Not Yet Confirmed

SHIRE OF GOOMALLING

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 PRESENT:
 Shire President
 Councillor BJ Haywood (Presided)

 Councillor R Van Gelderen
 Councillor R Van Gelderen

 Councillor K J Ryan
 Councillor G A Romero

 Councillor JM Chester
 Councillor CL Kingston

 Councillor R Sheen
 Councillor DT Phillips

 Councillor RJ Bowen
 Councillor RJ Bowen

<u>STAFF</u>: The Chief Executive Officer (CCJ Kerp) and the Finance Manager (NM Bird) were in attendance.

The Shire President declared the Meeting opened 1.03 pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

NYOONGAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT/WELCOME TO COUNTRY

"We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Ballardong people as the custodians of the greater Goomalling/Koomal area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar Ballardong people today."

1. QUESTION TIME - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Phillips that leave of absence be granted for the 16 March 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting for Cr's Van Gelderen & Cr Romero.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2015

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Sheen that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 16th December 2015 as read, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

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4. MATTERS ARISING

Nil

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

- Shire President, Cr Sheen, Cr Van Gelderen, Cr Bowen & Cr Chester attended the opening of the Community and Sports Centre.
- Shire President, Cr Chester, Cr Romero, Cr Van Gelderen & Cr Phillips attended the Australia Day Breakfast.
- Shire President and Cr Van Gelderen on the WALGA Road forum.
- Shire President, Cr Phillips & Cr Kingston attended a meeting with Melissa Price MP for Durack.
- Cr Chester, Cr Phillips & Cr Kingston attended a cuppa with a Councillor at the CRC.
- Cr Van Gelderen attended Be Active Meeting.
- Cr Phillips & Cr Kingston attended the Department Environment Meeting in Northam.
- Cr Phillips & Cr Kingston attended the Bush Care Workshop.

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Sheen, seconded Cr Romero that the Reports be received.

<u>CARRIED</u>

6. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Haywood, seconded Cr Kingston that Council amend its composition structure of the number of Councillors from 9 to 7 to commence from the October 2017 Council Elections.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/1

Cr Ryan voted against the motion and wished his name to be recorded.

7. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICER'S INTEREST

Nil

Nil

8. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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9. REPORTS AND MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

9.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2016

3.2.1 Financial Statements for Period ending 31 December 2015 and 31 January 2016

Report Date	17 February 2016
Applicant	Shire of Goomalling
File ref	
Prepared by	Natalie Bird, Finance Manager
Supervised by	Clem Kerp, Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirement	ts Simply Majority
Documents tabled	Financial Statements for period ending 31 December 2015 and 31
	January 2016
Attachments	1. Statement of Financial Activity for period ending 31 January 2016
	2. List of accounts paid for 12 December 2015 to 17 February 2016
Supervised by Voting Requiremen Documents tabled	Clem Kerp, Chief Executive Officer ts Simply Majority Financial Statements for period ending 31 December 2015 and 31 January 2016 1. Statement of Financial Activity for period ending 31 January 2016

3. Copy Council Corporate Credit Card

Executive Summary

Council is requested to endorse the Statement of Financial Activity for period ending 31 December 2015, financial statements and list of accounts paid for the period 12 December 2015 to 17 February 2016.

Background

In accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34(1), local governments are required to prepare, each month a statement of financial activity reporting on revenue and expenditure for the month in question.

The statement of financial activity is to be presented at an ordinary meeting of Council within two (2) months after the end of the month to which the statement relates.

The statement of financial activity for the period ending 31 December 2015, 31 January 2016, financial statements and list of accounts paid for the period ending 31 December 2015, 31 January 2016, are hereby presented for Council's Information.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer Works Supervisor Finance Manager Finance Officer

Statutory Environment

State: Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Policy Implications

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Not Applicable

Financial Implications

Not Applicable

Strategic Implications

Not Applicable

Site Inspection

Not Applicable

Triple Bottom Line Assessment

<u>Economic implications</u> There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

<u>Social implications</u> There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

Environmental implications

There are no known significant environmental implications

Comment

Council is requested to accept the monthly statement of financial activity, financial statements and list of payments as presented.

