



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin
Tuesday, 14 December 2021
Commencing 4.00pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document	
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
DCEO	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
EA	Executive Assistant to CEO
EMCS	Executive Manager of Corporate Services
EMDS	Executive Manager of Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager of Engineering Services
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
MCO	Media and Communications Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils



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Shire of Merredin
Ordinary Council Meeting
4:00pm Tuesday, 14 December 2021



1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Njaki Njaki people of the Nyoongar Nation and paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The President then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 4:08pm.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr M McKenzie	President
Cr R Billing	
Cr C Crook	
Cr J Flockart	
Cr R Manning	
Cr P Patroni	
Cr M Simmonds	
Cr P Van Der Merwe	

Staff:

L Clack	CEO
A Prnich	DCEO
G Garside	EMCS
L Mellor	EMES
P Zenni	EMDS
A Brice	EA

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Cr L Boehme – Deputy President

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Disclosure of Interest

Nil

5. Applications of Leave of Absence

Cr Billing requested a Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Meeting on 25 January 2022.

Resolution

Moved: Cr Flockart

Seconded: Cr Crook

82836

That Councillor Billing be granted a Leave of Absence for 25 January 2022.

CARRIED 7/0

6. Petitions and Presentations

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2021
Attachment 7.1A

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Patroni

Seconded: Cr Manning

82837

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 8/0

8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without Discussion

Cr McKenzie read the following into the public record:

As a result of meeting with Shire Presidents & Mayors at the WALGA offices in Leederville, much discussion was had about the reforms being considered for the Local Government Act by Minister Carey, Minister for Local Government. He addressed the room and spoke about his time as the Mayor of Vincent and using this history he explained his reforms.

During his address he said there were too many councillors and too many councils in Western Australia.

Some of the reforms for discussion were:

- Reviewing the amount of councillor numbers at particular Shires, for example Merredin Shire would move from 9 to 5 councillors. I asked a question with the Toodyay Shire President, noting the significant amount of work that our councillors do and it would be impossible for 5 councillors to keep up. He conceded with some councils of our size may only change to 7 councillors.*
- Changing the voting system. Mr Carey is of the view the voting system should change to a preferential system as opposed to first past the post, consistent with the Electoral Commission. It was felt this would be a significantly extra cost to smaller councils.*

- *Changes to the Standing Orders with the view of having standardised orders to make meetings streamlined and easier to manage.*
- *Changes in Event Management in Shires.*

Meetings and events attended by the President since the last Ordinary Meeting on 23 November 2021:

- Weekly meetings with CEO;
- 24/11/2021 - Attended the WALGA Presidents and Mayors Conference in Perth;
- 26/11/2021 - Telephone Interview (Around the Towns) with Terry Siva at Triple M;
- 29/11/2021- 50 Years Celebration of Prospector; and
- 1/12/2021 - Attended the St Mary's Awards / Concert night.

9. Matters for Which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public

19.1. Award of eQuotes Tender – Heavy Rigid Truck

19.2. Award of eQuotes Tender – Front End Loader

10. Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings


Nil

11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council Consideration

Nil

12. Officers' Reports - Development Services

12.1 WAPC Subdivision Application No 161572 – Proposed Termination of Strata Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street and Strata Lot 2 (No 40) Duff Street and Creation of Freehold Lot 800 Duff Street, Merredin

<h2>Development Services</h2>		 SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS	
Author:	Peter Zenni, EMDS	
Legislation:	<i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> , Residential Design Codes	
File Reference:	A9410	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 12.1A – Proposed creation of new lot and associated plans and details	

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

Background

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has received a subdivision application for the proposed termination of strata Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street and strata Lot 2 (No 40) Duff Street, Merredin and the creation of a new freehold Lot – Lot 800 Duff Street, Merredin. The application has been referred to the Shire of Merredin for comment.

Comment

The property in question comprises of two strata lots - Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street, which is a vacant lot fronting Bates Street and Lot 2 (No 40) Duff Street, with an existing house on the lot fronting Duff Street.

Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street and Lot 2 (No 40) Duff Street, Merredin are zoned "Residential" under the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (LPS).

The owners of both of the strata lots have applied to the WAPC for the termination of the strata lots and the creation of a new freehold Lot - Lot 800 Duff Street, Merredin.

