



# SHIRE OF CUBALLING

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009**

# MINUTES

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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CUBALLING SHIRE,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CAMPBELL STREET, CUBALLING  
ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009**

**1. OPENING – ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Shire President welcomed Councillors and declared the meeting open at 3:02pm.

**2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Shire President, Cr T H Wittwer  
Cr J D Brown  
Cr C Hawksley  
Cr J R A Meharry  
Cr R D Newman  
Cr T P Haslam  
Chief Executive Officer, Mr P T Naylor

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr D B Bradford, granted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 19 February 2009.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

5. **MINUTES**

5.1 **CONFIRMATION OF 19 DECEMBER 2008 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes (as circulated) of the ordinary meeting of the Shire of Cuballing held in the Council Chambers on 19 February 2009 be confirmed.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Hawksley, seconded Cr Haslam that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

*CARRIED 6/0*

5.2 **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2009**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Cuballing Audit Committee met on Thursday 19 February 2009.

During the meeting the Committee conducted a teleconference meeting with Auditor Paul Chabrel. Mr Chabrel discussed a number of minor matters pertaining to the Shire of Cuballing Financial Statements for the 2007/2008 Financial Year, and provided explanation to the meeting in respect to the matters raised.

Mr Chabrel commented that in general terms the Shire of Cuballing is functioning very well and there are no areas of particular concern.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Shire of Cuballing Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 19 February 2009, be received.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Meharry, seconded Cr Wittwer that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

*CARRIED 6/0*

6. **PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DECLARATIONS**

Nil

**7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillors' and Employees' Disclosures of Interest.

**7.1 DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST AND PROXIMITY INTEREST**

Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting.

Nil

**7.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY**

Members and staff must disclose their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the Member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

**8.1 REPORTS – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**8.1.1 LIST OF ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL AND PAYMENT – MARCH 2009**

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council  
**Location/Address:** Not applicable  
**Reporting Officer:** Belinda Furphy, Administration Officer (Finance)  
**Enabling Legislation:** Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996  
**Council Policy:** Register Delegated Authority  
**Budget Implications:** Nil  
**File Reference:** CMR 7  
**Voting Requirements:** Simple Majority

**Background**

Council is supplied with a list of payments for consideration.

**Comment**

A copy of the list of payments made from each of Councils bank accounts is attached to this item.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- **Approve for payment the list of Creditors paid from the Municipal fund, as detailed below, totalling \$157,455.66:**

<b>Vouchers 12865-12921</b>	<b>\$97,366.79</b>
<b>Electronic fund transfers</b>	<b>\$58,097.64</b>
<b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$ 1,991.23</b>

- **Approve for payment the list of Creditors paid from the Trust fund, as detailed below, totalling \$1,505.86:**

<b>Electronic fund transfer</b>	<b>\$ 1,505.86</b>
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**COUNCIL ACTION**

**Moved Cr Newman, seconded Cr Haslam that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED 6/0*

**8.1.2 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council  
**Location/Address:** Not applicable  
**Reporting Officer:** Clare Thomson, Accountant  
**Enabling Legislation:** Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996  
**Council Policy:** Nil  
**Budget Implications:** Nil  
**File Reference:** CMR 7  
**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

**Background**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, section 34, provides for monthly financial reporting requirements for local government.

**Comment**

A Statement of Financial Activity has been prepared for period ending 28 February 2009 in accordance with the abovementioned legislation and circulated with the Council Meeting Agenda.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Statement of Financial Position, as circulated, for the Shire of Cuballing for period ending 28 February 2009, be received.**

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Meharry that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.

*CARRIED 6/0*

### **8.1.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT**

**Submission to:** Ordinary Meeting of Council  
**Location/Address:** Whole of Shire  
**Reporting Officer:** Sarah Silvester, Community Development Officer  
**Enabling Legislation:** Nil  
**Council Policy:** Nil  
**Budget Implications:** Nil  
**File Reference:** CMR 3  
**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

#### **Background**

The Community Development Officer (CDO) has now been working for the Shire on a permanent part time capacity since February 2008. The main role of the Community Development Officer has included:

- Obtaining funding for community projects;
- Coordinating community projects and events;
- Liaising with local community and service groups;
- Producing the monthly 'Cuby News';
- Participating in the CDO Wheatbelt network; and
- Liaising with other Local Government Authorities and State Government agencies.

