

ITEM 13.2

SHIRE OF QUAIRADING
ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2017
COMMENCING AT 7.02PM

ITEM 1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cr B K Caporn	Shire President
Cr WMF Davies	Deputy Shire President
Cr B McGuinness	
Cr G J McRae	
Cr W E Shenton	
Cr J N Haythornthwaite	
Cr L R Brown	
Cr G Taylor	
Mr G A Fardon	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A J Merillo	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr T J Newick	Manager of Works and Services
Mr R M Bleakley	Economic Development Project Officer
Mr D Brown	Shire Freeman
Ms J Hayes	
Mr N Marnham	
Mr A D Gelmi	
Mr J W Haythornthwaite	
Mr A McRae	
Mr D C Richards	
Mr T Stacey	
Mrs K Brown	
Mrs P Caporn	

Apologies

Mrs J L Clemens
Mr D G Woodcock

“Before we start our Meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Noongar Land and we pay respect to the original custodians ... past, present and future and welcome you all here today for this Meeting”.

Cr Caporn welcomed Shire Freeman Mr Don Brown JP, Members of the Public, Councillors and Staff to the Annual Electors Meeting.

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2016

MOVED Mr Richards seconded Cr McRae that the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 10th February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

CARRIED

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mr Haythornthwaite sought clarification on the length of Roadworks on Bulyee Road. It was confirmed that the length was 3.2km not 4.0km as stated in last year's Minutes.

ITEM 4 RECEIVED AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

MOVED Mr Richards seconded Mr Brown that the Annual Report for the Year Ended 30th June 2016 be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting considered the: -

- Shire President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Annual Financial Statement; and
- Auditor's Report.

Questions on Annual Report

Mr Richards sought an explanation of the Shire President's Report in regard to "Council needing to monitor Services we provide as some of them are tending to blow out of proportion".

Cr Caporn advised Council, along with the Auditor, must continue to monitor the Operating Cost of Services and Facilities provided by Council and cited the large Operating Shortfall in recent times at the Waste and Recycling Facility and the cost of recommended Modifications to the Recycling / Conveyor Plant.

The Chief Executive Officer proceeded to give further detail on the need to monitor and take measures on Council's Operating Surplus Ratio which is in the Negative. Mr Fardon explained that the Useful Life of Council's Assets and Depreciation Rates Used also impacted on the Ration and should be further reviewed.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr McRae

Mr McRae queried the Vehicle Licensing Concessions for Local Government being removed.

Cr Caporn provided information on Lobbying by Council and the WA Local Government Association to retain the Licensing Concessions and not have Stamp Duty imposed on Local Government.

Mr Richards

Mr Richards queried whether there was any appetite on Resource Sharing with neighbouring Councils.

The Chief Executive Officer explained current informal arrangements Council has with the Shires of Cunderdin and Tammin.

Mr Stacey

Mr Stacey questioned what has changed in regard to Recycling.

The Chief Executive Officer and Manager of Works and Services provided information on the Trial at the Waste and Recycling Facility.

Ms Hayes

Ms Hayes queried whether Council's Strategic Plan will be reviewed and when?

The Chief Executive Officer responded with Council's actions to date with an External Consultant being engaged to assist Council and the Community on the Major Review of the Strategic Community Plan and further advised that the Community Engagement Process will commence in March 2017.

Mr Marnham

Mr Marnham commented that there was no Verge Bulk Collection offered last year and both the Manager of Works and Services and the Chief Executive Officer commented that given the recent Road Damage it is unlikely that the Verge Collection would be conducted before June 2017.

Manager of Works and Services

The Manager of Works and Services reported on the Works Program / Repairs to be undertaken in the next 2 – 3 months due to recent Flooding.

Mr Richards

Mr Richards congratulated the Shire President, Councillors and Staff for the preceding 12 months.

ITEM 6 CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.36pm.

Confirmed