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9.2.1	OFFICER RECOMMEN	IDATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
Res	olution: Moved Cr Va	an Gelderen, seconded Cr Romero that Council
1.	endorse the list of p a. EFT901-EFT942 b. 11276-11396 c. PR d. DD c. 11397-11428 Totalling \$780,766.5	ayments \$219,965.57 \$316,196.27 \$188,807.78 \$ 29,264.83 \$ 26,532.05 0 for the period 12 December 2015 to 17 February 2016
2.	receive the financia 2016	l statements for the period ending 31 December 2015 and 31 January
3.	receive the Council 2016 (copy attached	Corporate Credit card payment 14 December 2015 and 12 February
		CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Sheen that the Chief Executive Officer's Report, be now dealt with.

CARRIED

10.2 <u>AROC AGED HOUSING PROPOSAL PROJECT – PARTICIPANTS SHIRES OF</u> <u>GOOMALLING, DOWERIN, TOODYAY AND VICTORIA PLAINS</u>

Reference No. and Subject 10.1.1 Aged Housing Proposal Project Participants Shires of Goomalling, Dowerin, **Toodyay and Victoria Plains.** File Reference No. 9-3 Proponent Shire of Goomalling with following participants of the Shires of Dowerin, Toodyay and Victoria Plains of the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC). Authors Name & Position Clem Kerp - Chief Executive Officer Nil **Disclosure of Interest Purpose of Report** As Council is aware, this proposal was put forward by Shire of Goomalling to AROC several months ago seeking participants in the proposal for Royalties for Regions program to construct single living units (at

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	least 2 bedrooms) to accommodate housing facilities for the WELL Aged. The proposal has four (4) participants in the project as detailed above and the proposal has the unanimous support of AROC resolved at its Meeting held on Monday 8 th February 2016.
Background	Council has been successful to construct four (4) single living units (2 bedrooms each) in Goomalling as part of the successful funding round of \$2.7million with the Shires of Toodyay and Victoria Plains. The administering body of this project is the Shire of Toodyay. Under this current proposal the leading Council is the Shire of Goomalling, Dowerin, Toodyay and Victoria Plains. This project has the support of Wheatbelt Development Commission (WDC) and the submission of the project is processed through WDC and Heartlands WA who is project managing all the Wheatbelt submissions. The remaining two (2) Councils in AROC: Chittering and Northam have decided not to participate, as they have private investors to execute aged projects.
Comments & Details	To proceed with this project in taking advantage of the availability of these grants provide, each participating Council will need to provide the lands, earthworks and landscaping for the units. The building costs, white goods, fixtures and fittings will be part of the submitted grant subsidy if successful. The amount of grant funding sough is still under consideration until all participating Councils decide on their number of aged persons independent living units. Goomalling has decided on a further four (4) units that will be justified in the Housing Need Analysis being undertaken by a consultant appointed by WDC. It is expected that the grant application will be in the vicinity of \$4 million to \$5 million for the four (4) participating Councils.
Implications to consider	The financial aspect is the consideration of cash in kind for providing the land, earthworks and landscaping with the latter two (2), to be carried out by Council outside staff.
Voting Requirements	To be resolved by Absolute Majority

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Resolution

Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr C Phillips hat Council

- Support a regional approach to Construct dedicated aged persons independent living units for the Shires of Goomalling, Dowerin, Toodyay and Victoria Plains as part of the next round of funding under the Royalties for Regions Program to be submitted by end of March 2016;
- Agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Avon Regional Organisation of Council (AROC) Avon Aged Housing Project; and
- 3. Agree to contribute in-kind "land, earthworks and landscaping" for the units located in the Shire of Goomalling to attract State and/or Federal funding to construct aged person independent living units in the participating four (4) Councils as a part of the regional initiative.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

