



MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Council

17 July 2019

SHIRE OF CARNAMAH
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - 17 July 2019
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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20 June 2019
(As circulated)

SHIRE OF CARNAMAH

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Signed: _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SHIRE OF CARNAMAH

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held at the 33-37 Macpherson Street, Carnamah WA 6517
On Wednesday 17 July 2019
Commencing at 4:00pm

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING**

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

Present

Cr Merle Isbister	President
Cr Dwayne Wooltorton	Deputy President
Cr Ian Bowman	
Cr Andrew Bowman-Bright	
Cr Luke Risinger	
Cr Con Kikeros	
Cr Ian Stirling	

Mr Sean Fletcher	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr Ian Walsh	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Phil Casbolt	Manager Works and Services
Ms Michelle Harris	Executive Assistant Officer

Apologies

Nil

Leave Of Absence (Previously Approved)

Nil

3. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Bowman requested leave of absence for the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 21 August 2019.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190701

Moved: Cr Wooltorton
Seconded: Cr Stirling

CARRIED 7-0

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Ian Bowman declared an interest in item 7 - Childcare Deputation.
Cr Dwayne Woollorton declared an interest in item 7 - Childcare Deputation.
Mr Sean Fletcher declared an interest in item 10.3.2.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190702

Moved: Cr Risinger
Seconded: Cr Kikeros

CARRIED 6-0

7. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Colleen Bennier, Caroline Hirt and Catie Davenport, a deputation of officials representing Carnamah Childcare Centre provided a Childcare presentation to Council.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council held 17 April 2019 - Correction to Item 10.2.1.

As Circulated

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190703

ITEM 9.1

Moved: Cr Stirling
Seconded: Cr Wooltorton

That the Council Resolution for Item 10.2.1 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 April 2019 be amended to read Carried by an Absolute Majority 6-0 and be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 7-0

9.2 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held on 20 June 2019.

As Circulated

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190704

ITEM 9.2

Moved: Cr Kikeros
Seconded: Cr Risinger

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 June 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 7-0

10 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

10.1 FINANCE REPORTS

10.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0075
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 July 2019
Author:	Ian Walsh - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.1.1 - Cheque & EFT Listing

SUMMARY

Council to confirm the payment of creditors for the period 13 June 2019 to 10 July 2019, in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 section 13(1).

ATTACHMENT

Copy of list of accounts paid (EFT & cheque payments), which will enable Council to confirm the payment of its creditors in accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Section 13(1).

BACKGROUND

Financial Regulations require a schedule of payments made through the Council bank accounts to be presented to Council for their inspection. The list includes details for each account paid incorporating the payee's name, amount of payment, date of payment and sufficient information to identify the transaction.

COMMENT

Invoices supporting all payments are available for inspection. All invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to the receipt of goods and the provision of services and as to prices, computations and costings, and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4 *Financial Report*
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 -
Section 12 Payments from municipal fund or trust fund;
Section 13 Lists of accounts; and
Section 15 Rounding off figures

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190705

Item: 10.1.1

Moved: Cr Stirling
Seconded: Cr Bowman

That payment listed as Attachment 10.1.1. List of Accounts Due and Paid for the period 13 June 2019 to 10 July 2019; and paid by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority of Council, or by the Deputy CEO (in the Chief Executive Officer's absence) as delegated by the Chief Executive Officer including:

Manual Municipal cheques:	022605 - 022610
Municipal cheques:	Nil
Municipal EFT's:	12448 - 12530
Trust Cheques:	300438 - 300439
Payroll direct debits:	#26 - #01
Municipal Direct Debits	30/06/2019

Totalling \$406,714.55 be approved and passed for payment.

CARRIED 7-0

10.1.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS TO 30 JUNE 2019

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0075
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 July 2019
Author:	Ian Walsh - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	10.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity,

SUMMARY

A Statement of Financial Activity and other supplementary financial information is produced monthly as part of the Council meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND

The attached financial report for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (Attachment 10.1.2) has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Financial Management Regulations.

