea containers in the central business district.

Prior to formally considering an application for planning consent for this development Council may wish to advertise in accordance with the provisions of the scheme.

Officer’s Recommendation:

1. *That Council determine that commercial storage operations are an “AP” use within the “Shop” zone of the Shire of Merredin Town Planning Scheme No.1, meaning they are not permitted unless special approval given after advertising.*
2. *That Council advise Ms Lee Steel of Solfame Pty Ltd that it supports the establishment of a commercial storage facility within the Merredin townsite, however encourages the development of such within the “light industry” or “general industry” of the Merredin townsite.*
3. *That Council advise Ms Lee Steel of Solfame Pty Ltd that it is prepared to consider an application for planning consent for to the establishment of a commercial storage facility at Lot 31 Mitchell Street, Merredin subject to the following conditions –*
 - *All commercial storage buildings to be located to the south, rear aspect of Lot 31 Mitchell St, Merredin;*
 - *Detailed site plan of the property showing the location of all buildings, including all proposed stages of development;*

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- *All building materials to be new and cladding to be of colorbond construction;*
 - *1800mm solid sheet fencing to be constructed around the perimeter of the commercial storage buildings*
 - *Landscaping to minimise the impact of the fencing along the Mitchell Street frontage to be undertaken;*
 - *All stormwater to be discharged onto Mitchell Street;*
 - *Adequate lines of vision being maintained for vehicles accessing the property along the rear laneway boundary;*
 - *All building work to be the subject of a building license; and*
 - *Development proposal being submitted pertaining to the north, front aspect of Lot 31 Mitchell St, Merredin, not proposed as part of the commercial storage operations.*

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Crees

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 - *All stormwater to be discharged onto Mitchell Street;*
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 - *All building work to be the subject of a building license; and*
 - *Development proposal being submitted pertaining to the north, front aspect of Lot 31 Mitchell St, Merredin, not proposed as part of the commercial storage operations.*

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Marley sec

That the following words be added to the above motion:

- *That subject to planning approval Council's preferred option is to have access to Lot 31 from Mitchell Street.*

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Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Creeves

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 - *All building work to be the subject of a building license; and*
 - *Development proposal being submitted pertaining to the north, front aspect of Lot 31 Mitchell St, Merredin,*

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not proposed as part of the commercial storage operations.

ENBLOC**CARRIED 6/4**

Cr Simmonds entered the meeting at 2.22pm.

Cr N Hooper declared a Financial Interest in Item 10.3 and left the meeting at 2.23pm.
Cr Marley declared a Financial Interest in Item 10.3 and left the meeting at 2.24pm.

10.3 WHEATBELT RELAY FOR LIFE – MERREDIN RECREATION GROUND, 3-4 MARCH 2007

Reporting Department: Development Services
Reporting Officer: Warren Bow, Manager of Development Services
Legislation: Local Government Act 1995
File Number:

Background:

Councillors may be aware of the Wheatbelt Relay for Life, to be conducted at the Merredin Recreation Ground on the long weekend, 3-4 March 2007.

The Relay for Life is the major fundraising event of the Cancer Council of WA and is now run in five locations throughout Western Australia. The inaugural Wheatbelt Relay for Life was at the Merredin Recreation Ground in March 2005.

The event attracted 25 teams in 2005 with over 300 people participating. It was truly a regional community event involving young children and older people and people representing many Wheatbelt towns, all participating together. In all over \$55,000 was raised for the Cancer Council of WA.

The Relay for Life is a team's event relay whereby members of each team ensure a team baton is constantly moving around a designated track for a 24 hour period. Emphasis is placed on participation in the Relay, rather than performance, with the prime objective being fund raising for the Cancer Council of WA in a fun atmosphere.

Cr Neil Hooper and the Manager of Development Services are all volunteer members of the local committee who are organising the event in conjunction with the Cancer Council of WA.

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At its Ordinary meeting in December 2004 Council resolved (**CMRef 27745**) to provide in-kind support to the Wheatbelt Relay for Life.

The Wheatbelt Relay for Life Committee is seeking Council's support of the event. A letter of request from the Committee can be seen at **Attachment 10.3A**. The Committee acknowledges the tremendous contribution Council made to the 2005 event, and subject to Council's agreement to provide the same level of in kind support for the 2007 event, will recognise the Shire of Merredin as a major sponsor of the Wheatbelt Relay for Life.

