



GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – 19 MAY 2016 WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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Mission Statement: *West Wimmera Shire Council will work in partnership with the community, business and government to develop and enhance a productive, healthy and safe community by providing leadership, services, advocacy and good governance*

HELD: Thursday 19 May 2016
LOCATION: Kaniva Council Chamber
COMMENCEMENT: 7.00pm

IN ATTENDANCE:	
Councillors Annette Jones, Mayor Ron Hawkins Bruce Meyer Richard Wait Warren Wait	Senior Management Group David Leahy, Chief Executive Officer Venkat Peteti General Manager Corporate & Community Services Robyn Evans General Manager Infrastructure Development & Works Officers Kellie Jordan Manager Business & Economic Development

Vision Statement: *West Wimmera Shire delivers the very best experience and opportunity that rural living has to offer*



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APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Nil

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

BUSINESS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Councillor Richard Wait

Seconded: Councillor Warren Wait

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Carried (5/0)

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

2.1 COUNCILLOR RON HAWKINS - Nil

2.2 COUNCILLOR BRUCE MEYER

2.2.1 KANIVA SHIRE HALL – STRUCTURAL ISSUES

Cr. Meyer requested an update on the investigation into the Kaniva Hall structural issues.

CEO: Preliminary investigation has been undertaken with the storm water system. More geotechnical investigation will be required to see if there is any void underneath the ground. The storm water system may have failed. Further investigation into the water main is also required. This will be undertaken in the near future.



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2.3 COUNCILLOR RICHARD WAIT

2.3.1 HARROW DISCOVERY CENTRE SECTION 86 COMMITTEE FUTURE

Moved: Councillor Richard Wait

Seconded: Councillor Warren Wait

That Council investigate removing the Section 86 Committee from the Harrow Discovery Centre and deal directly with the Discovery Centre incorporated body.

Carried (5/0)

Section 86 committee has some protection provided to it by Council.

Cr. W Wait stated that the S86 committee is responsible for the management of the building, but not the responsible for the running of Centre.

2.3.2 OPEN WELL SAFETY ISSUE IN CHETWYND

A new bore has been installed at Chetwynd and there are reports that the old well has tape around it, but has not been filled in or covered.

CEO – this can be dealt with as a Customer request, rather than a motion and this can be investigated quickly.

2.3.3 LOWERING SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTRY ROADS

Cr. Wait heard that there may be a plan to reduce the speed limits on country roads to make the public safer. He believes this may be a way the State Government will try to avoid spending money on repairing roads to make them safer.

Cr. Meyer believes this may be aimed at narrow roads and may affect more local roads than C Class roads.

Moved: Councillor Richard Wait

Seconded: Councillor Ron Hawkins

That Council write to the Transport Minister and Regional Transport Groups to put forward the position that spending more money on improving roads would be better than reducing speeds in improving safety.

Carried (5/0)



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2.4 COUNCILLOR WARREN WAIT

**2.4.1 COUNCIL TO SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH MINISTER FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT**

Moved: Councillor Warren Wait

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait

That Council writes to the Minister for the Environment, Lisa Neville to discuss waste management issues within the West Wimmera Shire, particularly the cost of disposal of some types of waste.

Carried (5/0)

2.4.2 MEMORIAL GATES AT HENLEY PARK

The gates at Henley Park are too narrow for some vehicles/caravans to enter. Cr. Wait would like to investigate if the gateway can be widened.

Moved: Councillor Warren Wait

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wait

That Council staff are asked to investigate the widening of the Rushton Memorial Gates at Henley Park.

Carried (5/0)

2.5 COUNCILLOR ANNETTE JONES – Nil

MEETING CONCLUDED: 7.26PM

NEXT MEETING:

**THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016
EDENHOPE COUNCIL CHAMBER**