NB. The Resolution adopted by AROC at its Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016 was carried Unanimously as follows:

That the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC)

- 1. Support a regional approach to construct dedicated aged persons independent living units;
- 2. Agree to a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils (AROC) Avon Aged Housing Project currently participating between the Shires of Goomalling, Toodyay, Victoria Plains and Dowerin; and
- 3. Agree that the Shire of Goomalling, with assistance from the Wheatbelt Development Commission, develop the business case to attract state and/or Federal funding to construct aged persons independent living units within their respective communities.

Reference No. and Subject File Reference No. Proponent Authors Name & Position Disclosure of Interest	10.1.2 Amendment to Policy 4.13: Investment of Surplus Funds 132 Shire of Goomalling Clem Kerp - Chief Executive Officer Nil
Purpose of Report	Amend the current Policy to include the Divestment Motion from February 2015.
Background	4.13 Investment of Surplus Funds Policy was adopted by Council in September 2015 however the Policy
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omitted Council's motion from 4th February 2015 as follows:

11.1 DIVESTMENT

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Haywood that:-

- As Council considers the climate crisis a serious threat to current and future generations locally, nationally and internationally, and
- As most world governments have agreed through the 2009 Copenhagen Accord that any warming above a 2°C (3.6°F) rise would be unsafe, and that future carbon emissions release should be significantly limited, and
- As the Carbon Tracker Initiative found that fossil fuel companies possess proven fossil fuel reserves that would release approximately 2,795 gigatons of CO2 if they burned, which is five times the amount that can be released without exceeding 2°C of warming,

The Shire of Goomalling:

- Seeks to ensure its financial investments consider the reduction of fossil fuels and to this end the Shire of Goomalling will limit investment in financial institutions which support either direct or indirect support of fossil fuel companies; and
- Supports our community's Global Divestment Day event in which the community is invited to congratulate Bendigo Bank on their national policy to not "lend to companies for whom the core activity is the exploration, mining, manufacture or export of thermal coal or coal seam gas" (Extract from Bendigo Bank National Policy).

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Comments & Details The above motion has been simplified into the following statement as part of the amended Policy: **Divestment from Carbon Emissions** The Shire of Goomalling considers the climate crisis a serious threat locally, nationally and internationally. In Paris in 2015, over 190 countries agreed that carbon emissions release should be significantly limited to support world efforts to limit global average temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. A CSIRO and BOM publication in January 2015 stated that the South West of Western Australia has already warmed by 1.1°C since 1910. The Shire of Goomalling seeks to ensure its financial investments consider the reduction of emissions from burning fossil fuels and to this end the Shire of Goomalling will not invest in financial institutions which directly and/or indirectly support fossil fuel companies. Implications to consider Voting Requirements To be resolved by Absolute Majority Resolution

> Moved Cr Chester, seconded Cr Kingston that Council adopt the proposed Amended 4.13 Investment Policy.

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Title:	4.13 Investment Policy
Previous No:	
File No:	
Statutory Environment:	Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Local Government (Financial Management) Amendment Regulations 2012, Trustees Act 1962 and Australian Accounting Standards
Minute No:	
Policy adopted:	September 2015
Policy amended:	February 2016
Next review date:	September 2019

Objective:

This policy's objective is to manage the Council's investment portfolio in order to maximise return within agreed risk parameters.

In achieving this, the following must be maintained:

- a) adequate level of diversification to spread risk;
- b) ready access to funds for day to day requirements;
- c) high level of security by using recognised assessment criteria;
- d) adherence to the requirements of Section 6.14 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Section 18(1) of the Trustees Act 1962 (as amended) (the "Prudent Person" rule).
- e) adhere to regulations section 19, 19c, 28 and 49 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
- f) investment in financial institutions that are not directly or indirectly funding fossil fuel companies.

