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Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Shark Bay Shire Council held in the Council Chamber at the Shark Bay Recreation Centre, Francis Street, Denham on Wednesday 12 October 2016 commencing at 3.00 pm.

PURPOSE I advise that a special meeting of Council is called in accordance with Section 5.4 (a), (i) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, for consideration of item 4.0 Dirk Hartog 2016 - Helicopter.

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1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the Special Council meeting open at 3.03 pm.

2.0 ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Present</u> | Cr C Cowell | President |
| | Cr K Capewell | Deputy President |
| | Cr L Bellottie | |
| | Cr G Ridgley | |
| | Vacant Position | |
| | Mr P Anderson | Chief Executive Officer |
| | Mrs R Mettam | Executive Assistant |

Apologies

Cr M Prior
Cr K Laundry

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The President opened public question time at 3.03 pm and as there were no public present at the meeting the President closed public question time at 3.03 pm.

4.0 DIRK HARTOG 2016 - HELICOPTER

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AUTHOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST

Nil

Councillors note Addendum presented to the item which is attached at the end of this report.

Moved Cr Ridgley
Seconded Cr Capewell

Council Resolution

That Council consider the option of funding the costs associated with locating a helicopter in Denham for the 1616 commemoration activities.

4/0 CARRIED

Moved Cr Ridgley
Seconded Cr Bellottie

Council Resolution

1. **That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with Coral Coast Helicopter Services to Locate a R44 Helicopter in Denham for the Dirk Hartog Festival of Discovery – Shark Bay 1616 from the 21 to 25 October 2016 for commercial operations.**
2. **That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to nominate an area on the Denham foreshore for the landing of the helicopter only for the period from 21 to 25 October 2016.**

4/0 CARRIED

BACKGROUND

The Council at the ordinary meeting held in September 2016 resolved the following

***Moved Cr Ridgley
Seconded Cr Laundry***

Council Resolution

That Council investigate various options for a single helicopter to be stationed in Denham during the October 2016 Festival of Discovery.

3/2 CARRIED

Further investigations with have been undertaken with Corsaire in line with Councils resolution.

Investigations have also been undertaken with the availability of the State Emergency Recuse helicopter and a Specialist Rescue helicopter service McDermott Aviation.

COMMENT

The State Emergency Helicopter Service have now advised that the request for the rescue helicopter to be stationed at Denham on the 24-25 October has not been approved.

Consideration to base a rescue helicopter at Geraldton is still being discussed at a State level.

McDermott aviation have a purpose built medivac and winching helicopter that could be sourced, however if it is for rescue purposes only the cost would be for the provision of the helicopter service and include 24 hour standby costs.

Pricing received from McDermott Aviation is as follows:

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We can offer a Basic Daytime EMS Capability to your festival with Critical Care Paramedics.

The aircraft we would use is an AS365 Dauphin (The same as the WA Police Helicopter)

We will have single stretcher capability, and we would also preposition fuel logistics to ensure we can fuel load as required.

Pricing;

- *Mobilisation/demobilisation; \$25,980.00+GST*
- *Paramedic Support - \$1,525.00+GST/day (1 x critical care paramedic)*
- *Aircraft Standby per day; \$5,375.00+GST/day - Includes 1.0 hour of flying (Non accumulative)*
 - *Additional hours @ \$4,168.00+GST/hour*
- *Aircrewman - \$535.00+GST/day*
- *Fuel Solution - \$850.00+GST/day*
- *Meals/Accom to be supplied or on-charged at cost for 4 persons (Pilot, Paramedic, Crewman, Refueller)*

Further investigations in line with the resolution of Council have resulted in Corsaire Aviation advising that they are willing to send an R44 helicopter to Denham if the Shire would provide an area on the foreshore to operate from and pay the amount of \$8,000 plus GST to relocate the helicopter to Denham for the festival period.

Corsaire have indicated the area of foreshore that they consider would be suitable for their operations and have advised the following:

We have a legal requirement to have at least 15m away from a public area which is usually pretty easy, during lift offs and landings. A 25 meter deep rectangle with 40m along parallel the shoreline on the grass will be absolutely more than fine that should give us enough manoeuvre room to account for unfavourable winds in the area. If we can't get that we will be able to except less to a degree, 30M as stated earlier.



The R44 helicopter proposed to be located in Denham is a 4 seater craft, including the pilot (3 passengers).