#### **Comment**

Whilst the CDO position has been in place at the Shire, a total of \$79,988.90 worth of grants has been successful, with a further \$6,383.00 pending. A list of the grants for 2008-09 is enclosed.

The following projects have been undertaken by the CDO, in conjunction with Shire staff and local community groups such as the Cuballing Townscape Committee and Popanyinning Progress Association:

- Drummuster program
- Popanyinning Spring Festival
- Anzac Day
- Wheatbelt Summer Festival
- Cuballing Country Festival
- Popanyinning Nature and Heritage Trails
- Men's Shed project
- RV Friendly project
- Upgrade of Popanyinning and Cuballing Information boards
- Purchase of speed trailer, in conjunction with the Shire of Wickepin

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- Neighbourhood Watch Program (still in progress)
- Drive Safe program (still in progress)
- Cricket upgrade project
- Equestrian project
- Roadworx program
- Biggest Morning Tea & Giant Walk

The CDO meets on a regular basis with the part time CDO's based at the Shires of Pingelly and Wickpin to discuss community projects and future possibilities for the Shires to work together on events, programs, etc.

As well as the CDO network, the CDO sits on the Wheatbelt Act Belong Commit Committee on a professional level. The Committee is newly appointed in Narrogin and will be working closely with Narrogin and surrounding communities to improve mental health awareness and associated issues.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

That the Community Development Officers Report be received.

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

**Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Haslam that the Community Development Officers Report be received and appreciation be expressed to the Community Development Officer for her work with and for the local community.**

*CARRIED 6/0*

## **8.1.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURAL REFORM**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Whole of Shire
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Enabling Legislation:</b>	Local Government Act 1995
<b>Council Policy:</b>	Nil
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Budget implications could be substantial if necessary to employ services of facilitator/consultant to prepare Reform Submission on behalf of Council
<b>File Reference:</b>	C & A 2
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority

### **Background**

In February 2009 the Local Government Minister, the Hon John Castrilli, announced strategies for local government reform in Western Australia based on voluntary reduction in the number of individual councils and councillor numbers.

In making the announcement, Mr Castrilli, stated that he is inviting each of the 139 councils within Western Australia to embrace the opportunity to voluntarily amalgamate and to voluntarily reduce the total number of elected members for each council. The Minister has provided a period of six (6) months from the date of the announcement for each local government to advise him of its clear intentions on these matters.



Mr Castrilli has indicated that if the local governments do not embrace change and voluntarily amalgamate then the State Government will enact legislation to allow it to be forced.

### Comment

The Minister has convened the Local Government Reform Steering Committee to progress the Government's Local Government Reform Strategy. The Committee met for the first time on Friday 13 February 2009, and has now released Structural Reform Guidelines to assist local governments in responding to the Minister's request. The Guidelines set out a recommended decision making process along with key criteria to be considered by local governments in developing their Reform Submission which is to be forwarded to the Minister by 31 August 2009.

The Guidelines include the following information:

- a time line for the development of Reform Submissions;
- a checklist for local governments to assess their current situation as part of considering the type of reform proposals that should be developed;
- a process for local governments to explore reform partners;
- a process for developing a Reform Submission;
- options for engaging the community; and
- the required format of a Reform Submission.

The Guidelines recommend a format for developing a Reform Submission which is to include a council resolution of intent in relation to:

- amalgamation proposals;
- the proposed number of elected members;
- details on the appropriate regional grouping of local governments;
- a completed Local Government Reform Checklist; and
- a timeline for implementation of reform.

The Minister has requested that each local government complete and return the Local Government Reform Checklist, included as Attachment 1 in the Guidelines, to the Steering Committee by Thursday 30 April 2009.

In respect to the Reform Submission, Local Governments will be able to access funding from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development to assist with the costs associated with the use of facilitators and/or consultants to develop. Further information on this funding will be available shortly.

The processes for assessing local government Reform Submissions will be undertaken by the Steering Committee in the first instance, which will provide advice to the Minister on preferred options for reform. Finalised proposals will then be referred to the Local Government Advisory Board for consideration and recommendation. It is anticipated that any structural reform proposals could be in place by July 2011.

Since the Minister's announcement in February, there have been a number of publications and media releases released by the Minister's Office, Department of Local Government and Regional Development, the WA Local Government Association, and

various media. Most of these items have been circulated to Councillors as received and they contain the aforementioned information.

