



MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTOR'S MEETING

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2006

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open the time being 7.35pm and welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Councillors and Senior Staff

Cr Noel Dew – Shire President	Coastal Ward
Cr Chris Germain – Deputy Shire President	Town Ward
Cr Trish Witney	Town Ward
Cr Mike Walmsley	West Ward
Mr Ian Curley	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Laurie Tilbrook	Deputy Chief Executive Officer/ Director Corporate Services
Mr Mathew Turner	Director Strategic Development
Mr Steve Cleaver	Director Community Services

Members of the Public as per attached attendance sheet

Alan Alexander
Richard Caratti
John Salerian
Val Salerian

APOLOGIES

Cr Bill Heath	Town Ward
Cr Zita O'Reilly Carter	Coastal Ward
Cr Mark Davis	Town Ward
Keith Stedman	OIC Recreation/Aquatic Centre
Mr Ken Landwehr	

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTOR'S MEETING**

MOVED: Cr Germain
SECONDED: Cr Witney

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held 13 December 2005 be confirmed as being a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. **RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2005/2006 FINANCIAL YEAR.**

- Presidents Report
- Chief Executive Officers Report
- Officers Reports
- Annual Financial Statements
- Auditors Report

MOVED: Cr Walmsley
SECONDED: Cr Witney

That the Annual Report for the 2005/2006 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 **DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY**

Mr Richard Caratti questioned the meeting on why the Council was proposing minimum rural subdivision Lot sizes of 80ha when neighbouring Councils had adopted 40ha as a minimum Lot size.

Mr Turner advised that the draft Local Planning Strategy had been adopted with a minimum Lot size in the General Farming area of 80 hectares after consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Department of Planning & Infrastructure and was considered to be an appropriate size to ensure that productive agriculture land remained for such purposes.

The meeting noted the Strategy was in draft form only and would be advertised for public comment when it had been considered by the Western Australian Planning Commission, likely to be in early to mid 2007.

Mr Caratti felt that the issue of land viability (from agricultural pursuits) should not be a factor when considering the appropriate minimum size as this was discouraging to owners who wish to subdivide.

Mr Salerian also supported the statement made by Mr Caratti.

MOVED: R Caratti

SECONDED: J Salerian

That the Council be requested to consider a reduction of the minimum Lot size in the rural areas to 40 hectares.

CARRIED

5.2 ROAD WORKS – RURAL

Mr Caratti advised of several rural roads in the west of the Shire which required maintenance and upgrade works including Williamson, Landwehr, & Buller roads.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Meeting of current road works projects and those envisaged for the near future. The Council however must be mindful of all essential roadworks and consider priorities based on the availability of funds.

6. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 8.15pm.