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# MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 19 AUGUST 2020

#### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair Person, Shire President Cr Scott Crosby, declared the meeting opened at 5.30pm.

#### 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### **Members**

Cr SR Crosby Cr KV Johnston Cr JN Germain Cr BC Bamess Cr TD Borgward Cr KR Stephens Cr AL Smith Cr RA Jury

# <u>Staff</u>

RJ Miller M Bamess GD Mathewson

<u>Members of the Public</u> Nil

Apologies Nil

- 3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: • Financial Interest:
  - Nil
  - Members Impartiality Interest
     Nil
  - Proximity Interest: Nil
- 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE Nil

# 6 CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVING OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING

# 6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 22 July, 2020

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Kent held on Wednesday 22 July, 2020 in the Shire of Kent Council Chambers be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed.

Shire President Deputy Shire President Member Member Member Member Member Member

Chief Executive Officer Deputy Chief Executive Officer Works Manager

# OCM2021/013 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

#### MOVED Cr JN Germain / Cr BC Bamess

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Kent held on Wednesday 22 July, 2020 in the Shire of Kent Council Chambers be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed.

> CARRIED 8/0 By Simple Majority

#### 6.2 Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held 30 July 2020

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual general Meeting held 30 July 2020 be noted.

#### OCM2021/014 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

#### MOVED Cr KR Stephens / Cr TD Borgward

That the minutes of Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held 30 July 2020 be noted.

CARRIED 8/0 By Simple Majority

#### 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION Nil

- 8 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS Nil
- 9 OFFICERS REPORTS

# 9.1.1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31 JULY 2020

PROPOSED MEETING DATE:	19 August 2020
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	N/A
AUTHOR:	Michelle Bamess –Deputy Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Michelle Bamess –Deputy Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	N/A
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A
ATTACHMENTS:	Schedule of Accounts as at 31 July 2020

#### **PURPOSE**

Council endorsement of payment to Creditors under CEO Delegated Authority 2.1.2.

#### BACKGROUND

Details payments made to creditors since last Council Meeting.

#### COMMENT

The Schedule of Accounts Reports as presented, indicate that Council continues to be in a sound financial position.

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 6.4 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Part 2 – Regulation 11 & 12

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy 4.1 Accounting Policies

Objective: To provide the basis for Council's accounting concepts and reporting guidelines. To maintain accounting reporting procedures which comply with Statutory Requirements and to demonstrate Council's financial position.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Ongoing management of Council funds

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027

Civic Leadership Objective - Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs our community

Outcome 4.1 An efficient and effective organisation

- 4.1.1 Continually improve operational efficiencies and provide effective services.
- 4.1.2 Continue to enhance communication and transparency.

#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council endorse the payments from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund:

Municipal Fund		\$ 465,956.99
Trust Fund		\$ 572.00
Direct Debits		\$ 106,286.88
	TOTAL	\$ 572,815.87

# OCM2021/015 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

## MOVED Cr RA Jury / Cr TD Borgward

That the Council endorse the payments from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund:

Municipal Fund		\$	465,956.99
Trust Fund		\$	572.00
Direct Debits		<u>\$</u>	106,286.88
	TOTAL	\$	572,815.87

PROPOSED MEETING DATE:	19 August 2020
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	N/A
AUTHOR:	Rick Miller – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Rick Miller – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	041.1.1
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Council Resolution Register

# 9.1.2 STATUS OF COUNCIL DECISIONS – JULY 2020

#### <u>PURPOSE</u>

To inform Council of the actions taken in relation to Council decisions.

#### BACKGROUND

By providing this report to Council as an agenda item on a monthly basis will keep Council informed on the progress of decisions made.

#### COMMENT

The status of Council decisions/resolutions is included as an attachment and updated monthly.

It is requested that action items be reviewed at each Council meeting.

#### **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act (1995), Section 5.41 The CEO's functions are to:c) Cause Council decisions to be implemented

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

# Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027

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#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive the Council Resolutions Register for the month of July 2020.

# OCM2021/016 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

## MOVED Cr AL Smith / Cr RA Jury

That the Council receive the Council Resolutions Register for the month of July 2020.

## CARRIED 8/0 By Simple Majority

#### 9.1.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST – DEED OF VARIATION

PROPOSED MEETING DATE: PROPONENT: LOCATION: AUTHOR: PEROPTING OFFICEP:	19 August 2020 Shire of Kent N/A Michelle Bamess, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Bick Miller, Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER: FILE NO:	Rick Miller, Chief Executive Officer 043.3.2
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A
ATTACHMENTS:	1 Email from WALGA CEO Nick Sloan
	2. Deed of Variation (Draft)
	3. Clause 12 of Trust Deed 1994

#### <u>PURPOSE</u>

Council's consent is sought, to a variation to the Trust Deed for the Local Government House Trust (The Trust) as the Shire of Kent is a unit holder and beneficiary to the Local Government House Trust, holding 4 unit/s as advised in WALGA's Quarterly Report, Q4 2019.