Whilst the threat of amalgamations has been around for a number of years, there is a strong feeling within the local government industry that this could be the “real deal” and that Councils certainly need to consider the best options for the future of the local communities in terms of fair and equal representation and service delivery. This is not to suggest that Council should consider merging as the only possible option, however ignoring the Minister’s comments and proposals could well lead to forced amalgamations and the local communities missing out on adequate representation and service delivery into the future.

Following the Minister’s announcement, the Shire of Cuballing provided information on the proposal to the local community which also included a small survey. The survey results were overwhelmingly in favour of the Shire of Cuballing remaining in its own right and also that the Shire currently carries out its many functions and operations in an efficient and effective manner. This information can be included as part of the Reform Submission prepared on behalf of the Shire.

The Chief Executive Officers of the Dryandra Voluntary Organisation of Councils (Cuballing, Narrogin Shire, Pingelly, Wandering & Wickepin, Narrogin Town have not been involved at this stage) have been discussing a meeting to complete the Checklist in a uniform manner and then have endorsed by each of the Councils, also applying for funding as a group to assist with costs for each Council to employ the services of a facilitator and/or consultant to prepare a Reform Submission for each of the Councils.

The WA Local Government Association State Council held a Special Meeting on Wednesday 4 March 2009, to discuss the Minister’s Reform agenda. Following is the motion adopted at that meeting:

*That WALGA:*

- 1. lobby all Members of State Parliament seeking a commitment to the Principles and Actions of the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) Report and support for a collaborative approach between the State Government, the Department of Local Government and Regional Development, Local Government and the Western Australian Local Government Association to ensure the best possible outcomes for structural reform of the sector;*
- 2. commit to expediting the implementation of the recommendations stemming from the SSS report;*
- 3. endorse the re-formation of the SSS Taskforce, with the addition of a representative from the North West, to oversee and facilitate a response from the Local Government sector to the State Government reform proposals;*
- 4. support Councils throughout the reform process and assist Local Governments in preparing responses to the Minister for Local Government;*
- 5. lobby the Minister for Local Government to ensure that any adjustment to Local Government boundaries is based on an appropriate business case that is demonstrated and proven to develop sustainable Local Government;*
- 6. advise the Minister that a 6 month period for response is inadequate and that a more realistic timeframe be considered in consultation with WALGA;*

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7. lobby the Minister for Local Government seeking appropriate reimbursement to Councils for costs associated with the preparation of reform submissions;
8. advise the Minister for Local Government of WALGA's commitment to work together with the State Government towards a voluntary reform process; and
9. partner with the State Government to develop quantitative guidelines outlining preferred reform models and benchmarks, specifically identifying elected member to resident ratios and Local Authority area and/or population, depending on their specific geographical location within the State.

The Chief Executive Officer tabled copy of a letter from the 4 WD VROC group of Councils (comprising Shire of Wagin, West Arthur, Williams, Woodanilling and Dumbleyung) to the Minister stating that the 4 WD VROC:

- Does not consider amalgamations are in the best interests of their respective communities;
- Believes that they can achieve better savings and efficiencies through the retention of the existing councils and the 4 WD VROC; and
- Requests that the Minister amends the Local Government Act 1995 to allow VROCs' to become incorporated bodies.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council determines its position on whether it will participate in the Local Government Reform process?

If not no further action required.

or

If so:

- Council supports the Chief Executive Officer to meet with Chief Executive Officers of neighbouring local governments to complete the Local Government Reform Checklist on behalf of the Shire of Cuballing;
- Council supports the Councils that make up the Dryandra Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils in applying for funding assistance from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development for use of a facilitator/consultant to prepare an individual Reform Submission on behalf of the Shire of Cuballing, participating DVROC Councils, and other neighbouring Councils that may wish to be involved;
- Council confirm the Local Government Reform Checklist at its April 2009 meeting prior to forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

2. That Council endorses and supports the WALGA Motion adopted at the State Council Special Meeting held on 4 March 2009.