COMMENT

Included with this report is the following:

- Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;
- Summary Rates Trial Balance Report as at 30 June 2019;
- Cash and Investment Listing;
- Debtors Listing;
- Other Supplementary Information;

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 - *Financial activity statement report* — s. 6.4

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190706

Item: 10.1.2

Moved: Cr Bowman-Bright

Seconded: Cr Kikeros

That Council receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019; and other supplementary financial information as presented.

CARRIED 7-0

10.2 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

10.2.1 DETERMINATION OF THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Applicant:	N/A
Location / Address:	N/A
File Ref:	ADM0263
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	2 nd July 2019
Author:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Summary of the Western Australian Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determination Effective 1 July 2019

SUMMARY

This report recommends the setting of Council meeting attendance fees, annual allowance for the President and other allowances, applicable from the 1st July 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Western Australian Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) has recently brought down a determination of the minimum and maximum meeting attendance fees for elected members for Ordinary meetings of Council and Committee meetings.

Council is required to resolve by *absolute majority* the amount of meeting attendance fees to be paid within the range stipulated by the Tribunal.

COMMENT

A summarized report of the Tribunals decision is attached

The following points should be noted by Council when considering this matter:

The entitlement of a council member to a fee, allowance or reimbursement of an expense established under the Local Government Act, Regulations thereto and this determination of the Tribunal cannot be proscribed, limited or waived by a local government.

Where the Tribunal has determined a minimum and maximum amount for a fee, expense or allowance for members of the council of a local government, the Council is to set an amount within the relevant range determined and the amount set shall be paid accordingly.

Council may determine Council/Committee fees to members on a per meeting basis (as it currently does). This is essentially on a fee for service arrangement. Alternatively, Council may determine that an annual attendance fee may be paid in lieu of Council /Committee meeting attendance fees.

Carnamah has been designated a Level 4 Council and the following ranges of fees and allowances apply:

a) Council Meeting Attendance Fees

Councillors: Minimum \$91.00 Maximum \$238.00 (Currently \$236.00)

President: Minimum \$91.00 Maximum \$490.00 (Currently \$472.00. However the President is currently only claiming \$238.00)

b) Committee Meeting Fees

Councillors & President: Minimum \$46.00 Maximum \$119.00

c) Annual Attendance Fees (In Lieu of Council Meeting and Committee Meeting Attendance Fees)

Councillors: Minimum \$3,589.00 Maximum \$9,504.00

(Currently NIL as Council has elected to pay Council meeting attendance fees).

President: Minimum \$3,589.00 Maximum \$19,534.00

(Currently Nil as Council has elected to pay Council meeting attendance fees).

d) Annual Presidential Allowance

Minimum \$513.00 Maximum \$20,063.00

(Currently \$19,684.00. However the President is currently only claiming \$3,650.00)

e) Annual Deputy Presidential Allowance

The Local Government may decide to pay the Deputy President up to the 25 percent of the annual local government allowance to which the President is entitled. Council has not previously exercised this discretionary allowance.

f) Travel Costs

Calculated at the same (per kilometre) rate applicable to the reimbursement of travel costs under the *Public Service Award 1992*.

g) ICT (telephone and information and communication technology expenses)

Actual cost of rental charges for one telephone and one facsimile machine OR an annual allowance for ICT expenses - Minimum \$500.00 per annum Maximum \$3,500.00 per annum. (Currently \$525.00)

CONSULTATION

CEO

SATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Salaries and Allowances Act 1975

Section 7B(2) of the SA Act requires the Tribunal to inquire into and determine the amount of fees to be paid under the Local Government Act 1995 ('the LG Act') to elected council members for attendance at meetings and other allowances.

