



SHIRE OF CARNARVON

MINUTES

COMMUNITY GROWTH FUND COMMITTEE
MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026

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INFORMATION ON PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following information is provided should you wish to ask a question of Council at the Ordinary Meetings held on a monthly basis.

Please note that questions that have not been filled out on the Submission Form will not be accepted.

- The Local Government Act 1995 allows members of the public to ask questions in regard to any issue relating to the Shire.
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for public question time and the Presiding Member will allow a maximum of three (3) verbal/written questions per person.
- Prior to asking a question, the speaker must state his/her name and address.
- Members of the public are discouraged from asking questions which contain defamatory remarks, offensive language or questioning the competency of staff or Council members.
- The Presiding Member may nominate a member or officer to answer the question and may also determine that any complex questions requiring research be taken on notice and answered in writing.
- No debate or discussion is allowed to take place on any question or answer.
- A summary of each question asked and the response given will be included in the minutes of the meeting –

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Pt 2, r.11 – (in part reads -)

11. Minutes, content of (Act s.5.25(1)(f))

The content of minutes of a meeting of a council or a committee is to include –

(e) a summary of each question raised by members of the public at the meeting and a summary of the response to the question.

Responses to questions that are taken on notice will be responded to as soon as possible.

- If you wish to ask a question, please complete the Public Question Time Submission Form at the back of this information sheet. Alternatively, questions can be submitted in writing to the Shire of Carnarvon 3 days prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Members of the public are welcome to attend a Special Meeting of Council if open, and ask questions of the Council within the allotted public question time **subject to the questions being asked only relating to the purpose of the Special Meeting** (s5.23 of the Act and regulation 12 (4) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Department of Local Government and Communities Guide to Meetings and Governance Bulletin April 2014 and Guideline No. 3 Managing Public Question Time.)

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1 ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at

Cr Burke Maslen Presiding Member
Cr Marco Ferreira Councillor, Plantation Ward
Cr Paul Kelly Councillor, Town Ward (Teams)
Cr Merome Beard Councillor, Town Ward
Cr Dudley Maslen Councillor, Town Ward

Mr Jamie Bone A/Executive Manager Lifestyle & Community
Mrs Jacqui Birch Executive Assistant Lifestyle & Community

Apologies

Miss Stephanie Leca Executive Manager, Lifestyle & Community

Leave of Absence

Nil

Press Nil

Observers Nil

2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(In accordance with Section 5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995, a 15 minute public question time is made available to allow members of the public the opportunity of questioning Council on matters concerning them. All questions are to be provided on the Public Question Time Submission Form.)

There was no public in attendance.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Elected Members and Officers are reminded of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting or when the matter is to be discussed.)

Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the Community Growth Fund Committee Meeting - 18 November 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CGFC 01/02/26

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Cr Marco Ferreira

That the minutes of Community Growth Fund Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2025 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

FOR: Cr Marco Ferreira, Cr Burke Maslen, Cr Paul Kelly, Cr Merome Beard and Cr Dudley Maslen

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 5/0

5 REPORTS

5.1 **COMMUNITY GROWTH FUND & OUTGOING SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS - ROUND THREE** **JANUARY 2026**

File No:	ADM0080
Location/Address:	N/A
Name of Applicant:	N/A
Name of Owner:	Shire of Carnarvon
Author(s):	Jamie Bone, Executive Business Manager
Authoriser:	Amanda Dexter, Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority
Previous Report:	November 2025
Schedules:	1. Carnarvon Bowling Club CGF Application 2. Carnarvon Netball Association CGF Application 3. Gascoyne Off Road Racing Club CGF Application

Authority/Discretion:

Nil

Summary of Report

This report presents the applications from Round Three of the Community Growth Fund and Outgoing Sponsorship and seeks the Community Growth Fund committee to assess applications.

Background

The Shire of Carnarvon's Community Growth Fund and Outgoing Sponsorship Round Three opened for applications on 1 January 2026 and closed on 12 February 2026, allowing six weeks for community groups and organisations to submit funding applications. Round Three received a total of three applications for the Community Growth Fund as listed below:

COMMUNITY GROWTH FUND

1. Carnarvon Bowling Club
2. Carnarvon Netball Association
3. Gascoyne Off Road Racing Club

It is recommended that the committee reviews the submitted applications and makes recommendations using the provided Grant Assessment Matrix for the Community Growth Fund.

As the Community Growth Fund does not have delegated authority, the Committee's Assessment Report and recommendations will be presented to Council for formal consideration on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

Stakeholder and Public Consultation

The Shire was proactive in promoting the Community Growth Fund and the Outgoing Sponsorship opportunity and application process through social media, email outreach, and updates on the Shire's website.