The R44 helicopter cannot accommodate a stretcher.

Corsaire have advised in an emergency their helicopter would be made available, however it would be at an agreed charge out rate and would need to be commandeered by the agency in charge of the emergency, who would also be responsible for the associated costs.

In regard to a medical emergency on the island the Department of Health have organised for an emergency physician and a registered nurse to be on the island of the week of festivities, including Cape Inscription on the morning of the 25 October.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet has also engaged the St Johns paramedic and a first aid officer with 4 a four wheel drive ambulance to attend Cape Inscription on the morning of the 25 October for the commemoration events.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council would have to ensure that any helicopter charter company that is contracted to undertake a service has the appropriate insurances to operate the service from Council property.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The quoted cost of \$8,000 (ex GST) from Corsaire is limited to locating the helicopters in Denham for the 4-5 days of the event without additional flights to and from the island.

Any flights to and from the island or scenic flights would have an additional cost which would have to be paid for either by the passenger or the Council.

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The costs associated with a helicopter that is commandeered in an emergency would be the responsibility of the lead agency in the emergency and it is at their discretion if a helicopter is utilised.

Pricing from McDermott aviation for rescue purposes only is as follows;

- Mobilisation/demobilisation; \$25,980.00+GST
- Paramedic Support - \$1,525.00+GST/day (1 x critical care paramedic)
- Aircraft Standby per day; \$5,375.00+GST/day - Includes 1.0 hour of flying (Non accumulative)
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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Strategic implications relative to this report at this point in time.

RISK MANAGEMENT

There is a significant political and liability risk associated with this proposal given the reluctance of the majority of the State based agencies to support this proposal.

As has been raised previously there is the also the reputational risk associated with the incidence of an medical emergency during the festival organised by the Shire, however the events organised by the Shire are mainland based with access to the regular range of emergency services.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

SIGNATURES

Chief Executive Officer

P Anderson

Date of Report

5 October 2016

ADDENDUM FOR ITEM 4.0 DIRK HARTOG 2016 – HELICOPTER

Further to the information regarding helicopter availability a relatively new business, Coral coast helicopters have advised that they now have a R44 helicopter available for hire.

The Chief Executive Officer initially had discussions with Coral Coast helicopters regarding the tourism opportunities in February 2016 and they have been sourcing a suitable helicopter for this service since this time.

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Coral Coast are currently based in Carnarvon and their tourism concept is to provide flights throughout the Gascoyne Region focussing on the coastal strip and between the World Heritage areas.

Justin Borg the Director of Coral Coast made contact yesterday 11 October 2016 regarding their recent purchase of the R44 helicopter which has seating for 3 passengers and the pilot and I took the opportunity to enquire as to their availability during the period of the forthcoming festival.

Coral Coast helicopters has provided the following information regarding their availability and pricing for the duration of the festival:

Coral Coast Helicopter Services is happy to provide the following information regarding the use of the R44 Helicopter for the Dirk Hartog Commemorations next week.

The cost for mobilising the machine to Denham is \$1,000 + GST.

I understand that there is no guarantee of work once in position.

Our helicopter is fitted with floats, for over-water flight as well as a cargo hook for underslung external load carrying.

If there is the opportunity to operate right from the foreshore then we would require some sort of barricading being witches hats as a minimum but preferably some portable railing or cordon tape in order to protect the public from any harm etc.

We envisage that once in Denham we would run scenic flights and transfer flights and I am happy to provide the following prices for your consideration.

*1 Hour = \$1100 for 1 person, \$550 pp for 2 people, or \$366 pp for 3 people;
30 Mins = \$550, for 1 person, \$300 pp for 2 people, or \$200 pp for 3 people;
20 Mins = \$435 for 1 person, \$217 pp for 2 people, or \$145 pp for 3 people;
15 Mins = \$350 for 1 person, \$175 pp for 2 people, or \$117 pp for 3 people;
10 Mins = \$240 for 1 person, \$120 pp for 2 people, or \$80 pp for 3 people;
5 Mins = \$135 for 1 person, \$67 pp for 2 people, or \$45 pp for 3 people.*

Whilst this is an opportunity to the address some of the safety concerns that have been raised in regard to remote evacuations there is also the opportunity to assist and encourage a business that is located in the Gascoyne Region which will add to the tourism opportunities in the region.

5.0 **MEETING CLOSURE**

The President closed the Special Council meeting at 3.19 pm.