## COUNCIL ACTION

Moved Cr Haslam, seconded Cr Meharry that:

- Council supports the Chief Executive Officer to meet with Chief Executive Officers of neighbouring local governments to complete the Local Government Reform Checklist on behalf of the Shire of Cuballing;
- Council supports the Councils that make up the Dryandra Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils in applying for funding assistance from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development for use of a facilitator/consultant to prepare an individual Reform Submission on behalf of the Shire of Cuballing, participating DVROC Councils, and other neighbouring Councils that may wish to be involved;
- Council confirm the Local Government Reform Checklist at its April 2009 meeting prior to being forwarded to the Minister for Local Government;
- That Council encourages the DVROC group to take similar course of action as the Wagin, West Arthur, Williams, Woodanilling and Dumbleyung VROC Group in its letter to the Minister of 18 March 2009; and
- That Council wishes it to be known that it does not want to be amalgamated with the Town of Narrogin. If the Narrogin Town and Narrogin Shire are forced to amalgamate and amalgamation of the Cuballing Shire is inevitable then the Cuballing Shire wants to be aligned with the Shires of Pingelly, Wandering and/or Wickepin, as indicated in the recent community survey.

*CARRIED 6/0*

### **8.1.5 ANNUAL REVIEW OF DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OTHER OFFICERS OF COUNCIL**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Whole of Shire
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Enabling Legislation:</b>	Local Government Act 1995
<b>Council Policy:</b>	Nil
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>File Reference:</b>	Administration 5
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple Majority

#### **Background**

Provisions within section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 deal with the Delegation of Authority to the Chief Executive Officer and other Officers of Council. Section 5.46 of the Act states that at least once in every financial year the delegations are to be reviewed.

## **Comment**

A copy of the current Delegated Authority issued by Council to the Chief Executive Officer and other Officers of the Shire of Cuballing is circulated with the Council Meeting Agenda for Councillor information.

Council previously reviewed this document in March 2008. The existing delegations appear to be satisfactory and in the past twelve months have not presented any operational problems.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

**The Delegated Authority Register for the Chief Executive Officer and other Officers of the Shire of Cuballing, as circulated and presented to the Council Meeting, be adopted.**

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

**Moved Cr Brown, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED 6/0*

## **8.2 REPORTS – WORKS**

### **8.2.1 WORKS MANAGERS REPORT**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Whole of Shire
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Alex Richardson, Works Manager Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Enabling Legislation:</b>	Local Government Act 1995
<b>Council Policy:</b>	Nil
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>File Reference:</b>	CMR 10
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple majority

## **GRADING/MAINTENANCE**

Summer maintenance grading is proceeding throughout the Shire, the main emphasis being on school bus routes and where recent storm damage occurred.

Bitumen patching and other routine maintenance works are progressing throughout the Shire.

## **2008/2009 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

### **Cuballing East Road:**

Programmed works have been completed.

### **Reseal Works:**

Programmed works have been completed.

**Forrest Street, Popanyinning**

Application of primer seal has been completed and signage installed. Main Roads WA have been requested to visit the site and undertake assessment for installation of Give Way signs and line marking. The second coat bitumen seal and reseal will be completed in early April 2009.

**PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

All items of plant and equipment are being serviced and maintained as required and most plant is generally in good working order.

**YORNANING DAM**

On weekend of 7 & 8 March 2009 the barbecue at Yornaning Dam was vandalised. Door to gas bottle area was damaged and gas bottle and regulator stolen. The incident was reported to Narrogin Police. Insurance claim has not been submitted as cost for repairs and replacement is less than insurance excess.

**STAFF**

Terry Clark and Graeme Renfrey are currently clearing accrued long service leave entitlements.

**PRIVATE WORKS**

Various works requests are still being received and these are being done as time permits.

Private works invoices for the month of February 2009, total \$450.94; Year to date \$47,482.48.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Works Managers Report be received and information noted.**

**COUNCIL ACTION**

**Moved Cr Newman, seconded Cr Brown that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED 6/0*

**8.3 REPORTS – HEALTH AND BUILDING**

**8.3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYORS REPORT**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Whole of Shire
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Neil Flood, Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor
<b>Enabling Legislation:</b>	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960 Building Code of Australia, Building Regulations 1989 Builders' Registration Act 1939 Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997
<b>Council Policy:</b>	Register Delegated Authority Shire of Cuballing Health Local Law 2007 Shire of Cuballing Town Planning Scheme No 2
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Nil

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**File Reference:** CMR 2  
**Voting Requirements:** Simple majority