Legal Implications:

All insurances and public liability for the event are covered by the Cancer Council of WA

Budget Implications:

The use of Council's Recreation Ground and surrounds, facilities and services will result in a net imposition on Council's budget, and accordingly the committee is seeking an in-kind contribution for such.

Areas identified as a cost to Council include –

- Allocation for the preparation of the oval including mowing and line marking and delineation (Curator).
- Sole use of the Merredin Recreation Ground and Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre by the Wheatbelt Relay for Life for the period 3-4 March 2007.
- Use of lighting at the Recreation Ground for at least an 11 hour period 3-4 March 2007.
- Electrical checks of installations and outlets prior to commencement of event.
- Allocation for additional cleaning and re-stocking of amenities on 4 March 2007 (Cleaner)
- General assistance in the setting up of facilities (tables/chairs), erection of tents and other shade structures (Works staff)

It is estimated that Council's contribution to this event will total approximately \$5,000 with such costs allocated to areas such as recreation grounds maintenance, recreation buildings (including maintenance and cleaning), parks and gardens within budget constraints.

Comment:

The businesses and residents of Merredin and surrounding districts responded very well to the inaugural Wheatbelt for Life and the 2007 event promises to bring more people into and increase the exposure for the Shire of Merredin.

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The Committee hopes to increase the regional focus of the event and secure the involvement of all Shires within the area, ultimately welcoming non-Merredin residents into the Shire.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Merredin Shire Council endorse the provision of in-kind works as a Council contribution to the inaugural Wheatbelt Relay for Life to be conducted at the Merredin Recreation Ground on 3-4 March 2007.

28681

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morley

That the Merredin Shire Council endorse the provision of in-kind works as a Council contribution to the inaugural Wheatbelt Relay for Life to be conducted at the Merredin Recreation Ground on 3-4 March 2007.

CARRIED 9/0

Cr N Hooper and Cr Marley entered the meeting at 2.26pm.

10.4 BUILDING STATISTICS REPORT

Reporting Department: Development Services

Reporting Officer: Warren Bow, Manager of Development Services

Legislation: Building Regulations 1989,
Building Code of Australia 2005

File Number:

Background:

To provide to Councillors of the Shire of Merredin details of the Building Licences issued by the Building Surveyor for the previous month.

Legal Implications:

Various

Budget Implications:

Building fees are levied for Class 1 and Class 10 (residential) buildings at 0.3182% of the construction value of the work.

Building fees are levied for Class 2 – 9 (commercial) buildings at 0.182% of the construction value of the work.

In all cases a minimum fee of \$40.00 is levied.

Approvals:

Building Licence No.	Licence issued to	Address of proposed building	Owner of property	Class of Building Type of Construction
BA37/06	Milford Homes Pty Ltd, 11 O'Connor	Lot 110, House No. 2 Fifth Ave, Merredin WA 6415	GR & JG Barton, 43 South Ave, Merredin WA 6415	1 (a) – New, timber framed, iron roofed dwelling

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	Way, Wangara WA 6065			
BA50/06	T Walton- Cherie, 28 Hart St, Merredin WA 6415	Lot 542, House No. 28 Hart St, Merredin WA 6415	T Walton-Cherie, 28 Hart St, Merredin WA 6415	10 (a) – New, free standing steel framed, iron roofed carport
BA53/06	Bartlett Building Contractors, 2 Oats St, Merredin WA	Lot 925, House No. 5 Woolgar Ave, Merredin WA 6415	Wayne Bartlett, 5 Woolgar Ave, Merredin WA 6415	10 (a) – New, steel framed, iron clad outbuilding

Building Licence No.	Licence issued to	Address of proposed building	Owner of property	Class of Building Type of Construction
BA55/06	Kevin Joss, 35 Throssell Rd, Merredin WA 6415	Lot 448, House No. 16 Jellicoe Rd, Merredin WA 6415	R Duffield, 16 Jellicoe Rd, Merredin WA 6415	10 (a) – New, steel framed iron roofed carport and verandah additions

Valuation: \$255,860.00
Progressive: \$5,610,136.00

Fees: \$829.14
Progressive: \$6,254.05

Comment:

Officers Recommendation:

That the Merredin Shire Council receive the October 2006 statistics for building licences issued by the Building Surveyor for the previous month

28682

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Jones

That the Merredin Shire Council receive the October 2006 statistics for building licences issued by the Building Surveyor for the previous month.

