



Shire of

Bridgetown-Greenbushes

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MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Date: Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Council Chambers

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SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN GREENBUSHES

The Special Council Meeting Minutes of Meeting held on 10th February 2026 commencing at 5:30 PM.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 5:31 pm.

ITEM 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the cultural custodians of the land on which we gather, the Pibulmun-Wadandi people. We acknowledge and support their continuing connection to the land, waterways and community. We pay our respects to members of the Aboriginal communities and their culture; and to Elders past and present, their descendants still with us today, and those who will follow in their footsteps.

ITEM 3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors

Councillor S Carstairs President
Councillor J Boyle
Councillor M Fletcher
Councillor L Pearce
Councillor T Pratico
Councillor K Gillies

Council Officers

Chief Executive Officer, G Adams
Director Projects & Environment, M Gillham
Manager, Executive Services Unit, M Morrell

Observers/Visitor

Nil

Apologies

Councillor R Redman Deputy President
Director Corporate, Economic and Community Development, C Radford
Director, Development and Regulatory Services, L Guthridge
Executive Assistant, K Durbin

Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

ITEM 4 ATTENDANCE OF GALLERY

NIL

ITEM 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NIL

ITEM 6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

NIL

ITEM 7 COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS BY PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST

NIL

ITEM 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

NIL

ITEM 9 NOTIFICATION OF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5, Division 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires a member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting to disclose the interest and the nature of the interest in writing before the meeting, or immediately before the matter is discussed.

Cr Pearce disclosed an impartiality interest on Item 11.1 in that he works for Talison

ITEM 10 QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS BY ELECTED MEMBERS**Cr Gillies****Question:**

Sought clarification regarding the indemnity insurance arrangements for HiWay WA Pty Ltd and the duration of coverage following completion of the road construction works.

Response – Director Projects & Environment, M. Gillham:

Advised that indemnity insurance applies for 12 months in accordance with standard contract conditions. The Superintendent has testing processes in place as an additional safeguard.

Cr Gillies**Question:**

Requested clarification on who has been appointed as Superintendent for the project.

Response – Director Projects & Environment, M. Gillham:

Confirmed that Chris Coates has been appointed as Superintendent, acting on behalf of the Shire, with costs fully funded by Talison.

Question:

Enquired whether the Shire will be charging Talison haulage fees and, if so, when this would commence.

Response - Director Projects & Environment, M. Gillham:

Advised that a WALGA Road Use Agreement was developed in 2017. The Shire's Engineer is currently progressing implementation of this arrangement, which has been flagged with Talison. Talison will be charged a road haulage rate consistent with forestry operators, including a per-tonne rate applied to placarded loads transported on Shire roads. This will be dependent on Council adopting a relevant heavy haulage road user charge in the future.

Cr Pratico**Question:**

Asked whether a local advantage was afforded to WCP under the Shire's Local Content Policy, noting that WCP is a Western Australian company.

Response - Director Projects & Environment, M. Gillham:

Advised that all three tenderers were Western Australian-based companies and therefore non received any preference under the Buy Local Policy.

Cr Pratico**Question:**

Queried whether HiWay WA is on the Main Roads Preferred Contractor list, noting that WCP is, and whether this was given any weighting in the assessment process.

Response - Director Projects & Environment, M. Gillham:

Advised that Main Roads pre-qualification was not a requirement for this project, as it is a local road rather than a Main Roads asset. It was further noted that the HiWay entity holding prequalification has undergone a company name change.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Councillor K Gillies

Seconded: Councillor T Pratico

That the meeting be closed to members of the public at 5.41pm.

Carried 6/0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Gillies

That the meeting be open to members of the public at 5.50 pm.

Carried 6/0

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Reports of Officers have been divided into Departments as follows:

- CEO's Office
- Corporate Services
- Development, Community and Infrastructure

ITEM 11 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

11.1 Tender Award for Stanifer Street Reconstruction

File Ref	511.86
Responsible Officer	Morgan Gillham, Director of Project Management and Environment
Reporting Officer	Patrick Quinlivan, Project Officer
Attachments	1. Evaluation Report 2. Evaluation Spreadsheet
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Disclosure of Interest	Reporting Officer: Nil Responsible Officer: Nil

RESOLUTION: SCM 001-25/26

Moved: Councillor K Gillies
Seconded: Councillor T Pratico

That Council

1. **Accepts the tender (for Tender RFT04-2526) received from Hiway WA Pty Ltd for the amount shown in the Evaluation Report (*refer Attachment 1*) for the Reconstruction of Stanifer Street, Greenbushes.**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the General Conditions of Contract between the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Hiway WA Pty Ltd for the Stanifer Street Reconstruction.**

FOR: Crs S Carstairs, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce, T Pratico and K Gillies

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – ITEM 11.1

Cr Pearce disclosed an impartiality interest in item 11.1, as he is employed by Talison, a party associated with the matter under consideration.

Cr Pearce advised that he would remain in the meeting room during discussion of the item and would participate in debate and vote accordingly.

IN BRIEF

This report provides a summary of the tender process for the Stanifer Street Reconstruction and recommends that Council accepts the tender submitted by Hiway WA Pty. Ltd. The successful tenderer's contract sum will be provided in the Council Minutes.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Tender Award for Stanifer Street Reconstruction.

BACKGROUND

Stanifer Street is the main entrance into the town of Greenbushes from South Western Highway and extends through town and connects to the northern end of Maranup Ford Road.

It carries large numbers of heavy vehicle truck movements per day, to and from Talison Lithium mine as well as logging trucks from surrounding plantations.