This will enable them to undertake proposed extensions to the existing dwelling as well as the erection of an oversized domestic shed on the newly created Lot.

The Shire of Merredin Council recently considered a Development Application for the erection of an oversized domestic shed on Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street, Merredin, at its November meeting, where it in part resolved to issue development approval for the proposed shed subject to the amalgamation of Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street and Lot 2 (No 40) Duff Street, so that the development is wholly contained on the one Lot - Lot 800 Duff Street, Merredin.

The newly created Lot will have the existing dwelling located it on it (facing Duff Street) and will be provided with all utility services as well as a crossover.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Compliance with the Residential Design Codes

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	5. Places and Spaces
Service Area Objective:	5.4. Town Planning and Building Control 5.4.2. The Shire has a current local planning scheme and associated strategy which is flexible and able to suitably guide future residential and industrial growth
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	N/A

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action:	4.1.1 Continue to upgrade the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations
Directorate:	Development Services
Timeline:	Ongoing

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil

Strategy: Nil

Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Billing

Seconded: Cr Crook


82838

That Council Advise the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) that it unconditionally supports the WAPC Subdivision Application No: 161572, incorporating the termination of Strata Lot 1 (No 50) Bates Street and Strata Lot 2 (No 40) Duff Street, Merredin and the creation of freehold Lot 800, Duff Street, Merredin.

CARRIED 8/0

13. Officers' Reports - Engineering Services

13.1 South Avenue Upgrade Works

<h2>Engineering Services</h2> 	
Responsible Officer:	Lindon Mellor, EMES
Author:	Lindon Mellor, EMES
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 13.1A – South Avenue Works

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

Background

Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) are due to commence road pavement repairs and reseal works to South Avenue, starting in January 2022. These works are to both lanes, between Todd Street through to the intersection of O'Connor Street (refer to Attachment 13.1A - South Avenue Works). These works will include; profiling of the existing road surface, removal of the base course, installation of a new base course, installation of a new S45R two coat seal and all associated pavement marking.

MRWA are responsible for a 5m width on each carriage way and the Shire is responsible for areas between the 5m edge and the kerb line (approximately 2m-3m). Due to cost efficiencies which can be achieved by conducting the whole of road works at the one time, MRWA agreed to complete the full width of each carriageway as part of their works, if the Shire was willing to contribute towards the project for areas under it's control. In the 2021/22 Budget adopted by Council, a total of \$207,500 was allocated for the Shire contribution towards this project, which was based on initial cost projections by MRWA.

Comment

MRWA tendered out the South Avenue upgrades works in early October 2021. Once final costings were received in early November 2021, prices came back much higher than originally expected, due to the current market. MRWA has been working with their preferred

contractor to reduce these costs further, however there are limits to cost savings which can be achieved without severely reducing quality. The Shires EMES met with MRWA and agreed that specification could not be reduced further, without severely impacting the Shires levels of service. As South Avenue is perceived by the public as a Shire road, it is important to ensure the road is suitable for the required traffic, while still meeting noise and comfort levels.

After some refinement in costing, the final awarded contract price (including a provisional sum) for works is \$ 1,727,785 (ex GST). MRWA has asked for the Shire to contribute a total of \$447,515 (ex GST) towards this project. This contribution covers the section under the Shire's control, with an 80/20 split of mobilisation costs. A total of \$207,500 has been allocated within the Shires 2021/22 budget, leaving a shortfall of \$240,015 towards the Shires contribution.

Given the current condition of South Avenue and the risks associated with the not going ahead with the full extent of these works, it is recommended that Council agree to the required increase in contribution. The suggested method of allocating the funding, is take the additional funds required (\$240,015) out of current Roads to Recovery funding(R2R) budget under GL R2R007 which is yet to be allocated. A table outlining how this will be achieved is listed under the financial implications section of this report.

During the acceptance of the 2021/22 budget Council agreed not to allocate R2R funding towards specific projects until the new EMES started and had a chance to review priorities. As that review is currently underway, the Officer recommendation is that South Avenue should take precedence for the funds, given it is a project already committed to by both MRWA and Council. Given R2R is government funded, it would be prudent to ensure this funding is spent before any further funds are taken from reserves for this project.