CARRIED 11/0

28683

Moved Cr Morris sec Cr Jones

That the meeting move behind closed doors for the following item to be discussed, in accordance with S 5.23 2(c) and (e) of the Local Government Act, 1995

CARRIED 11/0

The meeting went behind closed doors at 2.24pm.

10.5 PURCHASE OF LOT 160 KING STREET MERREDIN

Reporting Department: Administration
Reporting Officer: Debbie Morris
Legislation: Local Government Act
File Number: P2244

Background:

At the May 2006 Business and Community Development Committee meeting it was agreed to investigate the purchase of Lot 160 King Street which at that time was for sale. Diagram at **Attachment 10.5A**.

Contact was made with Landmark Real Estate Agent Natalie Cook, however an offer had already been submitted and therefore no further action occurred.

Since then the offer has been withdrawn and there have been issues with other offers that lead to the owners taking the property off the market.

Through enquiries with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure it was identified that six properties believed to be Crown Grants vested to the Shire, had in fact had new Certificate of Titles registered and are freehold properties, one being Lot 159 King Street, Merredin.

Lot 159 King Street has a drainage easement that limits the size of any development on the property.

MINUTES

This information was presented to the Business and Community Development Committee October 2006 meeting (Refer Item 9.3), resulting in a recommendation to Council – that pending the availability, Council purchase Lot 160 King Street.

By owning both properties, it would enable Council to consider different development options.

Legal Implications:

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 3.55 Acquisition of Land

Budget Implications:

Council have not allocated specific funding in the budget for this purpose, however funds could be allocated from Land Development Reserve. Council may consider any funds derived from the sale of Lot 147 Nolan Way, Lots 139 & 140 Eaton Way and Lot 82 Hawker Way be allocated to the Land Development Reserve. The opening balance of the Land Development Reserve is \$232,103.00

Comment:

This agenda item has been prepared to support the recommendation from the BCDC meeting of 4th October 2006 and provide sufficient information for Council to make a decision.

Landmark Merredin Real Estate Agent, Natalie Cook indicated that the previous offers were in the vicinity of \$18,000 and would suggest that an offer of around \$20,000 would probably be required to entice the owners to consider selling the property.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council offer to purchase Lot 160 King Street up to the value of \$20,000, with funds being allocated from the Land Development Reserve, via the vendor's previous Real Estate Agent, Landmark Merredin.

28684

Moved Cr Astbury sec Cr Morris

That Council come out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 11/0

Council came out from behind closed doors at 2.44pm

28685

Moved Cr Astbury sec Cr Morris

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase of Lot 160 King Street, Merredin with funds coming from the Land Development Reserve via the vendor's previous Real Estate Agent, Landmark Merredin.

**CARRIED 10/1
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

W Bow MDS left the meeting at 2.43pm.

F Ludovico CEO and J McGovern DCEO left the meeting at 2.44pm.

F Ludovico CEO entered the meeting at 2.46.

J Garrett MoW entered the meeting at 2.47pm.

J McGovern DCEO entered the meeting at 2.49pm.

11.0 ENGINEERING SERVICES

11.1 MANAGER OF WORKS – MONTHLY REPORT

Reporting Department: Engineering
Reporting Officer: James Garrett, Manager of Works
Legislation: Local Government Act 1995
File Number:

Background:

Monthly report on operations.

Legal Implications:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil

Comment:

Road Construction

Widening of the bitumen edges on Goldfields Road has started and the reseal work will be completed in November.

Earthworks of new bowling greens complete. Construction of new recreation car park is underway.

Concrete crossovers on Caw Street have been re-instated and leveling of gravel and compacting footpaths is underway.

Road Maintenance

MINUTES

Annual maintenance grading finished.
 Weed slashing of road verges and around the town site in progress.
 Bitumen patching ongoing.

Parks And Gardens

Lawn mowing program ongoing.
 Tidy up of footpaths, islands and parks progressing.

Thatching and aerating of football oval complete. Aerating of hockey oval,
 Apex Park and Roy Little Park complete.

Fertilizing of lawns and gardens complete.