The condition of this section of road has deteriorated and requires full reconstruction.

Negotiations with Talison Lithium have resulted in an agreement being reached whereby Talison has committed to fully fund the cost of the reconstruction works, including design and superintendence costs.

The Shire's contribution to the project is to manage the tender process and provide contract administration.

The tender for the Stanifer Street Reconstruction was advertised in The West Australian on 29 December 2026 and on the Shire's Tenderlink portal, website, and notice boards.

Tenders closed on 29 January 2026 and the following compliant tenders were received via the Shire's Tenderlink portal prior to the close of tenders:

- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
- Hiway WA Pty Ltd
- WCP Civil Pty Ltd

A Tender Assessment Panel comprising the following members was formed to assess the tenders and recommend the most advantageous tender:

- Director Project Management and Environment (Internal Voting)
- Senior Project Manager (Internal Voting)
- Director, Coats Civil Consulting (External Voting)
- Temp Manager Works & Services (Internal Non Voting)

The Panel assessed the tenders against the following qualitative criteria with each member of the Panel individually reviewing the submissions and awarding a score out of nine for each assessment criterion apart from Price.

Criteria	Weighting
Relevant Experience	20%
Tender's Resources	15%

Demonstrated Understanding	15%
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Individual scores were then inputted into the spreadsheet to calculate the weighted scores and the combined scores of all panel members.

The weighted score for Price of 50% was calculated by a spreadsheet developed by the Western Australian Local Government Association for assessment of tenders.

The combined scoresheet was then used to guide the selection of the recommended tender.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Section 3.57 of the Local Government Act 1995, and Part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, provides a mechanism for purchase of goods and services by Public Tender.

Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 – Choice of Tender, provides Council with the option to accept or decline a tender.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

CM 3 - Asset Management

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications or direct costs to the Shire related to this proposal.

Given that the damage to Stanifer Street has been largely caused by the volume of heavy vehicles to and from the Talison Lithium mine site, Talison has agreed to fully fund the cost of the reconstruction works including design and superintendence costs.

Following the tender award and signing of a contract, Talison Lithium will transfer funds to the Shire equal to the successful tender amount plus an agreed contingency for the reconstruction of Stanifer Street.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

9 Safe, affordable and efficient movement of people and vehicles.

The proposed reconstruction of Stanifer Street will provide safe access to the Greenbushes townsite.

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

Objective 9.1 – Improve road safety and connectivity.

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Nil

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

The reconstructed section of Stanifer Street will be included in the Shire's Asset Management Plans with provision for annual and long-term maintenance.

WORKFORCE PLAN

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

A condition of the Request for Tender requires the successful tenderer to provide a Risk Management Plan and Work Health and Safety Plan thereby reducing the risk of accidents and injuries to workers during the construction period.

Also required as a condition of the Tender is a Traffic Management Plan approved by Main Roads WA for the duration of the works.

COMMENT

Following a thorough assessment of the three tenders received, the Panel recommends that the tender submitted by Hiway WA Pty Ltd be accepted by Council. Hiway WA scored well against all qualitative criteria and submitted a price that was within the project budget.

Hiway WA is based in Welshpool and has significant experience in regional road construction with similar requirements to Stanifer Road. Referee checking has confirmed their capability to undertake the project to a high standard.

In conclusion, the Tender Assessment Panel recommends that Council accept the tender submitted by Hiway WA Pty Ltd for the Stanifer Street Reconstruction.

Director Projects & Environment, M. Gillham left the room at 6.04pm and did not return.

ITEM 12 ELECTED MEMBERS QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM 13 NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 26 February 2026 commencing at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

UNCONFIRMED

ITEM 14 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS)

The Meeting will be closed by Council Resolution to the public under Part 5 Division 2 Section 5.23(2)(f) of the Local Government Act 1995 as the Items relates to :-

- (f) a matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to –
- (i) impair the effectiveness of any lawful method of procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law; or
 - (ii) endanger the security of the local government’s property; or
 - (iii) prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety

File Ref

Responsible Officer	Garry Adams, Chief Executive Officer
Reporting Officer	Merridith Morrell, Manager of Executive Services Unit
Attachments	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Disclosure of Interest	Reporting Officer: Nil Responsible Officer: Nil

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 5.23(4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:

- (a) legal advice, or other information, over which the local government holds legal professional privilege;

Officer Recommendation

Moved: Councillor J Pearce

Seconded: Councillor J Boyle

That the meeting be closed to members of the public at 5.52pm.

Carried 6/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Councillor T Pratico

Seconded: Councillor L Pearce

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders.

CARRIED 6/0

Resolution: SCM 002-25/26

Moved: Councillor L Pearce

Seconded: Councillor J Boyle

This Report and its attachments are CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 5.23(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995 which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(a) legal advice, or other information, over which the local government holds legal professional privilege.

That Council ADOPTS the confidential Officer Resolution contained within the confidential report.

For: Crs S Carstairs, J Boyle, M Fletcher, L Pearce and K Gillies

Against: Cr T Pratico

Carried by Absolute Majority 5/1

The above mentioned report/s were provided to Elected Members under separate cover. The report/s are not for publication.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Councillor M Fletcher

Seconded: Councillor J Boyle

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED 6/0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Pratico

Seconded: Cr Gillies

That the meeting be open to members of the public at 6.27pm.

Carried 6/0

Public Reading of Resolution

Should there be any members of the public in attendance at the re-opened Meeting, the Shire President is to read aloud the decisions made by Council while the Meeting was closed to the public.

ITEM 15 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6.27pm