



SHIRE OF WANDERING

ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES

**Wandering Community Centre
Down Street, Wandering
10 March 2015
Commencing at 7.30pm**

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1.0 **DECLARATION OF OPENING**
TheShirePresidentopened the meetingat7.32pm

2.0 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

3.0 **ATTENDANCE**

3.1 **Present**

Mr B Cornish	Cr GG Kerr, President
Mrs J Cornish	Cr BE Dowsett Deputy President
Mrs M Whitely	Cr B Whitely
Mr M Wilkins	Cr W Gowland
Mrs L Wilkins	Cr C Ferguson
Mrs S Cornish	Cr J Price
Mr D Cornish	
Mrs L Muller	A O'Halloran, CEO
Mr R Curtis	Durga Ojha Mgr. Administration & Finance
Mrs R E-Warburton	M Treasure – minutes
Mr P E-Warburton Jnr	
Mrs L Barge	Mrs J Gowland
Mr G Parsons	Mr I Turton
Mrs M White	Mr R Treasure
Mr Watts	Mr K Schorer
Mr Lockwood	Mr K Boddy
Mr M Sewell	Mrs J Young
Mr K Price	Mrs C Ryan
Mrs L Boddy	Mr G Ryan
	Mr A Carstairs

3.2 **Apologies**

Mr J Schorer	Cr J McNeil
Mrs C Cornish	Mr JWhitely
Mrs V Watts	Ms D Ebsary
Mr Murray Cornish	Mr G E-Warburton
	Mrs J Lockwood

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4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON THE 10 FEBRUARY 2014

MOVED: Cr Price

SECONDED: Mr M Watts

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Mrs M Whitely queried the outcome of the placement of the defibrillator.

Cr Whitely responded that the defibrillator has been placed in unlocked and self-alarmed box outside the front of the Shire offices. The alarm will only activate when the defibrillator is removed. It was installed towards the end of 2014.

5.0 ADOPTION OF 2013/14 ANNUAL REPORT

That the Shire of Wandering 2013/14 Annual Report and Audited Financial Report as presented be received.

MOVED: Cr Dowsett

SECONDED: Mrs L Muller

That the Shire of Wandering 2013/14 Annual Report and Audited Financial Report as presented be received.

CARRIED

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6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

All questions are to be directed to Shire President Graeme Kerr, who will determine the suitability and relevance of the content and may apply time restrictions if necessary.

6.1 Questions

6.1.1 Official Conduct

Mrs M Whitely queried that on page 18 of the Annual Report it states “no complaints (minor breaches) were received during 2013/2014”, a letter of complaint was sent to council and every councilor by email but nothing happen. There was no outcome or follow up after the complaint.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that there were no breaches on file or in the register; the complaint was dealt with by council directly.

The Shire President advised that the business was discussed

6.1.2 Road Management

Mr P Warby Jnr asked about the maintenance of the trees hanging over roads. He has rang the Shire office on at least five occasions but still hasn't seen the low hanging branches rectified. The worse area is the North Wandering Road near the Primary School, as the lower branches are making it hard to drive around safely in the shire. It would be greatly appreciated if the trees could be trimmed.

The Shire President stated that the maintenance crew are trying to get around them, currently on the 14 Mile Brook Road, and will be dealt with one road at a time.

6.1.3 Reporting Process within the Shire

Mr D Cornish would like to know the correct reporting process at the Shire? Also if the person who has reported the complaint are notified of the outcome?

The Shire President stated the best way was in writing.

The Chief Executive Officer stated to date reporting has been kept on a sheet of paper at the office but a new formal process for reporting will be instigated. The new process will ensure that each month on the agenda there will be an item regarding any reports received which will be stated as a public document. It is also best practice to notify the complainant of the outcome.

Mrs S Cornish stated that not everyone has email.

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The Chief Executive Officer responded that the community has access to the email through the Community Resource Centre or they can collect a form from the Shire office.

Mr M Watts queried the report of the latest road inspection.

The Chief Executive Officer reported the findings from the draft report of the road inspection.

The main points from the report where:

- Bannister Road intersection to be looked at
- Codjatotine Bridge repairs to be planned
- George Road – a particular corner to be looked into and dealt with ASAP
- Potts Road, culverts, head walls and better drainage will be looked at in the 2015/2016 road plan.
- Wandering – Narrogin Road, last corner where we join Cuballing was reviewed
- York – Williams Road is in the 2014/2015 plan and work has commenced
- Codjatotine – Mooterdine Road, have Black Spot funding and works have started
- Mooterdine Loop Road – main road won't sign off on bridges, the Wandering Shire will have to sign off the bridge.
- Fourteen Mile Brook Road – the section near the river and the approaches to the one lane bridge has been identified as an issue and will be discussed with Main Roads.

Mr M Watts thanked the Chief Executive Officer for the update and queried the works happening on the Wandering Brook Bridge and if the Shire were looking at working with adjoining land holders during road works maintenance.

The Chief Executive Officer state the Wandering Brook Bridge is being reinforced by Main Roads funding, before this could happen, the water downstream has to be pumped and dug out.

The Shire President stated that the Shire do look at working with adjoining land holders as in the case on Neil Schorer' property between the two bridges.

Mr M Watts commented on a tree that was a hazard on Bannister Road and had offered to the Shire Works Manager to bulldoze if required.