Townscape

Concrete pads for the bar-b-cue, table and chairs at the Pioneer Park will be
 laid in conjunction with the footpath on Golf Road.

Letter drop – Caw Street

Letters were sent out to the residents, Merredin Hostel and South
 Merredin Primary School affected by the new road construction.
 Of 24 letters sent out 5 replies were received as can be seen on
Attachment 11.1A.

Water

All of Councils dams are at full capacity.

Dam #1	100% Full	Capacity	74,455 kilolitres
Dam #2	100% Full	Capacity	71,675 kilolitres
Dam #3	105% Full	Capacity	46,000 kilolitres
Railway Dam	100% Full	Capacity	23,000 kilolitres

Officer's Recommendation:

*That the Merredin Shire Council receive the Manager of Works report for
 October 2006.*

28686 Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morris
*That the Merredin Shire Council receive the Manager of Works
 report for October 2006.*

CARRIED 11/0

28687 Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morris

That Council:

1. *Allow access to part of Caw Street Reserve 22677 opposite the school for public parking;*
2. *Extend the drop off point at South Merredin Primary School at the eastern end of the school entrance; and*
3. *Mulch the centre island of Caw Street with woodchips to improve the aesthetics of Caw Street.*

CARRIED 10/1

11.2 DESIGNS FOR COMBES DRIVE INTERSECTION AND THE HISTORIC NUMBER 4 PUMPING STATION CAR PARK

Reporting Department: Engineering
Reporting Officer: James Garrett, Manager of Works
Legislation: Local Government Act 1995
File Number:

Background:

As part of the Great Eastern Highway upgrade from Hines Hill to Walgoolan, Aline East have submitted design package 2 for the intersection layout of Combes Road and Great Eastern Highway, also the new parking bay for the old number 4 pumping station as can be seen on **Attachment 11.2A**.

The current Combes Road intersection with the Great Eastern Highway was classed as dangerous because it is was too close to the bridge barriers on the Cohn Creek Crossing.

With the relocation of the intersection the parking bay would also need to be relocated.

Aline East have changed the design for the intersection and parking bay a number of times after consultation with Shire staff, Councillors, Water Corporation, Western Power and the Heritage Council.

Legal Implications:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil

Comment:

MINUTES

It was decided to relocate the parking bay onto the Water Corporation access road and turn it into a tourist information bay. With access to cars, buses and caravans only, with a truck parking bay further down the Great Eastern Highway.

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1) *That the Merredin Shire Council accepts the latest design from Aline East for the intersection of Combes Road and the Great Eastern Highway.*
- 2) *That the Shire of Merredin accepts the latest design from Aline East for the new car park at the old number 4 pumping station.*

28688

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morley

- 1) *That the Merredin Shire Council accepts the latest design from Aline East for the intersection of Combes Drive and the Great Eastern Highway as described in Attachment 11.2A.*
- 2) *That the Shire of Merredin accepts the latest design (see Attachment 11.2A) from Aline East for the new car park at the historic number 4 pumping station as described in Attachment 11.2A.*

CARRIED 10/1

J Garrett departed the meeting at 3.29pm.

28689

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Simmonds
That Council adjourn for afternoon tea.

CARRIED 11/0

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.31pm.

28690

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morley
That Council reconvene for the meeting.

CARRIED 11/0

Council reconvened the meeting at 3.54pm.

12.0 ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12.1 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Reporting Department: Administration
Reporting Officer: James McGovern, DCEO
Legislation: Local Government Act 1995
File Number:

Visitor Centre Manager's Report Report is at **Attachment 12.1A**

Library Managers Report Report is at **Attachment 12.1B.**

Cummins Theatre A/Manager Report is at **Attachment 12.1C.**

Community and Economic Development Project Officer's Report Report is at **Attachment 12.1D.**

Natural Resource Management Officer's Report Report is at **Attachment 12.1E.**

Recreation Centre Manager's Report Report is at **Attachment 12.1F**

Records Management Report

Statistics (From 15 Sept to 12 Oct 2006)

Total Mail In	652
Accounts Received	119
Invoices	193
General	335
Appreciations	2
Complaints	3
Total Mail Out	719

MINUTES

Status Report:

The Action sheet detailing progress of Previous Council Resolutions from March 2004 is **Attachment 12.1G**.