Procedure:

Risk Profile

When exercising the power of investment the following are to be given consideration:

- a) the purpose of the investment and the needs and circumstances;
- b) the nature of and risk associated with existing investments;
- c) the likely income return and the timing of such income return;
- d) the desirability of diversifying investments;
- e) the risk of capital or income loss or depreciation;
- the costs (including commissions, fees and charges) of making the proposed investment;
- g) the length of the proposed investment; and
- h) investment in financial institutions that are not directly or indirectly funding fossil fuel companies

Delegation of Authority

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Authority for implementation of the Investment Policy is delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*. The Chief Executive Officer may in turn delegate the day-to-day management of the Shire of Goomalling's investment to the Finance Manager.

Prudent Person Standard

The investment will be managed with the care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise. Officers are to manage the investment portfolios to safeguard the portfolios in accordance with the spirit of this Investment Policy, and not for speculative purposes.

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Officers shall refrain from personal activities that would conflict with the proper execution and management of the Shire of Goomalling's investment portfolio. This policy requires officers to disclose any conflict of interest to the Chief Executive Officer.

Fossil Free Investments

"Fossil Free Investments" are authorised investment products made in authorised institutions that respect the environment by not investing in fossil fuel industries.

When investing Council funds, a deliberate preference will be made in favour of authorised institutions that respect the environment by not investing in fossil fuel industries. This preference **will however** only be exercised after the foremost investment consideration of credit rating and risk diversification are fully satisfied.

The Shire of Goomalling considers the climate crisis a serious threat locally, nationally and internationally. In Paris in 2015, over 190 countries agreed that carbon emissions release should be significantly limited to support world efforts to limit global average temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. The Carbon Tracker Initiative found that fossil fuel companies possess proven fossil fuel reserves that would release approximately 2,795 gigatons of CO2 if they are burned, which is five times the amount that can be released without exceeding 2°C of warming. A CSIRO and BOM publication in January 2015 stated that the South West of Western Australia has already warmed by 1.1°C since 1910. The Shire of Goomalling is objectively working towards carbon neutrality, to this end seeks to ensure its financial investments consider the reduction of emissions from burning fossil fuels and to this end the Shire of Goomalling will not invest in financial institutions which directly and/or indirectly support fossil fuel companies.

Approved Investments

Funds may be placed in authorised deposit taking institutions (ADIs), being licensed banks as defined under the Banking Act 1995, which comply with this policy

Prohibited Investments

In accordance with regulation 20 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations* 1996 the Shire of Goomalling will not do any of the following:

• Deposit with an institution except an authorised institution (as defined in section 5 of the Bank Act 1959);

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- Deposit for a fixed term of more than 12 months;
- Invest in bonds that are not guaranteed by the Commonwealth Government, or a State of Territory government;
- Invest in bonds with a term to maturity of more than 3 years;
- Invest in a foreign currency.

This investment policy prohibits any investment carried out for speculative purposes including:

- Derivative based investments;
- Principal only investments or securities that provide potentially nil or negative cash flow; and
- Stand alone securities issued that have underlying futures, options, forwards contracts and swaps of any kind.

This policy also prohibits the use of leveraging (borrowing to invest) of an investment.

Authorised Counterparties and Exposure Limits

Counterparty Details	Minimum	Maximum
	Standard &	Exposure as a %
	Poor's Rating	of total
		Investment
		Portfolio
11.1 All banks within the meaning of the Banking	A-1 (short)	100%
Act 1959 that comply with this policy.	AA (long)	
Note: At all times a minimum of 50% of total		
investments must remain with a Bank		
11.2 Managed (Cash/Treasury) Funds (Unit	Aam	50%
Trusts) with an average duration of less than 1	AAf	
year		
11.3 Managed (Cash/Treasury) Funds (Unit	AAf	30%
Trusts) with an average duration of less than 3		
years		
11.4 Managed (Fixed Interest) Funds	AAf	20%
Note: An overall limit of 50% applies to items – ie.		
A mix is acceptable but combined exposure must		
remain within 50% of total investment portfolio		
11.5 Commonwealth Government (Max term 3	A-1	< 1 year 50%
years)	AA	> 1 year 20%
11.6 State Government (Max Term 3 years)	A-1	< 1 year 50%
	AA	> 1 year 20%

