

16.6 COSSACK ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES APRIL 2014

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Attachment(s)	1. Cossack Advisory Group Terms of Reference 2. Draft minutes of Cossack Advisory Group meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014

PURPOSE

To present for Council consideration the minutes of the Cossack Advisory Group meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014.

BACKGROUND

The Cossack Advisory Group was established by the Shire of Roebourne on 28th October 2013, under Council resolution number- 152640.

The overall aim of the Cossack Advisory Group is to enable elected members and officers to work together in setting and implementing a shared vision for the historical village of Cossack.

A Cossack Advisory Group meeting was held on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at the Shire of Roebourne Executive Meeting Room No. 4. Draft minutes of the meeting and Terms of Reference are provided as an attachment to this report.

A summary of the key matters considered at the meeting were:

1. Terms of Reference
 - a. *Recommendation 1: That the Terms of Reference (as per attachment 1) be adopted without change.*
2. Vision for Cossack
 - a. *Recommendation 2: Officers to prepare a draft Cossack Vision Statement for consideration at the next CAG meeting.*
3. Cossack Land Tenure
 - a. *Recommendation 3a: That the preferred approach for resolving private land tenure matters at Cossack is either voluntary purchase (Option D) or land exchange (Option C) or combination of both.*

- b. *Recommendation 3b: That a letter be sent to the Minister of Planning and the Minister of Lands supporting Option D and that Option C be given further consideration.*
 - c. *Recommendation 3c: That the following State Ministers be invited for a tour of Cossack with the aim of providing clarity to the situation and ministerial support for the Cossack vision:*
 - i. *Minister of Planning – Hon John Day MLA*
 - ii. *Minister of Lands – Hon Terry Redman MLA*
 - iii. *Minister of Environment; Heritage – Hon Albert Jacob MLA*
 - iv. *Minister of Local Government – Hon Tony Simpson MLA*
4. Cossack Facilities Management
- a. *Recommendation 4a: That the management of Cossack be retained ‘in-house’ until 2017 and that Council consider its future commitment with regards the future management of Cossack town site prior to the expiration of the lease.*
 - b. *Recommendation 4b: That the Shire advise the Heritage Council / State Heritage Office that the Council intends to review its role in the management of Cossack post 2017 and requests commitment of additional annual financial assistance for the maintenance of the Cossack town site.*

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Council Policy *CE-8 Significant Decision Making Policy*, this matter is considered to be of moderate significance in terms of economic issues as described under financial implications.

COUNCILLOR/OFFICER CONSULTATION

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with Councillors over a period of years in relation to the future of Cossack with the most recent being at the February 2014 Council Briefing. Similarly, Shire and state agency officers have been consulted in regards to planning, development and management issues.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the affected landowners and wider community over a period of years in relation to the future of Cossack the outcomes of which is documented in the 2001 Cossack Townsite Sustainability Management Study (Peter Farr Consultants) and the 2007 Cossack Master Plan Report (Palassis architects).

Members of the Cossack Advisory Group may consult with Community members on specific issues as they come to hand.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The Cossack Advisory Group is an official committee of Council appointed under *Section 5.18 of the Local Government Act 1995*.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Current operations of Cossack are fully budgeted for in the 2013/14 annual budget. Any future changes to Cossack Facilities Management, Vision and tenure would require an analysis of budget implications to Council.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This item is relevant with the Council's approved Strategic Community Plan 2012-2022 and Corporate Business Plan 2012-2016. In particular the Operational Plan 2012-2013 provided for this activity:

<i>Our Program:</i>	<i>1.a.2.6</i>	<i>Operate Community Facilities</i>
<i>Our Services:</i>	<i>1.a.2.6.1</i>	<i>Continue to provide Community facilities including ovals, hard courts, pavilions, Karratha Leisureplex, Roebourne Aquatic Centre, Youth Shed and Cossack historical centre.</i>

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risk management issues relevant to this matter.

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

As at the April 2014 meeting there is a moderate impact on officer's capacity to investigate and implement projects on behalf of the Cossack Advisory Group. Officers are currently able to manage the workload of the committee; however projects that may be identified in the future may require additional resources.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS

As an advisory group to Council, minutes for the Cossack Advisory Group meetings are regularly presented for consideration.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

There are no delegated authorities relevant to this matter.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

OPTIONS

Option 1

As per Officer's recommendation.

Option 2

That Council by SIMPLE majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* resolves to:

1. **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Cossack Advisory Group meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014.
2. **NOT ENDORSE** the following recommendations of the Cossack Advisory Group meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014:

Recommendation 1: That the Terms of Reference (as per attachment 1) be adopted without change.

Recommendation 2: Officers to prepare a draft Cossack Vision Statement for consideration at the next CAG meeting.

Recommendation 3a: That the preferred approach for resolving private land tenure matters at Cossack is either voluntary purchase (Option D) or land exchange (Option C) or combination of both.

Recommendation 3b: That a letter be sent to the Minister of Planning and the Minister of Lands supporting Option D and that Option C be given further consideration.

Recommendation 3c: That the following State Ministers be invited for a tour of Cossack with the aim of providing clarity to the situation and ministerial support for the Cossack vision:

- *Minister of Planning – Hon John Day MLA*
- *Minister of Lands – Hon Terry Redman MLA*
- *Minister of Environment; Heritage – Hon Albert Jacob MLA*
- *Minister of Local Government – Hon Tony Simpson MLA*

Recommendation 4a: That the management of Cossack be retained ‘in-house’ until 2017 and that Council consider its future commitment with regards the future management of Cossack town site prior to the expiration of the lease.

Recommendation 4b: That the Shire advise the Heritage Council / State Heritage Office that the Council intends to review its role in the management of Cossack post 2017 and requests commitment of additional annual financial assistance for the maintenance of the Cossack town site.

Option 3

That Council by SIMPLE Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to NOT RECEIVE the minutes of the Cossack Advisory Group meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014 and request that the Cossack Advisory Group reconsider the Agenda items previously presented at the next available meeting.

CONCLUSION

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- Terms of Reference
- Vision for Cossack
- Cossack Land tenure
- Cossack Facilities Management

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council by SIMPLE Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of *the Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE** the minutes of the Cossack Advisory Group meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014.
2. **ENDORSE** the following recommendations of the Cossack Advisory Group (CAG) meeting held Wednesday 16 April 2014:
 - a) *That the Terms of Reference (as per attachment 1) be adopted without change.*
 - b) *Officers to prepare a draft Cossack Vision Statement for consideration at the next CAG meeting.*
 - c) *That the preferred approach for resolving private land tenure matters at Cossack is either voluntary purchase (Option D) or land exchange (Option C) or combination of both as described in the CAG minutes.*
 - d) *That a letter be sent to the Minister of Planning and the Minister of Lands supporting Option D and that Option C (as described in the CAG minutes) be given further consideration.*
 - e) *That the following State Ministers be invited for a tour of Cossack with the aim of providing clarity to the situation and ministerial support for the Cossack vision:*
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