

Annual Electors Meeting

Minutes



2nd February 2021

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SHIRE OF QUAIRADING

The Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held in the Quairading Lesser Hall on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 commencing at 7.05 pm.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive Officer opened the Meeting at 7.05 pm.

Presiding Member

In the absence of the Shire President Cr Davies and Deputy Shire President Cr Jo Haythornthwaite, the Chief Executive Officer conducted proceedings for the Call for Nominations and the choosing of a Presiding Member in accordance with Section 5.30 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Cr Stacey nominated Cr McGuinness

Cr McGuinness verbally accepted the Nomination.

There were no further Nominations received.

The Meeting supported Cr McGuinness acting as the Presiding Member.

Cr McGuinness took the Chair.

"Before we start our Meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Noongar / Ballardong 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 B McGuinness Presiding Member

Cr JR Hippisley

Cr PD Smith

Cr TJ Stacey

Council Officers

Mr GA Fardon Chief Executive Officer

Mr A Rourke Executive Manager of Works & Services

Mr N Gilfellow Executive Manager of Corporate Services

Mr RM Bleakley IPR/Strategic Projects Officer

Name of Electors in attendance

Mr Brian Caporn

Mrs Annie Hayes

Mrs Jodie Yardley

Apologies

Cr BR Cowcill
Cr WMF Davies Shire President
Cr JN Haythornthwaite Deputy Shire President
Cr JW Haythornthwaite
Mr Greg Richards
Mrs Liz Smith

Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 4th February 2020

MOVED Cr Hippisley SECONDED Cr Stacey

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on the 4th February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising

Mr Caporn

Mr Caporn enquired on the progress of the River Gum planting in the Dieback Area.

The CEO advised that Mr Caporn's suggestion had been passed onto the relevant State Department and commented that he believed the Area was still being monitored for waterlogging and spread of dieback rather than a replanting Program.

The CEO undertook to raise the suggestion with the Regional Officers of the Department of Conservation and Biodiversity again.

ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 2019/2020 Annual Report

The 2019/2020 Annual Report includes the following: -

Governance

Elected Representatives

Council Meeting Attendance

Executive Team

Statistics Snapshot 2019/2020

Presidents Annual Report

CEO's Report

Compliance

National Competition Policy

Public Interest Disclosure

Register of Complaints

State Records Act 2000

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Freedom of Information

Strategic Reporting

Strategic Community Plan

Finance Statements

Annual Financial Report (Includes Auditor's Report).

The 2019/2020 Annual Report was formally received by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 17th December 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED Cr Hippisley SECONDED Mr Caporn

That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2020, be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Questions on Annual Report

Mr Caporn

Mr Caporn commented on the high quality of the Annual Report and congratulated all Council Staff involved in the preparation of this year's Annual Report.

Mr Caporn queried the raising of a Loan to fund the construction of the Caravan Park Caretakers Residence.

The CEO confirmed that the new Caretaker's Residence would be funded from the Drought Assistance Funding in the 2020/2021 Year.

Mr Fardon clarified that a Loan for \$150,000 had been raised in the 2019/2020 Year towards the construction of the 3 Park Cottages. The CEO further explained that Council had utilised Loan Funds with the low Interest Rate of 1.49% rather than utilising existing Reserve Funds that had been raised from Council Rates. The CEO highlighted that the Business Case for the Cottages supported by Council had identified that the Nett Revenue from the projected Occupancy of the Cabins would be sufficient to fund the Loan Debt Service over the Term of the fixed Interest Loan from the WA Treasury Corporation.

Mr Caporn sought clarification on the Health Income - Operating Grants (page 12 of the Financial Statements) with Actual Income less than Budgeted. The CEO commented that the Operating Grant was for several Government Practice Programs such as Practice Nurse Incentive Scheme. Mr Fardon also highlighted that the deficiency in Operating Grant figure was offset by the higher than budget amount received for Health Fees & Charges.

Mr Fardon further clarified that the Actual figures were for the first Quarter of the Financial Year and from the 1st October 2019, all Health Income (except Practice Nurse Incentives) were raised and accounted for by the Private Practice GP.

Mr Caporn queried whether the Shire still got a SiHi Practice Incentive and the CEO confirmed that that Grant had ceased in the previous year.

Mr Caporn made comment on the effectiveness of the Telehealth facility at the Hospital and commented that he hoped that this facility and service would not be cut given the end of SiHi Funding. The Presiding Member and the CEO both commented that the Telehealth facility had been rolled out to all Regional Hospitals in the Wheatbelt and understood it to be part of the WACHS Operational Budget.

ITEM 5 CONSIDERATION OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM 6 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 7.23 pm.

Confirmed.....