Policy Implications

Council Policy 3.8 – Implementing the budget

Statutory Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme:	6. Transport and Networks
Service Area Objective:	6.1. Roads & Footpaths 6.1.1. The Shire's road system, footpaths and cycle trails are well maintained and safe
Priorities and Strategies for Change:	Improving local roads Development of Roading Hierarchy and ten-year capital works plan to establish clear, transparent and affordable priorities to meet the needs of residents and industry

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action:	6.1.2. Advocate for improved road infrastructure networks across the region
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Directorate: Engineering Services

Timeline: Ongoing

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil

Activity: Nil

Current Staff: Nil

Focus Area: Nil

Strategy Code: Nil

Strategy: Nil

Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

If Council do not agree to providing the increased contribution towards these works, South Avenue repairs and resealing works are likely to halt or be delayed entirely. MRWA's scope of works for this project includes the section of road under the responsibility of the Shire, so works will not be able to proceed in their current format without a contribution.

MRWA have already expressed that they have constrained budget for this project and if a contribution is not provided, then MRWA would only complete the 5m section of the road they are responsible for on either side of the carriageway. If this occurs the town of Merredin will end up with low quality south entrance into town, which would likely cause public backlash.

Should the works be completed as separate projects, and the Shire portion be completed at a later date, it is likely that overall costs to the Shire will significantly increase in the form of mobilisation costs. Under the MRWA proposal, the Shire will only contribute 20% of the mobilisation costs of the project.

Financial Implications

Council has set aside funds in the 2021/22 annual budget towards the South Ave works to a total of \$207,500. An additional \$240,015 is required to fund the total Shire contribution towards the project. It is proposed these funds be allocated from available R2R funds, which have not yet been allocated per project. The budget amendments to allocate this portion are reflected as per the table below. For accounting purposes the expenditure will be split over two line items to enable tracking of R2R funding.

Account	Description	Current Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
RC277	South Avenue	\$207,500	Nil	\$207,500
R2R277	South Avenue	Nil	+\$240,015	\$240,015
<i>Project Total:</i>				<i>\$447,515</i>
R2R007	R2R Unallocated	\$368,363	-\$240,015	\$128,348

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Flockart

Seconded: Cr Patroni

82839

That Council;


1. Approve a capital expenditure of \$447,515 ex GST as a contribution to Main Roads WA towards South Avenue Upgrade works;
2. Approve the budget amendment as shown below:

Account	Description	Current Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
R2R277	South Avenue	Nil	+\$240,015	\$240,015
R2R007	R2R Unallocated	\$368,363	-\$240,015	\$128,348

CARRIED 8/0

14. Officers' Reports – Corporate and Community Services

14.1 List of Accounts Paid

<h2>Corporate Services</h2>		 SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
Responsible Officer:	Geoff Garside, EMCS	
Author:	Geoff Garside, EMCS	
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 14.1A - Payments Listing November 2021	

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

The attached list of Accounts Paid during the Month of November 2021 under delegated Authority is provided for Council's information and endorsement.

Comment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

As outlined in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: Nil
Service Area Objective: Nil
Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: Deliver long term financial planning for asset replacement and new capital projects
Directorate: 2
Timeline: Continue to provide prudent financial controls and compliance systems

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Compliance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and to also give Council some direction regarding its management of finance over an extended period of time.

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil
Activity: Nil
Current Staff: Nil
Focus Area: Nil
Strategy Code: Nil
Strategy: Nil
Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

Council would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* should this item not be presented to Council.

Financial Implications

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

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Flockart

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

82840

That Council RECEIVE the schedule of accounts paid during November 2021 as listed, covering cheques, EFT's, bank charges, directly debited payments and wages, as numbered and totalling \$475,014.04 from Council's Municipal Fund Bank Account and NIL from Council's Trust Account.

CARRIED 8/0

14.2 Statement of Financial Activity (November 2021)

<h1>Corporate Services</h1> 	
Responsible Officer:	Geoff Garside, EMCS
Author:	Geoff Garside, EMCS
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 14.2A – Statement of Financial Activity Attachment 14.2B – Detailed Statements Attachment 14.2C – Investment Statement Attachment 14.2D – Capital Works Progress Attachment 14.2E – Variances by Sub Program

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

The Statement of Financial Activity and Investment Register are attached for Council's information.

Comment

Statement of Financial Activity

Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations requires the Shire to prepare a monthly statement of financial activity for consideration by Council within 2 months after the end of the month of the report.

