



Shire of Quairading

Annual Electors Meeting Minutes of Meeting

13th February 2018

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SHIRE OF QUAIRADING

The Annual Electors Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2018 commencing at 7.01pm.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Shire President opened the Meeting at 7.01pm.

“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”.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

Cr WMF Davies	Shire President
Cr LR Brown	
Cr Haythornthwaite	
Cr J McRae	
Cr PD Smith	
Cr TJ Stacey	

Council Officers

Mr GA Fardon	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A Rourke	Manager of Works & Services
Mr RM Bleakley	Economic Development Project Officer

Name of Electors in attendance

Mr D Brown	Shire Freeman
Mr B Caporn	
Mr A West	
Mrs S Stacey	
Mrs H Fraser	
Mr B Fraser	
Mr A Gelmi	
Mr J Haythornthwaite	
Mrs K Brown	
Miss L Brown	
Mr A McRae	
Mrs M Stacey	
Ms J Hayes	

Apologies

Cr B McGuinness	Deputy Shire President
Cr W Shenton	
Mr AJ Merillo	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Richards	
Mr N Stone	
Mrs J Hayes	
Mr G Hayes	
Mr J Hards	

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 7th February 2017

MOVED Mr Gelmi SECONDED Mr McRae

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on the 7th February 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising

Mr Caporn sought an update on Council's Strategy on the Waste and Recycling Facility and future use of the Sorting Equipment and commented on recently announced Government Funding of \$1M to assist Recycling Facilities.

The Shire President advised that the Waste Management Strategy was a Standing Item for Council's Strategic Review Committee and the future of the existing Sorting Plant or future Recycling Processing would be considered by the Committee with recommendation to Council.

The Chief Executive Officer further commented that the recent decision by China to ban the import of many types of Recyclable Material would make the Recycling processing case even more problematic with greater uncertainty on Product prices.

Mr Caporn also requested if Council had received any further information in regard to the construction of a high temperature incinerator Kwinana.

The Shire President and Chief Executive Officer both confirmed that there had been no recent information on this project.

ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Adoption of 2016/2017 Annual Report

MOVED Mr Caporn SECONDED Cr McRae

That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2017, be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Questions on Annual Report

Nil

ITEM 5 CONSIDERATION OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Caporn

Mr Caporn requested information on the progress of the Road and Bridge Repairs under the WANDRRA Claim and Council's Insurance.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Meeting that the Repair Works were in excess of 50% Complete with much of the major damaged sections on many roads having been repaired. Mr Fardon further commented on the continuing good work of the Contractors across the road network and asked for continued patience by road users as the repairs were being undertaken on a Public Risk and Road Hierarchy basis.

Mr West

Mr West raised his ongoing concern at the condition of the Pedestrian Crossing across the Railway Line from the Main Street precinct to the CRC building.

The Chief Executive Officer explained that this matter had previously been raised with the Public Transport Authority and Brookfield Rail (now Arc) as Council has no Authority to enter and undertaken work within the Rail Corridor. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to again raise the matter with the PTA.

Mr West raised the issue of several pram / gopher ramps that were not level with the adjoining road surface making the ramps unsafe or unable to be used. Council’s Manager of Works & Services undertook to meet with Mr West to view the particular ramps in question for remedial work to be scheduled.

Mr West also raised the issue of the lack of backfilling and compaction of the trenches and pits associated with the recent relocation of Telstra Services in the vicinity of the Main Road and Winmar Road, which is causing a potential hazard to Pedestrians and Gopher / Wheelchair users. The Chief Executive Officer thanked Mr West for this information and the matter would be reported to Main Roads WA as the Services relocation was a result of the Main Roads Intersection Realignment Project and required rectification by Telstra’s Contractors.

Mr Caporn

Mr Caporn queried the progress on Council purchasing a Culvert Cleaner versus using a Contractor to clear blocked culverts.

The Shire President referred the question to the Manager of Works & Services Mr Rourke, who advised that he was currently researching the status of the District’s culverts as a number of culverts are being cleaned out under the WANDRRA funding, but only in Road Sections that had been assessed as Road damage under the approved WANDRRA Claim. All other blocked culverts would be Council’s maintenance responsibility. Mr Rourke that following completing his investigations and research, a report and recommendation will be prepared for Council’s consideration.

Mr Gelmi

Mr Gelmi raised the issue of culvert ends being closed off by Council Staff when they are undertaking routine maintenance Road Grading.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Manager of Works would note Mr Gelmi’s concerns when directing Council’s Works Staff on required Road Maintenance Standards and procedures.

ITEM 6 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and declared the Annual Electors Meeting closed at 7.17pm.

Confirmed.....