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.98(1)(b) and (2A)(b) of the LG Act, entitles a council member who attends a council meeting or committee meeting or (at the request of the local government or regional local government) a meeting of a type prescribed in regulation 30(3A) of the LG Regulations to be paid the fee set by the local government

Local Government Admin Regulations

Regulation 31(1) prescribes the kinds of expenses that are to be reimbursed

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

Note: The subject will need to be reviewed in July each year in accordance with Council’s compliance calendar

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As detailed in the comments section.

Provision will be made in the Shires 2019/20 financial year budget to meet these expenses.

VOTING REQUIRMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM: 10.2.1
<p>That Council adopt the following fees and expenses (payable to elected members for the 2019/20 financial year:</p> <p><u>Council Meeting Attendance Fees</u> Councillors \$ President \$</p> <p><u>Committee Meeting Fees - \$</u></p> <p><u>Annual Presidential Allowance - \$</u></p> <p><u>Travel Costs</u> Calculated at the same (per kilometre) rate applicable to the reimbursement of travel costs under the Public Service Award 1992.</p> <p><u>ICT (telephone and information and communication technology expenses) - \$</u></p>	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190707

Moved: Cr Wooltorton
Seconded: Cr Kikeros

That Council suspend standing orders Local Law 2013 - Part 8 Conduct of Members - 8.9 Speaking Twice.

CARRIED 7-0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190708

Moved: Cr Risinger
Seconded: Cr Wooltorton

That Council resume standing orders Local Law 2013.

CARRIED 7-0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190709

ITEM: 10.2.1

Moved: Cr Kikeros
Seconded: Cr Wooltorton

That Council adopt the following fees and expenses (payable to elected members for the 2019/20 financial year:

Council Meeting Attendance Fees

Councillors \$236.00

President \$472.00

Committee Meeting Fees - \$118.00

Annual Presidential Allowance - \$8,000.00

Travel Costs

Calculated at the same (per kilometre) rate applicable to the reimbursement of travel costs under the Public Service Award 1992.

ICT (telephone and information and communication technology expenses) - \$525.00

CARRIED BY ABOSUTE MAJORITY 7-0

10.2.2 Integrated Planning and Reporting Update

Applicant:	Sean Fletcher, Acting CEO
Location / Address:	Shire of Carnamah
File Ref:	ADM0202
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 July 2019
Author:	Sean Fletcher, Acting CEO
Previous Item Ref:	
Attachments:	Corporate Business Plan Update

SUMMARY

Council is requested to accept the June Quarterly update on the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. The Shire has fallen behind on its level of completion for 2018/19 from 80.5% to 68.75% due to unsuccessful grants, withdrawal from the Wildflower Country, and uncertainty regarding a number of actions.

BACKGROUND

The progress of the Corporate Business Plan should be reviewed quarterly. It would appear that the previous update regarding the CBP was conducted in November 2018. The review for June 2019 has now been completed.

Note:

The CBP is also required to be reviewed annually and this is reported in the Annual Report. It is also a requirement that the objectives for the next 12 months in the CBP are reported as well. The Shire has reported in very broad terms the achievements under the objectives of the Plan for the Future in the 2017/2018 Annual Report, but it has not listed what it is planning to undertake for 2018/2019.

COMMENT

Outcome	Actions					Comp %
Social	15	1	4	8	2	53
Environment	9	1	1	7	0	70
Economic	12	0	3	8	1	67
Civic Leadership	13	0	0	11	2	85
Total/Overall Status	49	2	8	34	5	68.75

Social

There has been a significant shift re the green flag from 13 actions completed/on-track to 8. The reason for this is that 5 actions have reverted to orange (monitor) due to the status of the CCC Inc changing, the status of the education precinct is unclear, the Carnamah Hockey fence grant being unsuccessful and the status of the LEMC MOU is unclear. The status of the funding opportunities for youth and community development is unclear.

Environment

The red flag indicates that it is difficult to address some environmental actions:

- No real progress has been made on ongoing contact with personnel regarding the unconventional gas industry;
- Coastal management issues regarding the development in this area are long term and are being reviewed in terms of economic development opportunities;

June 19: The Shire now needs to develop a new Waste Plan.

