

16. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

16.2 CR WILKIE – HOLDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN LANCELIN

File	GOV/8
Reporting Officer	James Bayliss - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Refer	Nil
Appendices	Nil

PURPOSE

To address a Notice of Motion submitted by Cr Wilkie in relation to holding council meetings in Lancelin.

COUNCILLOR MOTION

That Council:

- 1. Amend the adopted schedule of future Ordinary Council Meeting locations so that either the October or November Ordinary Council Meeting is held at a suitable venue in Lancelin.*
- 2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and present a report to Council outlining the costs, operational requirements and available options for establishing a monthly community bus service to transport residents from the coastal communities to and from Ordinary Council Meetings held in Gingin.*

COUNCILLOR REASON FOR MOTION

The Shire of Gingin covers a large geographic area, with many residents living significant distances from the Council Chambers in Gingin. This creates a barrier to many residents who wish to attend Council meetings, observe proceedings, ask public questions and engage directly with their elected representatives.

Many residents of the coastal communities are unable to regularly attend meetings due to the distance, travel time and transport costs involved. Holding one Ordinary Council Meeting each year in Lancelin, together with investigating a community bus service, would improve accessibility, encourage greater public participation and ensure residents across the Shire have a more equitable opportunity to participate in local government.

This proposal recognises the geographic size of the Shire and seeks practical measures to improve community engagement with Council's decision-making process.

OFFICER COMMENT

Meeting time and locations have been deliberated on previously by Council, and planning by the Administration is programmed according to this schedule. The officer has no fundamental concerns with holding a meeting in Lancelin in either October or November.

There is likely to be various considerations and costings associated with provision of a bus service for the coastal communities as suggested, and with a reasonable timeframe to investigate the officer can report options back to Council for consideration at a future date.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No significant risks have been identified. Any financial, operational or resource implications associated with establishing a community bus service will be identified and considered as part of the report to be presented to Council.

STATUTORY/LOCAL LAW IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Gingin Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034

Aspiration	3. Planning & Sustainability - Plan for Future Generations
Strategic Objective	3.4 Community Engagement - Facilitate community engagement for residents/ratepayers to provide input into shaping our future.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS - SIMPLE MAJORITY

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