Country Housing Authority Grant Application

Application was made to the Country Housing Authority to construct a second dwelling on Lot 69 Coronation Street. The Shire successfully applied to the CHA in 2004 for a grant of \$50,000 to construct a professional residence which is now occupied by the Recreation Centre Manager.

The CHA informed the Shire was unsuccessful in it's application on this occasion. The application did meet all relevant criteria however the grant scheme was heavily over-subscribed which lead to a considerable number of unsuccessful applications. The CHA Director confirmed the programme will continue in 2007 and encouraged the Shire of Merredin to reapply at that time. The financial implication resulting from this outcome will be considered in the half year budget review.

Club Development Officers Scheme

Application to the Department of Sport and Recreation recently informed the Shire was unsuccessful in it's application to secure grant funding for a Club Development Officer to be placed within the staffing structure of the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre.

It was intended the Club Development Officer would augment the role of the Recreation Centre Manager by assisting established clubs and groups (including non-profit organisations) improve the way in which they manage their administrative affairs, provide training opportunities, encourage increased participation and promote succession planning. The grant scheme fully funded the salary of an officer, up to a three year period.

Successful local government areas funded under the grant scheme include: Geraldton, Greenough, Bunbury, Gnowangerup, Kojonup, Broomehill, Tambellup, Koorda, Nungarin, Mukinbudin, Mount Marshall, Trayning, Westonia, Wyalkatchem, Joondalup, Wanneroo, Kwinana, Cockburn, Coolgardie, Cranbrook, Denmark, Plantagenet, Wyndham East Kimberley, Halls Creek, Canning, Gosnells, Rockingham, Broome, West Arthur, Irwin, Swan, Bayswater, South Perth and Victoria Park.

It is disappointing to note a number of metropolitan and major regional local governments were successful in their applications, many having the financial wherewithal to appoint Club Development Officers without need of government funding assistance. It is also recognised that NEWROC Councils were successful in their joint application.

The Shire of Merredin has been reassured the application met all criteria, however the scheme was over-subscribed and the Shire has been encouraged to reapply for funding at a future time.

MINUTES

Council was also advised that staff have submitted an application for Sport and Recreation funding to reticulate the main recreation oval in 2007/2008.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's report for October 2006 be received.

28691

Moved Cr Astbury sec Cr N Hooper

That the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's report for October 2006 be received.

CARRIED 11/0

MINUTES

12.2 SHIRE OF MERREDIN ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006

Reporting Department:	Administration Services
Reporting Officer:	James McGovern – D/ Chief Executive Officer
Legislation:	Local Government Act
File Number:	FM/19/Annual Report

Background:

Council's Annual Financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2006 have been completed as has the annual audit of the books of account by Council's auditors, UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants.

Legal Implications:

The Local Government Act 1995 requires the Council to accept the Annual Report and to set the meeting date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

Council is required to accept the Annual Report (by no later than 31st December) in accordance with Section 5.54 of the Local Government Act 1995. The CEO is required to advertise by local public notice the availability of the Annual Report after it has been accepted by the Council (Section 5.55 of the Act).

Council is required to give 14 days notice of the Annual Electors meeting (Section 5.27 of the Act) this means the earliest the meeting can be held is the 9th November 2006.

The Annual General Meeting of Electors is required to be held not more than 56 days after Council have accepted the Annual Report.

The Financial Report and Auditor's Report is **Attachment 12.2A**. The Shire President's Report and Chief Executive Officer's Report will be tabled at the Council meeting.

Staff commented on the two qualifications in the Audit Report.

Staff had not submitted the Annual Budget on time being delayed by seven (7) days. Staff would ensure this error did not occur again.

In respect to the loan, staff did advertise the loan on 7 September 2005. As no comments were received staff drew down the loan without further reference to Council.

Section 6.20 of the Local Government Act does not require the matter to be referred back to Council. Contrast this with Section 3.58 (3) Local Government Act where it specifically states after advertising Council needs to determine any submissions.

MINUTES

It is noted that it could be considered normal practice to refer the matter back to Council to determine prior to drawing down the loan.

Voting Requirement :

Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Merredin Shire Council accepts the Shire of Merredin Annual Report for the 2005/2006 Financial Year, and receives the Auditor's Report from UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants for the 2005/2006 Financial Year.

That the Merredin Shire Council hold it's Annual General Meeting of Electors on _____ (day) the _____ (date) of _____ (month) 2006 at _____pm in the Shire Administration Centre.