Please note: the figures in the November 2021 financial reports as presented in the attachments are provisional. There are still some transactions and adjustments that are unable to be completed until the finalisation of the audit for the 2021-22 year. In addition, some functions like depreciation are unable to be run before the prior year is finalised.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

As outlined in the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: Nil

Service Area Objective: Nil

Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: Deliver long term financial planning for asset replacement and new capital projects

Directorate: 2

Timeline: Continue to provide prudent financial controls and compliance systems

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Compliance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and to also give Council some direction regarding its management of finance over an extended period of time.

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil

Activity: Nil

Current Staff: Nil

Focus Area: Nil

Strategy Code: Nil

Strategy: Nil

Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

The Financial Activity report is presented monthly and provides a retrospective picture of the activities at the Shire. Contained within the report is information pertaining to the financial cost and delivery of strategic initiatives and key projects.

To mitigate the risk of budget over-runs or non-delivery of projects, the Chief Executive Officer has implemented internal control measures such as regular Council and management reporting and a quarterly process to monitor financial performance against budget estimates. Materiality reporting thresholds have been established at half the adopted Council levels,

which equate to \$10,000 for operating budget line items and \$10,000 for capital items, to alert management prior to there being irreversible impacts.

It should also be noted that there is an inherent level of risk of misrepresentation of the financials through either human error or potential fraud. The establishment of control measures through a series of efficient systems, policies and procedures, which fall under the responsibility of the CEO as laid out in the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 regulation 5, seek to mitigate the possibility of this occurring. These controls are set in place to provide daily, weekly, and monthly checks to ensure that the integrity of the data provided is reasonably assured.

Financial Implications

The adoption on the Monthly Financial Report is retrospective. Accordingly, the financial implications associated with adopting the Monthly Financial Report are nil.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr **Seconded:** Cr


00000 That Council in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, receive the Statement of Financial Activity and the Investment Report for the period ending 31 November 2021.

Moved: Cr McKenzie **Seconded:** Cr Billing

82841 That this Item 14.2 Statement of Financial Activity (November 2021) lay on the table until the January 2022 Ordinary Meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

14.3 CEACA – Transfer of Assets at Completion of Project

<h2>Corporate Services</h2>		
Responsible Officer:	Geoff Garside, EMCS	
Author:	Geoff Garside, EMCS	
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	

Purpose of Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

Background

Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) was formed in 2012 by 11 Wheatbelt Shires, to investigate resources and services for the aged in the wheatbelt. Support from the founding Shires and Royalties for Regions grants have enabled CEACA to construct 71 two-bedroom units across the region as part of the CEACA Housing Project. 27 of these units have been constructed in Merredin on a parcel of land that CEACA acquired from the State Government.

In Merredin CEACA acquired land from the old North Merredin Primary School site during the 2018-19 financial year. CEACA has also acquired land in the other 10 Shires. All the properties have been used for the construction of the 71 independent living units.

Whilst Royalties for Regions funding was available from the State Government for the CEACA Housing Project, under the terms of the grant the State would only deal with a Local Government as the proponent, rather than dealing with CEACA directly. To facilitate the grant funding, in April 2017 CEACA and the Shire entered into a Memorandum of Understanding stating that the Shire would “act as banker for the Project”. However, the MOU omitted to state that all assets would transfer to CEACA at the completion of the project.

During the course of the project, the value of the work completed has been accruing Shire’s balance sheet as “Work in Progress”. At the conclusion of the 2019-20 financial audit, the auditors raised the issue of the CEACA Housing Project as an item of “significant audit focus” and noted that the issue of ownership of the assets would need to be resolved before the conclusion of the project.

Comment

The independent living units were technically complete and ready for occupation from January 2020. However, rectification of defects has been proceeding since this date. The rectification of defects was slowed due the major contractor (Pindan) suffering financial difficulties and proceeding to liquidation earlier this year. The Shire (on behalf of CEACA) has subsequently received funds from an insurance bond. It is planned that the rectification of defects will be completed by 30 June 2022

As at 30 June 2021 the Shire had \$19.65m of CEACA assets represented on the balance sheet as “Work in Progress”. The 2021-22 budget includes an additional \$0.54m in works to complete the project, which is funded from the insurance bond and remaining grant funds.