The Shire invited community groups to meet with Shire officers to discuss applications before submissions as per the guidelines. Shire officers offer support, advice and guidance to applicants, ensuring they have the necessary information to navigate the process, noting that officers do not complete applications on behalf of applicants to ensure the process remains fair and transparent.

Statutory Environment

Not applicable, the Community Growth Fund committee has no delegated authority.

Relevant Plans and Policy

Shire of Carnarvon's Strategic Community Plan

CD004 - Carnarvon Growth Fund Policy

CD0014 - Outgoing Sponsorship Policy

Financial Implications

Council allocates funding for the Community Growth Fund as part of its annual budget process.

The current balance of the fund is \$9,630.

In this round, a total of \$11,050 has been requested through Community Growth Fund applications.

This is the last round of funding for the financial year. The next round of funding will be Round One, which will open Wednesday 1 July 2026 in the new financial year.

Risk Assessment

STEP 3 – Risk Tolerance Chart Used to Determine Risk						
Consequence →		Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Major 3	Critical 4	Extreme 5
Likelihood ↘						
Almost certain	A	High	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	B	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	C	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Unlikely	D	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Rare	E	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High

Risk Category	Description	Rating	Mitigating Action/s
Financial	Funding commitments cannot be met within budget.	Moderate	Ensure allocations are within budget provisions.
Health & Safety	N/A		
Reputation	Decision-making on approvals and rejections is subject to community criticism.	Moderate	Provision of clear policy and guidelines and timely communication will assist in mitigating this risk.
Service disruption	N/A		
Compliance	Applications funded are non-compliant with the Community Growth Fund policy.	High	Community Growth Fund committee reviews all applications to ensure they meet the requirements set out in the Community Growth Fund policy.
Property	N/A		
Environment	N/A		
Fraud	Allocated grants may need to be used appropriately as	Moderate	Appropriate and substantial acquittal processes are in place that makes each organisation accountable for funds according to their funding application.

	indicated in the application.		
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Community and Strategic Objectives

The proposal aligns with the following desired objectives as expressed in the *Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032*:

OBJECTIVES

In 2040 Carnarvon is a place where:

- *Our sustainable livelihoods create a community that can flourish into the future*
- *Our community acknowledges our history and celebrates our diverse cultures*
- *Our community is engaged, inclusive and supportive*

ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS:

- *Improve the trust between citizens and the Shire of Carnarvon*

BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF CARNARVON:

- N/A

Comments

Each application has undergone a comprehensive evaluation by the Shire and has been entered into a matrix. This matrix provides a summary for the Community Growth Fund committee, for review at the meeting on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Growth Fund Committee Meeting, considers the applications received and recommends the following recipients and amounts to Council:

(List to be completed in the minutes)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CGFC 02/02/26

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Cr Marco Ferreira

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders at 12:24pm.

FOR: Cr Marco Ferreira, Cr Burke Maslen, Cr Paul Kelly, Cr Merome Beard and Cr Dudley Maslen

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 5/0

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CGFC 03/02/26****Moved:** Cr Paul Kelly**Seconded:** Cr Marco Ferreira

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders at 12:40pm.

FOR: Cr Marco Ferreira, Cr Burke Maslen, Cr Paul Kelly, Cr Merome Beard and Cr Dudley Maslen

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 5/0**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CGFC 04/02/26****Moved:** Cr Marco Ferreira**Seconded:** Cr Paul Kelly

That the Community Growth Fund Committee Meeting, considers the applications received and recommends the following recipients and amounts to Council:

- 1. Carnarvon Bowling Club - \$3,630**
- 2. Carnarvon Netball Association - \$1,000**
- 3. Gascoyne Off Road Racing Club - \$5,000**

FOR: Cr Marco Ferreira, Cr Burke Maslen, Cr Paul Kelly, Cr Merome Beard and Cr Dudley Maslen

AGAINST: Nil

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 5/0

Note to Minutes: Cr Paul Kelly noted the variation in the quality and completeness of applications, and emphasised the importance of ensuring limited Community Growth Fund resources are allocated effectively. He highlighted the need for applicants to provide clear project scope, budgets, supporting documentation and financial information to assist the Committee in assessing organisational need, particularly for operational funding requests. Cr Paul Kelly further suggested Council through the Shire's administration consider opportunities to support community organisations to strengthen their grant readiness and long term sustainability, including guidance on budgeting and supporting documentation.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be confirmed.

7 CLOSE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 12:45pm.