If any of the Shire of Goomalling's investments are downgraded such that they no longer fall within the investment policy, they will be divested as soon as practicable.

Term to Maturity Framework

The investment portfolio is to be invested within the following maturity constraints:

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Overall Portfolio Term to Maturity Limits		
Portfolio % < 1 year	100% Max; 40% Min	
Portfolio % > 1 year	60%	
Individual Investment Maturity Limits		
ADI	3 years	

Investment Advisor

If the Shire of Goomalling appoints an investment advisor they must be approved by Council and licensed by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission. The advisor must be an independent person who has no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to investment products being recommended; and is free to choose the most appropriate product within the terms and conditions of the investment policy.

Measurement

The investment return for the portfolio is to be regularly reviewed by an independent financial advisor by assessing the market value of the portfolio. The market value is to be assessed at least once a month to coincide with monthly reporting.

Benchmarking

Performance benchmarks need to be established.

Investment	Performance Benchmark
Cash	Cash Rate
Enhanced/Direct Investments	UBSWA Bank Bill
Diversified Funds	CPI + appropriate margin over rolling 3
	year periods (depending upon
	composition of fund)

Reporting

A monthly report will be provided to Council in support of the month statement of financial activity. The report will detail the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio, maturity date and changes in market value.

Documentary evidence must be held for each investment and details thereof maintained in an Investment Register.

Certificates must be obtained from the financial institutions confirming the amounts of investments held on the Shire of Goomalling's behalf as at 30 June each year and reconciled to the Investment Register.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

10.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Romero that the Chief Executive Officer's Report, be received.

<u>CARRIED</u>

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Mr Linton Thomas, Environment Health Officer/Building Surveyor entered the meeting at 2.03 pm

Mrs Andrea Hardingham and Miss Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officers entered the meeting at 2.03 pm.

10.5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYOR REPORT

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Kingston that the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report be now dealt with.

CARRIED

10.6 CARETAKERS RESIDENCE ON COMMERCIAL LAND (TOWN PLANNING)

Reference No. and Subject: 176 Town Planning - Caretakers Residence

An application has been received from Mr. Julius Heider for the construction of a caretaker's residence on Lots 61-63 Railway Terrace, Goomalling.

Authors Name & Position: Linton Thomas, Environmental Health Officer & Building Surveyor

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Purpose of Report: To seek Council's approval for a caretaker's residence on the aforementioned Lots.

Background:

Mr. Heider has purchased these Lots which includes the former Lareema Fashions store next to the Bendigo Bank.

Comments & Details: The proposed caretaker's residence will be located behind the existing store and will be of steel framed construction, blue colorbond walls and a zincalume roof. It is of a barn style and a quarter will be devoted for storage. Being of two different. Building Code of Australia classifications, a fire wall is required to separate the two areas. Mr. Heider is aware of this.

A similar caretakers residence was constructed on a lot 150 metres to the east of these Lots about 6 years ago.

Implications to Consider: None, as the Town Planning Scheme allows for caretakers residences in this Zone.

Voting Requirements: To be resolved by absolute majority.

Resolution

Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Kingston that Council approves the application for a caretaker's residence on Lots 61-63 Railway Terrace owned by Mr. Julius Heider.

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10.7 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER/BUILDING SURVEYOR REPORT

<u>Resolution;</u> Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Chester that the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report, be received.

CARRIED

10.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Romero, seconded Cr Bowen that the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report be now dealt with.