Units have been constructed on land owned by CEACA (ie: not owned or leased by Shire), so cannot be Shire assets.

The Administration recommends that Council agrees to transfer all assets to CEACA at the completion of project on the condition that, should CEACA be wound-up that no assets will be distributed to any member shires, but be distributed to a similar charitable entity (or entities), as per clause 29 of the CEACA constitution.

From an accounting perspective the transfer of assets will result in loss on disposal of those assets – totalling around \$20.2m. The reason for the loss being recorded is that all consideration or contributions to the project will have been received in prior years. The Shire will not be ‘out-of-pocket’.

CEACA has already assumed all rights and responsibilities relating to owning and operating the assets.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995:

3.58. Disposing of Property

It is not considered that Section 3.58 of the Act applies in this instance, as the Shire has no financial interest in the properties or assets. Instead, this is an Administrative correction of an oversight in the original Memorandum of Understanding.

Strategic Implications

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Theme: 4. Communication and Leadership

Service Area Objective: 4.2. Decision Making
4.2.2. The Shire is progressive while exercising responsible stewardship of its built, natural and financial resources

Priorities and Strategies for Change: Nil

➤ Corporate Business Plan

Key Action: 4.4.1. Maximise advocacy benefits with membership of Great Eastern Country Zone, Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils, Western Australian Local Government Association and CEACA
4.4.2. Increase collaboration amongst stakeholders and surrounding local governments to improve local and regional service delivery and identify opportunities

Directorate:

Timeline:

Sustainability Implications

➤ Strategic Resource Plan

Nil

➤ Workforce Plan

Directorate: Nil
Activity: Nil
Current Staff: Nil
Focus Area: Nil
Strategy Code: Nil
Strategy: Nil
Implications: Nil

Risk Implications

As the CEACA Housing Project has been identified as an item of “significant audit focus” there is a risk of an adverse audit outcome should the issue of ownership of the assets not be resolved prior to the conclusion of the project.

Financial Implications

Disposal of the assets from the Shire’s balance sheet (Statement of Financial Position) will result in a Loss on Disposal of around \$20.2m. This will be recorded on the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year the project is completed.

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr **Seconded:** Cr

00000

That Council:

- 1. RESOLVES that, at the completion of the CEACA Housing Project, all assets related to the project will transfer to Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc (CEACA);**
- 2. NOTES that should CEACA be wound-up, no assets will be distributed to any member Shires, but be distributed to a similar charitable entity (or entities), as per clause 29 of the CEACA constitution; and**
- 3. NOTES that disposal of the CEACA Housing Project assets will result in an accounting loss on disposal of those assets equivalent to the value of the “work in progress” assets at the completion of the project.**

Moved: Cr McKenzie **Seconded:** Cr Crook

82842

That this Item 14.3 CEACA – Transfer of Assets at Completion of Project lay on the table until the January 2022 Ordinary Meeting to allow for legal advice to be obtained regarding this matter.

CARRIED 8/0

15. Officer's Reports - Administration

Nil

16. Motions of which Previous Notice has been given

Nil

17. Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given

Nil

18. Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision

Nil

19. Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1995 Council will go Behind Closed Doors to discuss these matters.

Council Decision

Moved: Cr McKenzie **Seconded:** Cr Patroni


82843 That Council move Behind Closed Doors and that Standing Orders be suspended at 4:22pm.

CARRIED 8/0

Reason

Matters relating to potential contracts which may be entered into were to be discussed.

19.1 Award of eQuotes Tender – Heavy Rigid Truck

<h3>Engineering Services</h3>		 SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
Responsible Officer:	Lindon Mellor, EMES	
Author:	Lindon Mellor, EMES	
Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996</i>	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 19.1A – Confidential - List of eQuotes or evaluation matrix	

Resolution

Moved: Cr Patroni

Seconded: Cr Simmonds

82844 That Council awards RFQ VP278723 'Supply of 6 x 4 Truck' to the supplier 'Hino Motor Sales Australia Pty Ltd' for the total sum of \$230,640 ex GST.

CARRIED 7/1

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Van Der Merwe **Seconded:** Cr Crook

82846 **That Council return from Behind Closed Doors at 4:30pm and that the resolutions being passed in the confidential session be confirmed in open meeting.**

CARRIED 8/0

20. Closure

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4:32pm.

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