The Trust's Board of Management is seeking to vary the Trust Deed in order to assist the Trust's income tax exempt status. As stipulated by the Deed, the Trust requires consent of at least 75 per cent of all beneficiaries in order to execute this variation.

As a beneficiary, the Shire of Kent is requested to consent to the enclosed Deed of Variation supported by a resolution of Council; and to communicate this consent in writing, to consent for the Trustee to formally execute the Deed of Variation (Attachment 2).

# BACKGROUND

The Local Government House Trust ("The Trust") exists primarily to provide building accommodation for the Western Australian Local Government Association. Since January 2014, the Trust has provided WALGA with accommodation at 170 Railway Parade West Leederville.

The current trust deed commenced in 1993 and was amended in 2002 to reflect the merger of the metropolitan and country associations into WALGA. The current Trust Deed pronounces WALGA as Trustee and unit holders as Beneficiaries, with the Trustee holding property and associated monies "upon Trust" and in proportion to the units provided.

Commencement date of the current deed is 17 February 1993, with a vesting date 79 years from commencement - which means that the Trust ends in 2072.

The Trust is exempt from income tax on the basis of being a State / Territory Body (STB) pursuant to Division 1AB of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

#### Trust Deed Variation

1. removing the existing Trustee's power to retire and appoint a new Trustee (Clause 2.1 and 2.2 (22.3) of the Deed of Variation)

- 2. enabling the beneficiaries to appoint and remove a Trustee (Clause 2.2 (22.4) of the Deed of Variation), and
- 3. ensuring that the Board of Management is the 'governing body' of the Trust (Clause 2.3 of the Deed of Variation)

The three proposed amendments when applied to the relevant clauses inserted by the Deed of Variation dated 5 June 2002 will subsequently read as follows (proposed amendments shown in red text):

# 1. Variation 2.1 amends clause 22.1 to point to additional clause:

22.1 Any Trustee of the Trust may retire as Trustee of the Trust<del>. The Subject to clause 22.3, the</del> right to appoint any new or additional trustee or trustees of the Trust is hereby vested in the retiring or continuing trustee. A corporation or incorporated association may be appointed as Trustee of the Trust.

#### 2. Variation 2.2 inserts two new clauses:

22.3 The retiring or continuing trustee shall only be entitled to appoint any new or additional trustee of the Trust with the consent of not less than 75% of the Beneficiaries.

- 22.4 The Beneficiaries may at any time by Special Resolution:
- (a) remove a Trustee from the office as Trustee of the Trust; and
- (b) appoint such new or additional Trustee.

#### 3. Variation 2.3 insert a new clause 13A

#### 13A Delegation to the Board of Management

Unless the Beneficiaries otherwise direct (such direction to be given by not less than 75% of the Beneficiaries), the Trustees shall delegate all of the powers authorities and discretions contained in subclauses (a) to (x) of clause 12 to the Board of Management. The Trustees shall, at the direction of the Board of Management, do such things as may be necessary to give effect to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion by the Board of Management.

# <u>COMMENT</u>

The first two amendments outlined above remove powers granted to the Trustee in the 2002 Deed Variation resulting from the merger to a single Association representing WA Local Governments. These amendments which previously facilitated the transfer of trusteeship to the then new Western Australian Local Government Association are removed, but with the clarification that any appointment must be with the consent of the beneficiaries.

The final amendment intends to confirm that power rests with the Board of Management. As the Board of Management comprises Local Governments, this satisfies the requirements of a STB for tax purposes. This amendment reflects the actual operation of the Trustee in implementing the decisions of the Board of Management whilst retaining sufficient operational discretion to place and renew investments and pay suppliers.

These amendments provide greater power to beneficiaries through the Board of Management, and as such it is anticipated they will be considered acceptable.

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no relevant statutory provisions.

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no relevant policy implications

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no relevant financial implications upon the Council's Budget or Long Term Financial Plan.

One Seventy (170) Railway Parade, (local government house), where WALGA is located, is owned by the Association. The Shire of Kent owns four (4) units in the Trust that owns the 'local government house', which were valued at \$17,517.11 each (as at 30/6/18 as advised by WALGA).

Supporting the Deed of Variation will only strengthen WALGA's financial position. Of which the Shire of Kent is a financial member.

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

# Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027

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- 4.1.1 Continually improve operational efficiencies and provide effective services.
- 4.1.2 Continue to enhance communication and transparency.