Economic

All in all, the Shire has a number of economic actions in place that are providing some benefit to the wider district. However, the number of green actions has changed from 10 to 8 due to withdrawing from the WFC and some beautification works at the Caravan Park. Also, the LPS 2 Review has been brought forward.

Civic Leadership

There are no red flags in this objective. The Shire has made good inroads with its actions regarding civic leadership. In particular it has met its Integrated Planning and Reporting obligations.

Overall Assessment

The level of actions completed (68.75%) is down from 80.5% in November 2018 and below what would be normally expected (at least 70% - 80%).

Major Projects

Carnamah - Bunjil Road upgrade

This major project is completed. Maintenance only going forward.

Eneabba - Coolimba Road upgrade

Ongoing for the next 3 - 4 years. Funding of \$1.6M per year au spiced via Main Roads WA.

Note: 2019/20 is the last year regarding this funding.

Commissioning of extended refuse sites at Carnamah and Eneabba

Completed.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Review: Due Second Half of 2020

Please note that the Shire's Strategic Community Plan is due for review in the second half of next year (2020) to meet the adoption and implementation timelines in the first half of 2021. This will also mean that the Shire's other integrated plans will need to be updated accordingly i.e.:

- Corporate Business Plan;
- Long Term Financial Plan;
- Asset Management Plans; and
- Workforce Plan.

Note: The Shire needs to undertake the SCP Desk Top (Two Yearly) review in the second half of 2019

CONSULTATION

Senior Staff

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.56. Planning for the future

- (1) A local government is to plan for the future of the district.
- (2) A local government is to ensure that plans made under subsection (1) are in accordance with any regulations made about planning for the future of the district.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

19C. Strategic community plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56) – In part:

- (7) A council is to consider a strategic community plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.

*Absolute majority required.
- (8) If a strategic community plan is, or modifications of a strategic community plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.
- (9) A local government is to ensure that the electors and ratepayers of its district are consulted during the development of a strategic community plan and when preparing modifications of a strategic community plan.

19DA. Corporate business plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56) – In part:

- (3) A corporate business plan for a district is to —
 - (a) set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government's priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and
 - (b) govern a local government's internal business planning by expressing a local government's priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government's resources; and
 - (c) develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.

Department of Local Government, Sporting and Cultural Industries Guidelines on Integrated Planning and Reporting

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS (Community Strategic Plan 2017-2022)

Strategic Planning

1. Ongoing reviews of the Strategic Community Plan

Rationale - To comply with legislation as well as keeping the Plan relevant. **Restraints to success** - Lack of community interest and involvement. Negativity in the community towards the Shire Council and staff.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190710

ITEM: 10.2.2

Moved: Cr Bowman-Bright

Seconded: Cr Kikeros

That Council accept the June Quarterly Review of the Shire's Corporate Business Plan as provided for in Attachment 10.2.2.

CARRIED 7-0

10.3 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

10.3.1 MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC - CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Applicant:	Acting CEO, Mr Sean Fletcher
Location / Address:	Shire of Carnamah
File Ref:	ADM0174
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	8 July 2019
Author:	Acting CEO, Mr Sean Fletcher
Previous Item Ref:	
Attachments:	Nil

SUMMARY

Item 10.3.1 in today's Agenda, deals with matters affecting Council, of which the meeting may be closed to the public.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to consider the contract of employment for the Shire's Acting Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO).

COMMENT

As per other sections in this report.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.23 (2)(a)(c)(d)(e) Meetings generally open to the public.