28692

Moved Cr Townrow sec Cr Morley

That the Merredin Shire Council accepts the Shire of Merredin Annual Report for the 2005/2006 Financial Year, and receives the Auditor's Report from UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants for the 2005/2006 Financial Year.

That the Merredin Shire Council hold it's Annual General Meeting of Electors on Tuesday 21st day of November 2006 at 7.30pm in the Shire Administration Centre.

**CARRIED 11/0
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

12.3 CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTING SYSTEM

Reporting Department: Administration
Reporting Officer: James McGovern, D/Chief Executive Officer
Legislation: Local Government Act 1995
File Number:

Background:

The Western Australian Local Government Association writes to seek Council support for a campaign to object to the State Governments recent notice of intention to change the method of voting in local government elections, from first past the post to a preferential system.

WALGA informs the State Government position was taken without consultation and contrary to the wishes of WALGA, local government Councils and the Local Government Advisory Board.

WALGA resolved on 4th October 2006 :

That:

1. *The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) deplores the high handedness of the State Government in introducing the proposed changes to the current method of voting in Local Government elections without any consultation or communication with Local Government.*
2. *WALGA remains totally opposed to the proposed changes.*
3. *The proposed changes will politicise Local Government elections and are contrary to the good governance of local communities.*
4. *All Councils are encouraged to immediately write to the Minister for Local Government, local Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of the Legislative Council opposing the changes and the actions of the State Government.*
5. *WALGA conduct a media campaign (including newspaper advertising) to raise community awareness about the implications of the proposed changes.*
6. *The State Government immediately justify the reasons for proposing the change and why the amendment has been introduced with such urgency, when it is contrary to the expressed wishes of WALGA, the majority of its member Councils and the recommendations of the Local Government Advisory Board.*
7. *All necessary Association resources be diverted towards campaigning to bring about a successful outcome to this issue.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comment:

WALGA writes :

“The Association now begun an intense advocacy campaign directed at the State Government’s unilateral decision to impose proportional-preferential voting on Local Government elections.

The campaign includes advertising in all three media forms, meetings with key parliamentary players, and the engagement of legal and professional advice. An important part of our strategy involves initiating local government action at the local level.

One of the key aspects of the campaign is for Local Governments to express a lack of confidence in the Minister’s handling of this issue. To this end we ask that your council consider, debate and pass the proposed “NO CONFIDENCE MOTION”, set out below, at it’s earliest opportunity.

Councils are also asked to write directly to the Premier, the Minister for Local Government & Regional Development and their local Members of Parliament, expressing their discontent with the Government’s decision and asking that corrective action be taken.

Advice of the outcomes of your Council’s deliberations would be appreciated, so that the Association can aggregate these motions and letters as an expression of sector wide dissatisfaction.”

From an administrative perspective, the view of the Association is fully supported. Preferential voting has potential to promote the creation of alliances among those standing for Council, creating potential for an ongoing environment of factionalism within the elected body. Voter turnout to local government elections under the present, simple system of first past the post voting is already poorly attended and the introduction of a more complex voting system has potential to further deter voter participation. Informal voting in compulsory state and federal elections is affected by informal voting due to the complex nature of the preferential system, and this is likely to be mirrored if there is a change to the local government system of voting.

It is recommended the draft Motion of No Confidence and additional supporting actions suggested by WALGA be adopted by Council and that all efforts be made by this local government to assist the Association in it’s campaign to ensure the retention of the present local government election voting system.

Legal Implications:

Passage of legislation containing proposed changes to the system of voting at local government elections will enforce a preferential voting system upon all future elections.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Officer's Recommendation:

1. *That Council adopt the following Motion of No Confidence :*

"We, the elected councillors of the Merredin Shire Council hereby express our concern and alarm at the unilateral decision of the State Government to include provisions in the Local Government Amendment Bill 2006 to impose and apply a proportional-preferential voting system to Local Government elections.

We believe that the proposed changes to the voting system will lead to factionalism and party politics in Local Government, will result in decreased voter turnout, increased informal votes and will impose substantially higher election costs on our communities.

We believe that the proposed changes to the voting system have been developed in contravention of the State Local Government Partnership Agreement and effectively contravene the intent of the tripartite Inter Governmental Agreement recently signed by the Commonwealth, all State and Territory Governments and the Australian Local Government Association.

