



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Shire of West Arthur
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 September 2025

Forest to Wheatbelt

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**MINUTES OF SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6.00PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.03pm.

The Presiding Member advised all attendees that the meeting is being recorded as required by s5.23A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 14F - 14I of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCILLORS:	Neil Morrell	(Shire President)
	Karen Harrington	(Deputy Shire President)
	Graeme Peirce	(Elected Member)
	Duncan South	(Elected Member)
	Russell Prowse	(Elected Member)
STAFF:	Vin Fordham Lamont	(Chief Executive Officer)
	Rajinder S Sunner	(Manager Corporate Services)
APOLOGIES:	Cr Adam Squires	(Elected Member)
	Cr Robyn Lubcke	(Elected Member)
ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Nil	
ABSENT:	Nil	

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

5 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

RESOLUTION SCM-2025-086

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce
Seconded: Cr Duncan South

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below as item 5.1, in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.

In Favour: Crs Neil Morrell, Karen Harrington, Graeme Peirce, Duncan South, and Russell Prowse
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

5.1 POWER AND WATER SERVICES TO LOT 9001 GROWDEN PLACE, DARKAN

Location: Lot 9001 on Deposited Plan 409160
Applicant: Shire of West Arthur
Author: Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer: Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 12/09/2025
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments:

1. Contract of Sale and Development of Portion of Lot 9001
2. WATC Quote - Indicative Loan \$110,000 5 year term
3. WATC Quote - Indicative Loan \$110,000 10 year term

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to public interest as it deals with a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

OPTION 1 VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**OPTION 1**

That Council, pursuant to clause 2.2(2) of the contract between the Shire of West Arthur and Lawrence John Dawson presented as Attachment 1, AUTHORISE the CEO to execute any documentation and take any action required to terminate the contract.

CEO Comment:

Councillors declined to consider Option 1 and voted on the Two- Part Recommendation under Option 2.

OR

OPTION 2 - CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED AS 2 SEPARATE MOTIONS AS FOLLOWS**OPTION 2.1****CEO Comment:**

The Author would like to note that prior to the meeting, the CEO modified the Officer Recommendation for Option 2.1 to insert, 'over a 10-year term with quarterly repayments as per the attached quote' into the wording of point 1.

OPTION 2.1 VOTING REQUIREMENTS:Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION SCM-2025-087

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council, by absolute majority:

1. Pursuant to section 6.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, **APPROVE** borrowing the sum of \$110,000 from the Western Australian Treasury Corporation over a 10-year term with quarterly repayments as per the attached quote for the purposes of paying Western Power for the installation of the necessary infrastructure to provide power to Lot 9001 Growden Place, Darkan.
2. **APPROVE** the consequential amendment of its 2025/2026 adopted budget by recognising additional income of \$110,000 from the drawdown of the new loan and corresponding expenditure on the Growden Place subdivision project.

In Favour: Crs Neil Morrell, Karen Harrington, Graeme Peirce, Duncan South, Russell ProwseAgainst: Nil**CARRIED 5/0****AND**

OPTION 2.2 VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION SCM-2025-088

Moved: Cr Duncan South
Seconded: Cr Graeme Peirce

That Council:

1. Pursuant to clause 2.2(1) of the contract between the Shire of West Arthur and Lawrence John Dawson presented as Attachment 1, AUTHORISE the CEO to agree with Mr Dawson upon a new date for satisfying the condition precedent in clause 2.1(b) of the contract.
2. NOTE the public notice requirements to give one month's local public notice of the loan proposal under subsection 6.20(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995.
3. AUTHORISE the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to finalise, sign, seal (where the Common Seal is required) and execute all documents and instruments necessary or incidental to give effect to borrowings for the purpose of Western Power infrastructure for Lot 9001 Growden Place Darkan; and
4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to implement and administer the borrowing and the associated project payments, including arranging insurances (if applicable), establishing bank arrangements, and lodging any statutory or regulatory notices and returns.

In Favour: Crs Neil Morrell, Karen Harrington, Graeme Peirce, Duncan South, Russell Prowse
Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

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RESOLUTION SCM-2025-089

Moved: Cr Graeme Peirce

Seconded: Cr Russell Prowse

That Council moves out of closed Council into open Council.

In Favour: Crs Neil Morrell, Karen Harrington, Graeme Peirce, Duncan South, and Russell Prowse

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.22pm.