



MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTOR'S MEETING

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2015

(Held in the Waroona Council Chambers)

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open the time being 6.00 pm welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Councillors and Staff

Cr N Dew	Shire President/Presiding Member
Cr L Scott	Deputy Shire President
Cr C Germain	Councillor
Cr T Witney	Councillor
Cr C Wright	Councillor
Cr J Salerian	Councillor
Cr L Snell	Councillor
Cr J Mason	Councillor
Mr I Curley	Chief Executive Officer
Mr LTilbrook	DCEO/Director Corporate Services
Mr L Fouché	Director Development Services
Mr P Steinbacher	Director Technical Services
Ms A Nuttall	Manager Financial Services
Mrs S Cicolari	Executive Support Officer

Members of the Public

Grace Lay
Val Salerian
Betty Derrick
Bill Skipper
Peter Kent
Ken Landwehr
Alan Alexander
John Snell

APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Witney

SECONDED: Cr Germain

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held 16 December 2014 be confirmed as being a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED



4. RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2014/2015 FINANCIAL YEAR.

- Presidents Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Officers' Reports
- Annual Financial Statements
- Auditor's Report

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**MOVED: Cr Germain****SECONDED: Cr Mason****That the Annual Report for the 2014/2015 Financial Year be received.****CARRIED****5. ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS****5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION – MRS BETTY DERRICK**

Mrs Derrick raised concerns with the intersection of Fouracre and Millar Street, as she could not raise it at a Roadwise meeting as the Roadwise Committee were only meeting on an as needed basis.

Mr Steinbacher advised that the Council had under taken modifications to the intersection in 2011 and resolved in April 2012 to not make any further changes to the intersection. He provided background on the matter leading up to that decision.

The Shire President advised Mrs Derrick her concerns have been noted.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS - MRS GRACE LAY

Mrs Lay thanked the Council for holding the Volunteer's breakfast this year and for undertaking a bulk rubbish collection this year.

Further to last year's question and answer from the Council regarding the War Memorial, Mrs Lay asked the following questions:

1. Did the Shire apply for a grant towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial and if they did was it successful and how much did they get?

The CEO advised that the Council applied for a grant through the Saluting our Services program (Dept of Veteran's Affairs) and was successful in receiving \$3,636 (ex GST). The total cost of the project was \$15,180.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS – MR KEN LANDWEHR

Mr Landwehr advised that as a concerned ratepayer and local community volunteer, has the Shire ever considered fox control options such as the following?:

- Survey of local town residents for those households who have lost chickens killed by foxes (Ranger or Admin Staff member designated).
- Shire of Waroona to purchase 3 or 4 fox traps and hire them out at between \$10 to \$14 per week.
- Organise a professional shooter to safely kill foxes in known habitat areas.

He advised that a small rural town like Waroona deserves to enjoy the benefits of chickens without the constant fear of fox attacks and a systematic and controlled approach will be beneficial all round.

The Shire President opened discussion to the floor, with Cr Scott and Cr Snell enquiring about the purchase of traps. The CEO advised that the Shire has no jurisdiction over foxes, therefore trapping foxes could create problems with euthanizing and disposal of foxes as there was no-one authorised to do this. He suggested that DAFWA be contacted regarding the matter. The Shire President advised that Council will further consider the matter.

5.4 PUBLIC QUESTION – MR JOHN SNELL

Mr Snell noted that every year rates were increased and asked what Council was doing to do to curb it?

The Shire President advised that rates went up every year in order to meet ratepayer's expectations for services. He noted that there had been a reduction in funding from both State and Federal Governments leaving no alternative but to increase rates. The Council were continually monitoring its budget and looking at ways of reducing costs and would continue to do so in the future.

5.5 PUBLIC QUESTION – MRS GRACE LAY

Mrs Lay asked Council why it was holding this meeting so close to Christmas?

Mr Tilbrook advised that the meeting was usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of December along with the Ordinary Council meeting, however a decision was made to have it on the 4th Tuesday of the month which is the normal time. There was a requirement by the Auditor to adopt the annual report in the same calendar year as the end of the financial year in question.

5.6 PUBLIC QUESTION – MR BILL SKIPPER

Mr Skipper asked if there was any development proposed for Preston Beach?

The Shire President advised that there was no development proposed for Preston Beach at all. A previous proposal to develop the north and south side of Preston Beach had been refused by the Western Australian Planning Commission and some of this area may even be included in the National Park in the future.

Mr Skipper asked if there were any plans to improve the Golf Club facilities or install more footpaths in Preston Beach?

The Shire President advised that the main meeting place in Preston Beach was the Community Centre and there was currently a funding application to expand the Centre. The Golf Club operated their own facility and were able to apply for Low Interest loans through the Shire, as they have done in the past.

The Shire President advised that the Council has always supported the Golf Club and the community in general.

Mr Skipper asked if Council received funding for footpaths?

The CEO noted that the Council has adopted a Bicycle Network Plan which was available which included installation of footpaths. The last footpath to be installed was the Mitchell Road footpath which was a considerable length. The CEO suggested to Mr Skipper to contact the Technical Services department to obtain further information regarding footpaths for the Preston Beach area.

6. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting the time being 6.25 pm.

I CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED AT THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER 2016 AS BEING A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

.....DATE