### Summary

There were seven (7) applications approved and licenses issued for the months of February 2009. Listed below is a summarized breakdown of the applications and proposed structures:

Approval License No	Name of Owner	Registered Builder (RB) or Owner Builder (OB)	Structure	Location of Building
40-2008/09	K M Graham	Owner Builder	S/F Colour Bond Shed	Lot 139 Popanyinning East Rd Popanyinning
41-2008/09	N Richardson	Owner Builder	S/F Carport	Lot 17 Alton Street Cuballing
42-2008/09	A Graham	Owner Builder	S/F Patio	Lot 408 Smith Street Cuballing
43-2008/09	N Hansen	Owner Builder	S/F Colour Bond Shed	12 Alton Street Cuballing
44-2008/09	C Herrod	Owner Builder	S/F Fibro Dwelling	Lot 2275 Bunmulling Rd Popanyinning
45-2008/09	M Donald	Owner Builder	S/F Patio	Lot 315 Forrest Street Popanyinning
46-2008/09	W Gill	B J Garvey (RB)	T/F Patio	Lot 6289 Tullets Rd Popanyinning

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyors Report be received.**

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

**Moved Cr Hawksley, seconded Cr Haslam that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.**

***CARRIED 6/0***

**8.4 REPORTS – TOWN PLANNING**

**8.4.1 RELEASE OF SEVEN UCL LOTS AND RESERVATION OF LOT 351 WITHIN CUBALLING TOWNSITE**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council
<b>Location/Address:</b>	UCL Lots 11, 34, 60, 98, 129, 416 & 417, and UCL Lot 351 Cuballing Townsite
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Enabling Legislation:</b>	Land Administration Act 1997 Native Title Act 1993
<b>Council Policy:</b>	Town Planning Scheme No 2 Local Planning Strategy
<b>Budget Implications:</b>	Aboriginal Heritage Survey
<b>File Reference:</b>	Town Planning 3
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple majority

**Background**

For a number of years Council has been endeavouring to have seven Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) Lots within the Cuballing townsite released for sale to general public. In addition to this Council and the Townscape Committee has been attempting to gain access to UCL Lot 351 via a management order to enable the land to be rehabilitated and nature trails developed.

The State Land Services, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Administration Act 1997 and Native Title Act 1993, advertised a Notice of Intention to Take Land in December 2008. In response to the Notice the Gnaala Karla Booja (GKB) Aboriginal Claim Group lodged an objection to both proposals.

The Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer attended a meeting with the GKB Working Party at the offices of the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) in Cannington on Thursday 26 February 2009. Ms Lorraine Rushton of the State Land Services Native Title Unit was also in attendance.

**Comment**

At the meeting Ms Rushton made presentation to the GKB Working Party on behalf of the Shire of Cuballing, and both the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President were given the opportunity to speak. The meeting was very cordial and representatives of the working party were prepared to listen to what Council was trying to achieve by gaining access to the land. The major concerns of the GKB Working Party is that they have received advice from local Aboriginal Elder, Mr Kenneth Kickett, that there is a well situated on UCL Lot 60 and caves on UCL Lot 351, both with aboriginal heritage significance.

The CEO provided information to the meeting advising that the well is not on Lot 60 and is in fact on the southern boundary of the UCL Lot to the south of Lot 60, land which Council is not attempting to gain access to.



The GKB Working Party explained that a site visit will be required to determine the actual Aboriginal Heritage significance of the land, estimated cost \$12,000. The cost of the site visit will need to be paid in advance.

The GKB Working Party requested Council assistance to support their application should a site of significance be located during the site visit.

They also requested that if following the site visit they withdraw their objection to UCL Lot 351 will the Shire of Cuballing be prepared to work with local Aboriginal youth from Narrogin to help develop proposed nature trails, etc. Funding could be available through the Natural Resource Management unit of SWALSC to assist with this project.

The Shire President indicated that Council would most probably support both of the requests however the matter needs to be presented to full meeting of Council for formal consideration.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION**

**That;**

- **Council invites representatives of the Gnaala Karla Booja Working Party to undertake a site visit in Cuballing; and**
- **Council make Budget adjustment/allocation to fund the site visit.**

### **COUNCIL ACTION**

**Moved Cr Meharry, seconded Cr Newman that the Chief Executive Officers recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED 6/0*

### **9. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

### **10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

### **11. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4:50pm.