Matters of a sensitive nature may be dealt with in camera (behind closed doors). In this case sub-section 5.23(2)(a) deals with matters affecting an employee. Sub-section 5.23(c) deals with matters regarding contracts.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS (Community Strategic Plan 2017-2022)

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190711

ITEM: 10.3.1

Moved: Cr Stirling

Seconded: Cr Bowman-Bright

That Council under s5.23 (2)(a) and (c) of the *Local Government Act 1995* closes the meeting to the public so that it can consider item 10.3.2

CARRIED 7-0

Meeting closed to the public and Council moved behind closed doors at: 4:48pm

10.3.2 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONTRACT

Applicant:	Sean Fletcher
Location / Address:	Shire of Carnamah
File Ref:	ADM0174
Disclosure of Interest:	Financial - Matter deals with Mr Fletcher's remuneration as the Acting CEO
Date:	8 July 2019
Author:	Sean Fletcher, Acting CEO
Previous Item Ref:	
Attachments:	Employment Contract Sean Kelleher Fletcher

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190712

ITEM: 10.3.2

Moved: Cr Risinger

Seconded: Cr Stirling

That Council:

- 1. In accordance with section 5.36(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* is satisfied with the provisions in the proposed employment contract for the Acting CEO Mr Sean Kelleher Fletcher as provided for in Attachment 10.3.2.**
- 2. Authorises the Shire President to approve when required under the Acting CEO's employment contract those terms and conditions listed in the contract that require Council's approval.**
- 3. Authorises the use of the Common Seal to be affixed the Acting Chief Executive Officer's Contract.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7-0

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190713

Moved: Cr Kikeros

Seconded: Cr Risinger

That Council declare the meeting re-opened to the public.

CARRIED 7-0

Meeting re-opened to the public and Council returned from behind closed doors at: 4:50pm.

11. ORDERING THE COMMON SEAL

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

13. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(For consideration at the following meeting, if given during the meeting)

15. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE ADMITTED BY COUNCIL

Cr Wooltorton and Cr Bowman declared an indirect financial interest in the Childcare Deputation.

Councillor Wooltorton and Councillor Bowman left the meeting at 4:53 pm.

15.1 Motion to admit late business

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190714

ITEM 15.1

Moved: Cr Bowman-Bright

Seconded: Cr Kikeros

That Council under Standing Orders Local Law 2013, Part 5 Business of a Meeting, 5.4 New Business of an Urgent Nature, agrees to the President's motion to consider the Carnamah Childcare briefing note prepared by the acting Chief Executive Officer and the request by the Deputation in Item 7 as set out in item 15.2 Carnamah Childcare Inc.

CARRIED 5-0

15.2 Carnamah Childcare Inc. - Deputation

ITEM 15.2 CARNAMAH CHILDCARE INC. – DEPUTATION JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments

Nil

Conflict of Interest

Nil

Background

Representatives involved with the Carnamah Child Care Inc spoke to the Shire President recently regarding the withdrawal of funding from Child Care service providers in country areas. Mrs Colleen Bennier also discussed this matter with the author on 8 July 2019 and asked if the Carnamah Child Care Inc could send a deputation and present to Council at the July meeting. The author said the Shire welcomed the deputation and subsequently confirmed this with the Shire President.

During discussions with Mrs Bennier she advised that the Carnamah Child Care (CCC) Inc has an annual funding shortfall of \$26,000. The CCC is preparing a business case (Jill Cameron is doing this) regarding future funding as it is seeking to either:

- Be part of the Wheatbelt Child Care Group (REED); or
- If it cannot be part of this group, establish a specific child care organisation that covers both Carnamah and Coorow.

At this stage the CCC is seeking \$10,000 PA each from the Shire's of Coorow and Carnamah and this organisation will fund raise for the remaining \$6,000. Indications are that the Shire of Coorow will provide the \$10,000 annually.

An email has since been received from Caroline Hirt as follows:

Hello Sean,

We'd like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to plead our case to the council at the next Council Meeting on the 18th of July.

We strongly believe that child care and early childhood education is an essential service for every community. It is something young families look for when considering relocation into a rural or regional area. Child Care is part of every sustainable community. It provides jobs and enables parents to participate in the local workforce and therefor add value to the local economy.

The Carnamah Child Care is a incorporated non-for-profit organisation that has been entirely self funded through donations and fundraisers.