CARRIED

10.9 YOUTH, CULTURE & UNITY PRECINCT

Reference No. and Subject File Reference No. Authors Name Position Disclosure of Interest Youth, Culture & Unity Precinct 174- 5 Andrea Hardingham/Tahnee Bird Community Development Officers Nil

Purpose of Report

To seek Council's resolution to support a commitment of \$600,000 to enable us to apply for NSRF to progress the Goomalling Youth & Cultural Unity Precinct. We believe we can crowd source these funds, once we have the application completed, to negate Council's commitment.

Council has been developing the concept of the Youth, Cultural & Unity Precinct for the last few years following a petition initiated by the Goomalling youth.

The concept plan was considered compelling and supported by the Wheatbelt Development Commission with funding from the Community Chest Fund. With these funds Convic has presented us with a plan for the recreational aspects of the park and Steve Kesich, Maya Design, has developed plans for the youth and cultural centres pro bono.

The project (although not totally costed as yet) looks like coming in at over \$3,000,000.

We are still waiting on the costing for the buildings.

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> We have developed this project to build capacity in our youth, bring the community together while creating economic opportunities and tourism growth.

> The conceivable outcomes of this project are life and community changing. Commitment to this will demonstrate Council's innovative approach to education, community safety, health and wellbeing, economic development and tourism.

Comments & Details

We were invited to submit a full application to the (Durack) Stronger Communities fund for \$20,000 for the BMX track. Melissa Price's office has advised they supported the project so we are awaiting the announcement of funding and we plan to proceed as soon as this is announced.

We currently have \$52,150 remaining in the 2015/16 budget for the BMX and Skate Park, with the labour from the Wheatbelt Work Camp and the funding from the Stronger Communities Fund we should have \$40,000 remaining following completion of the BMX track.

An application has been submitted to the Department of Communities Community Garden Fund for \$20,000, due to be announced shortly.

The Natureplay design can be completed with community/Wheatbelt Work Camp labour and found materials this will be detailed as in-kind contributions against the matching dollars required.

The third round of the National Stronger Regions Fund closes on the 16th March 2016. The application is very competitive and not only requires detailed and substantiated evidence and reports but also evidence of matching dollars.

Our application is still being developed and once completed we intend to forge ahead with the crowd funding to raise the matching dollars required for the entire project. Our plan is to seek 1000 Tax deductible donations of \$1000. The few people I have spoken to already are prepared to contribute \$1000, with the Avon Community Foundation pledging \$5000.

Council's financial report will provide evidence to the funder that they are in a position to provide the

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financial contribution (\$600,000) as it is still in a good position of low ratio of debt to realisable assets

Implications to consider A clearing permit will be required, Rod Munns has offered his services to complete this. It is unlikely that an offset will be required as the area of vegetation to be cleared is not significant.

Funding application may not be successful and matching dollars will not be required.

If successful with the funding but not with the crowd funding Council can reassess their commitment and not accept the contract.

Voting Requirements To be resolved by Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation

Council support the National Stronger Regions Fund application by committing \$600,000 for the Youth, Culture & Unity Precinct project and resolve to borrow the funds if required.

Reason for varying the Officer's Recommendation

Moved Cr Kingston, seconded Cr Romero that this item be deferred as it requires further consideration by Council at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday the 9 March 2016 after the Annual Electors Meeting at the new Goomalling Recreation Centre.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

10.10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

<u>Resolution</u>; Moved Cr Van Gelderen, seconded Cr Romero that the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report, be received.

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11. NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

Nil

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12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 DONATION TO SHIRE OF WAROONA

<u>Resolution:</u> Moved Cr Ryan, seconded Cr Romero that Council donate \$1,000.00 to the Shire of Waroona for support to the fire victims.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was reconfirmed that the next Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15th March 2016 in the Goomalling Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.00pm.

14. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 3.07pm.