#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

#### RECOMMENDATION

That, with respect to the Local Government House Trust – Deed of Variation, the Council:

- 1. Consent to a variation to the Trust Deed for the Local Government House Trust (The Trust) as detailed in attachment 1; and
- 2. Communicate this consent in writing to the Local Government House Trust's Board of Management.

# OCM2021/017 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

# MOVED Cr RA Jury / Cr BC Bamess

That the Council:

- 1. Consent to a variation to the Trust Deed for the Local Government House Trust (The Trust) as detailed in attachment 1; and
- 2. Communicate this consent in writing to the Local Government House Trust's Board of Management.

# 9.1.4 APPOINTMENT OF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS AND AUTHORISED OFFICERS FOR 2020/2021

PROPOSED MEETING DATE:	19 August 2020
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	Whole of Shire
AUTHOR:	Suzan Lees – Community Emergency Service
	Manager
REPORTING OFFICER:	Rick Miller – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	051.1.9
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A
ATTACHMENTS:	N/A

# <u>PURPOSE</u>

Council is to appoint Bush Fire Control Officers to the Shire of Kent for the 2020/2021 season.

# BACKGROUND

FCOs have been nominated by the Bushfire Advisory Committee (BFAC) and the Committee recommends that Council appoint the persons listed in this report as Fire Control Officers for the Shire of Kent.

The BFAC also recommends that Council appoint the persons listed in this report as Authorised Officers under the Act.

# <u>COMMENT</u>

The names of the Shire's FCOs for 2020/2021 are to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in the district after appointment by Council.

# STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- A local government may appoint Bush Fire Control Officers under Section 38(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954.
- officers authorised to issue a permit to burn bush on land growing subterranean clover;
- officers authorised to issue a permit to burn declared plants; and
- FCOs authorised to issue harvest & vehicle movement bans on behalf of the Shire of Kent;
- Under s. 24. Of the Act, an authorised officer may issue a permit to burn bush on land growing subterranean clover during prohibited burning times
- Under r.26 of the Bush Fire Regulations 1954, an authorised officer may issue a permit to burn any plant or the refuse of a plant that has been proclaimed by the Governor under s.26 of the Act.
- Under s.38(1) of the Act, where a bush fire control officer is of the opinion that the use
  or operation of any engines, vehicles, plant or machinery during the prohibited
  burning times or restricted burning times, or both, is likely to cause a bush fire, or
  would be conducive to the spread of a bush fire, the bush fire control officer may by
  notice or direction prohibit or regulate the carrying out of any activity or operation in
  a specified area either absolutely or except in accordance with conditions specified
  in the notice or direction or without the consent of the local government or bush fire
  control officer.

# POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Provision for advertising costs for FCO appointments in local newspapers has been included in the 2020/2021 budget.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS Shire of Kent Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027: Social Objective

To provide community facilities and promote social interaction.

Outcome 2.2 - Build a healthier and safer community

- 2.2.1 Support the continuing provision of community services and facilities
- Outcome 2.3 Existing strong community spirit and pride is fostered, promoted and encouraged
  - 2.3.1 Engage and support community groups and volunteers

# Civic Leadership Objective

Outcome 4.1 - An efficient and effective organisation

- 4.1.1 Continually improve operational efficiencies and provide effective services
- 4.1.2 Continue to enhance communication and transparency.

# VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

# **<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>** (Bushfire Advisory Committee)

- 1. That the Council appoints for the 2020/2021 bush fire season the persons nominated in this report for the positions of:
  - Fire Control Officers
  - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
  - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
  - Senior Bush Fire Control Officers
  - Dual Fire Control Officers

# Nominations for Fire Control Officers

Brigade	Nominated FCO	
Boongadoo Brigade	Scott Crosby	
	Brad Harris	
Mindarabin Brigade	Grant Collins	
	Warrick Browne – permit issuing FCO	
	John Jolley	
	Ashley Stephens – permit issuing FCO	
Nyabing Town Brigade	Darren Gray	
	Greg Hobley	
	Justin Germain – permit issuing FCO	
Holland Rock Brigade	Kelvin Holmes	
	Doug Smith	
	Brad Maher	
Pingarnup Brigade	Wayne Tapscott – permit issuing FCO	
	Ross Nichols	
Pingrup Town Brigade	Tim Borgward – permit issuing FCO	
	Darren Hawley – permit issuing FCO	
	Stephen Hawley	
Shire of Kent	Rick Miller	
Suzan Lees		
Nominations for Chief Fire Control Officer & Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer		
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Wayne Tapscott	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Grant Collins	

# Nominations for Senior Fire Control Officers

Senior Fire Control Officer West:	Ashley Stephens
Senior Fire Control Officer– Central	Warrick Brown
Senior Fire Control Officer - East	Darren Hawley