We employ 4 local women and enable a further 6 families to commit to their local employers. Due to the fact that there is no more suitable government grant funding available we are in a financially precarious situation. Please be assured that we will keep applying for grants if they are being made available and we will further commit to more fundraising in the future. But at this moment in time we need to seek the financial support from the Shire of Carnamah as well as the Shire of Coorow, to ensure that both towns continue to benefit from the availability of a high quality child care service - our communities deserve no less.

Once again, thank you for your support. It is highly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Caroline Hirt
Secretary
Carnamah Child care Inc.

In the meantime, Jill Cameron contacted the author on 10 July 2019 and advised the following:

- She is preparing the business case for the Carnamah Child Care Inc which is designed to assist the CCC function while it seeks funding over the longer term;
- She developed the child care model for the Wheatbelt (Regional Early Education and Development – REED);
- She was the person who successfully obtained the Commonwealth funding for the Perenjori and Three Springs Centres. She advised that the Three Springs Centre will be okay for the next three years. The issue there is that, as in most regional areas, they have kept their fees artificially low;
- She is pulling together and working on high level advocacy for small communities so that the Commonwealth is aware of, and will address the matter of stressed child care services in country areas. Part of her [proposal is to have Mia Davies MLA advocate for this at the Commonwealth level. The Hon Mia Davies has been instrumental in local governments uniting in the Wheatbelt to implement the REED model;
- She has confirmed that the CCC building can be used by others which is a key strategy to attract funding;
- She is clarifying that farmers can use this service too;
- Recommended that the CCC relaunch itself as a service provider for both Carnamah and Coorow. This can be done quite simply without any further regulatory changes. It also makes it much more attractive for State and Commonwealth funding bodies;
- She is also meeting with key funding bodies including Lotterywest next week;
- Will provide her final recommendations to the Shire in early August regarding the way forward for the CCC.

Comment

For the Shire of Carnamah, the CCC has a positive impact on the Carnamah communities. This is both socially and economically through the employment of four local women and allowing six families to commit to local employers.

A rebranded service that caters to both the Carnamah and Coorow districts will make it easier for this organisation to seek funding from both the State and Commonwealth.

Strategic Implications

The Carnamah Child Care is a clear strategy within the Shire’s Strategic Community Plan and as an action in the Corporate Business Plan as follows:

Actions	Corporate Business Plan		Schedule	Management	Comment
	Operating	Capital			
Assist with advocacy / grants for child care / playgroup	✓		8	CEO	<div style="background-color: yellow; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Nov: Shire provided advocacy for Childcare to Govt. agency. Centre is now operational. July: Carnamah Child Care Inc. is now seeking support to continue operating due to changes in CCS funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need top of

					<p>\$26,000PA. \$10,000 from Carnamah and Coorow. Will fund raise \$6,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Plan being developed by Jill Cameron. Looking to rebrand as Carnamah/Coorow CC Inc
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Policy Implications

Nil.

Consultation

The Acting CEO discussed this item with Senior Staff on 9 July 2019. The President discussed this matter with the Acting CEO on the same day.

Financial Implications

\$10,000 PA. This will be funded from the Shire’s own sources (i.e. rates/FAGs etc).

Options Are:

1. Reject the CCC funding request.
2. Fund initially for six (6) months to see how the new program/structure will work. If successful, commit to the full allocation.
3. Fund and budget for the full allocation of \$10,000.

Conclusion

For Council’s information.

Deputation

Presented to Council and submitted the following documents.

- Financials
- The respective presentations

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20190715	ITEM 15.2
Moved: Cr Stirling	
Seconded: Cr Risinger	
That Council:	
Fund and budget for the full allocation of \$10,000 in the current financial year (2019/20) to the Carnamah Childcare Inc.	
	CARRIED 5-0

Councillor Wooltorton and Councillor Bowman returned to the meeting at 4:57 pm.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 4:57pm.