We believe these actions to be unacceptable to the Local Government sector and to the Western Australian community at large and that the Minister for Local Government must be held accountable for them.

Therefore, we declare that we have no confidence in the Hon. Jon Ford JP MLC to continue to represent the Local Government portfolio."

2. *That Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Local Government & Regional Development and their local Members of Parliament, expressing their discontent with the Government's decision and asking that corrective action be taken.*

Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Morley

1. *That Council adopt the following Motion of No Confidence :*

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Therefore, we declare that we have no confidence in the Hon. Jon Ford JP MLC to continue to represent the Local Government portfolio.”

2. *That Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Local Government & Regional Development and their local Members of Parliament, expressing their discontent with the Government’s decision and asking that corrective action be taken.*

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Simmonds sec Cr Morris

That Council remove the following words from the original motion being:

- *“That Council adopt the following Motion of No Confidence”:*
- and*
- *Therefore, we declare that we have no confidence in the Hon. Jon Ford JP MLC to continue to represent the Local Government portfolio.”*

LOST 4/7

28693

Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Morley

1. That Council adopt the following Motion of No Confidence :

“We, the elected councillors of the Merredin Shire Council hereby express our concern and alarm at the unilateral decision of the State Government to include provisions in the Local Government Amendment Bill 2006 to impose and apply a proportional-preferential voting system to Local Government elections.

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We believe these actions to be unacceptable to the Local Government sector and to the Western Australian community at large and that the Minister for Local Government must be held accountable for them.

Therefore, we declare that we have no confidence in the Hon. Jon Ford JP MLC to continue to represent the Local Government portfolio.”

2. That Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Local Government & Regional Development and their local Members of Parliament, expressing their discontent with the Government’s decision and asking that corrective action be taken.**CARRIED 8/3**

12.4 LIST OF ACCOUNTS PAID

Reporting Department: Finance
Reporting Officer: Mr James McGovern, D/Chief Executive Officer
Legislation: Local Government Act & Financial Management Regulations
File Number:

Background:

A list of accounts paid during the month under delegated authority is presented to Council each month. Refer to **Attachment 12.4A**.

Legal Implications:

Local Government Act and Financial Management Regulations.

Budget Implications:

All liabilities settled have been in accordance with the Annual Budget provisions.

Comment:

The process of the accounts for payment has now been finalized with cheques being processed on a fortnightly basis and the main signatories being the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, with the Shire President and Deputy President also being signatories in the case of the Chief Executive or Deputy being absent.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Merredin Shire Council receive the schedule of accounts as listed, covering cheques as numbered and totalling \$655,995.90 and outstanding creditors totalling \$193,666.

28694

Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Morley

That the Merredin Shire Council receive the schedule of accounts as listed, covering cheques as numbered and totalling \$655,995.90 and outstanding creditors totalling \$193,666.

CARRIED 11/0

Cr Simmonds left the meeting at 4.31pm.

Cr Simmonds entered the meeting at 4.32pm.

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- 13.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
- 14.0 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
- 15.0 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION
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15.1 CEO QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2006

Reporting Department:	Administration
Reporting Officer:	Frank Ludovico
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995
File Number:	Personal

Background

At the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review on 21 February 2006 a number of dynamic indicators were developed for the achievement of the CEO for the next 12 month period.

One of the indicators was the CEO distribute a quarterly report on the progress of each Performance Indicator.

Attached is a table setting out my comments in respect to those dynamic performance indicators. **Attachment 15.1A.**

Officer's Recommendation

That Council receive the August 2006 Quarterly Chief Executive Officer Performance Review.

- 28695** Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Jones
That Council receive the August 2006 Quarterly Chief Executive Officer Performance Review.

CARRIED 11/0

15.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Reporting Department: Finance
Reporting Officer: Mr James McGovern, DCEO
Legislation: Local Government Act 1995
File Number:

Background

Attached is the Monthly Financial Report prepared for Council.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Merredin Shire Council receive the Monthly Finance Report for September 2006.

28696 Moved Cr Crees sec Cr Simmonds
That the Merredin Shire Council receive the Monthly Finance Report for September 2006.

CARRIED 11/0

Cr Morris left the meeting at 4.42pm.

16.0 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**17.0 CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.52.