Nominations for Dual Fire Control Officers for the Shire of Kent

Lake Grace	Kelvin Holmes	
Jerramungup	Wayne Tapscott	
Gnowangerup	Ashley Stephens	
Katanning	Warrick Browne	
Dumbleyung	Scott Crosby	

and

- 2. That the Council appoints for the 2020/2021 bush fire season of the persons listed in this report, to the positions of:
  - Clover Burning and Proclaimed Plant Burning Permits Authorised Officers;
  - Harvest Ban authorised officers for specific areas;

Nomination Of Officers Authorised To Issue Clover Burning And Proclaimed Plant Burning Permits

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	W Tapscott
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	G Collins
Chief Executive Officer:	R Miller
Community Emergency Services Manager:	S Lees

Nomination of FCOs With Authority To Issue Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans Nominate the Fire Control Officers listed below to issue a Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban on behalf of the Shire of Kent pursuant to s.38A of the Act for the 2019/2020 fire season:

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	W Tapscott	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	G Collins	
Chief Executive Officer:	R Miller	
Community Emergency Services Manager:	S Lees	

# OCM2021/018 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Bushfire Advisory Committee Recommendation)

# MOVED Cr KR Stephens / Cr TD Borgward

- 1. That the Council appoints for the 2020/2021 bush fire season the persons nominated in this report for the positions of:
  - Fire Control Officers
  - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
  - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
  - Senior Bush Fire Control Officers
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# Nominations for Fire Control Officers

Brigade	Nominated FCO
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	Brad Harris
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	Warrick Browne – permit issuing FCO
	John Jolley
	Ashley Stephens – permit issuing FCO
Nyabing Town Brigade	Darren Gray
	Greg Hobley
	Justin Germain – permit issuing FCO
Holland Rock Brigade	Kelvin Holmes
	Doug Smith
	Brad Maher
Pingarnup Brigade	Wayne Tapscott – permit issuing FCO
	Ross Nichols
Pingrup Town Brigade	Tim Borgward – permit issuing FCO

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	Darren Hawley – permit issuing FCO	
	Stephen Hawley	
Shire of Kent	Rick Miller	
	Suzan Lees	
Nominations for Chief Fire Control Officer & Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer		
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Wayne Tapscott	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Grant Collins	

#### Nominations for Senior Fire Control Officers

Senior Fire Control Officer West:	Ashley Stephens
Senior Fire Control Officer- Central	Warrick Brown
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- 2. That the Council appoints for the 2020/2021 bush fire season of the persons listed in this report, to the positions of:
  - Clover Burning and Proclaimed Plant Burning Permits Authorised Officers;
  - Harvest Ban authorised officers for specific areas;

Nomination of Officers Authorised of Issue Clover Burning and Proclaimed Plant Burning Permits

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	W Tapscott
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	G Collins
Chief Executive Officer:	R Miller
Community Emergency Services Manager:	S Lees

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Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:	G Collins
Chief Executive Officer:	R Miller
Community Emergency Services Manager:	S Lees

- 10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN Nil
- 11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AGREED TO BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

MOVED Cr KR Stephens / Cr TD Borgward

That the council:

Consider the new business of urgent nature as presented.

CARRIED 8/0

## 11.1.1 SHIRE SEEKING JV WITH RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES) TO DELIVER GROH HOUSING FOR TEACHING STAFF IN NYABING AND PINGRUP

Verbal report to the Council by Shire President and CEO

2021/019 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr JN Germain / Cr KV Johnston

That the Council:

 Direct and authorise the CEO to negotiate with relevant state agencies to seek a partnership to deliver additional teacher housing in Nyabing and Pingrup subject to a long term lease/rental agreement in accordance with GROH arrangements;

and

2. Offer to supply land and upfront funding to build agreed dwelling/s as soon as practical.

CARRIED 8/0 By Simple Majority

#### 12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 5.23 Local Government Act 1995, 5.5.23(2))

- Matters affecting employee(s)
- Personal affairs of any person(s), including financial and/or commercial Contracts
- Commercial Confidentiality
- Legal advice/matters
- Public safety/security matters where public knowledge may be prejudicial.

#### 2021/020 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation

#### MOVED Cr RA Jury / Cr BC Bamess

That the Council closes the meeting to the public to consider matters of a confidential nature behind closed doors.

# RJ Miller, M Bamess, GD Mathewson left the room at 5.40pm

# 2021/021 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

#### MOVED Cr KR Stephens / Cr TD Borgward

# That the Council re-open the meeting to the general public

CARRIED 8/0

Noted that no motions or resolutions were recommended.

#### RJ Miller, M Bamess, GD Mathewson returned to the room at 6.20pm

# 13. MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business the Shire President Cr Scott Crosby, closed the meeting at 6.21pm.