The Chief Executive Officer stated there needs to be a risk management report before any action, as the Shire has responsibilities in regards to clearing. This is also the case for hazardards identified.

Mr I Turton enquired as to what responsibility is put onto the Works Manager to complete some of these small problems and identifying hazards on the roads in the Shire?

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The Shire President stated the Works Manager has a responsibility and is out and about setting up the road program. At times it can't be completed due to logistics of machinery at different places within the Shire. The 2013/2014 program has been extensive and they haven't been able to complete.

Mrs J Cornish queried the responsibility of fixing the drain outside of the CWA?

Mrs L Wilkins reported that the Moramocking crossing has had signs up for three years, it's dangerous. O'Connell Road is also very dangerous and can it be put on the works program?

Mr K Price queried the shire boundary on Moramocking Road?

The Shire President stated it is on the southern side of the river.

Mr K Price queried that when Mr B Cornish was on the shire it was on the northern side?

The Chief Executive Officer stated that on the map states the southern side of the river and this is the position of the Shire.

Mrs L Wilkins asked whose responsibility is the verge? Opposite their driveway on Wando Crescent it is dangerous from the wash and steep.

The Shire President stated that the verge is the Shires responsibility.

6.1.4 Waste Management Facility

Mr I Turton queried the changes in the Waste Management facility in the future. He stated the concerns for people living outside of town and cost of delivering rubbish and travel to the facility is more than the Wandering town site is paying. What is the rate the town site people are paying per year as residents out of town will be paying \$10 per week for 52 weeks = \$520 per year plus the cost of delivery. Mr I Turton stated he didn't want to be here in twelve months' time finding out that the residents out of town are paying a huge price.

The Shire President responded that the town site is paying \$240 for the 2014/2015 year.

The Chief Executive Officer added that the rates for the 2015/2016 year would be reviewed but the current financial year they couldn't be changed. In 2015/2016 it will be fair to all residents to the Wandering Shire and will be left to Council to decide. Council has signed off for four tickets for each rate assessment for the next financial year, two tickets for this financial year for each rate assessment. There will be consultation with Blackboy Springs and Wandering Downs in April regarding a road side pickup.

Mrs R E-Warburton queried the flyer regarding the closure of the rubbish tip. They didn't receive their letter on the road side mail delivery until the 3rd March.

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The Shire President state that they went out on the mail run on the 20th February but doesn't know where they got to, maybe they were lost in the internal mail system.

Mr P E-Warburton Jnr queried the rumors regarding the rubbish contractor to be allowed to have scavenger rights.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that the contractor was on a minor wage and part of the contract is to allow the contractor to have scavenger rights.

Mr M Sewell queried if the Shire has looked into resale of recyclables?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the Avon Waste give the Shire a reduced rate for bottles, other recyclables there is a limited market and the cost of transport can be prohibited. Currently it cost \$69/ t to send to Perth Waste and Perth Waste pays \$55 in State Government levies and this levy is due to rise in July 2015.

Mrs J Cornish questioned the price of recyclable and if a recycle bin could be placed outside the transfer station?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the price of \$5 per bin at the Waste Transfer Station is the same as what the town site is paying with a pickup service.

6.1.5 New Sporting Complex

Mr K Price queried the need for a permit or license for Friday night sports?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that a permit is required. Responsible people need to nominate for the application of a permit.

Cr Dowsett also responded that there would be a sports committee in the following weeks and a formation of bowling club was up for discussion.

Mr M Sewell asked regarding the fees to use the sporting complex in particular the lights. As when it needs to be refurbished who will pay?

Cr Dowsett responded that a club would be formed and members would pay subs, similar to other clubs. It would also enable the club to raise funds in the future for refurbishment of facilities.

The Chief Executive Officer also responded that going forward there would be discussion by Council on fees for the facility.

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6.1.6 Skate Park

Mr M Watts questioned the use of the Skate Park?

The Shire President responded that the skate park is not fully finished with beautification to be completed.

The Chief Executive Officer also responded that there are children utilizing the facility and there is a Youth Week event in April organized by the Community Resource Centre.

Mrs J Cornish requested the final costing of the Skate Park?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that it is approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000 and once it is completed the final amount will be recorded in the next annual report. At present there is no funding for lighting.

6.1.7 Future Rates

Mr I Turton queried the financial situation of the current budget and if the shire can give any indication of any increase in rates?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the budget review as at 31st January 2015 is going to council at the March meeting. Going forward one of the biggest issues in the shire will be roads and compliance for local government.

6.1.8 Community Resource Centre

Mr M Watts commented on the excellent job the CRC is doing in running projects and workshops and would like to know about the sustainability of the CRC?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the CRC has a contract on a fee for service for the next three years. The CRC is now also working in the community development area and being further integrated into the Shire. Without funding it would be a struggle to sustain in the future.

Mr K Price commended the CRC on an excellent job and questioned how much is costing the Shire to fund?

The Chief Executive Officer responded this amount was \$130,000, with around about \$160,000 on paper in depreciation costs. It does have shared services of the library, Department of Transport and further opportunities in community development and future grants.

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6.1.9 Community Centre

Mrs R E-Warburton enquired about the state of the Community Centre in particular the condition of the curtains in foyer, the hole in the roof from the tile fire, fridges in the kitchen were rusty, state of the store room and lack of space. Also the power board doesn't close shut.

The Shire President responded that the fridges need to be replaced and upgrades are required in the future.

Mrs L Wilkins enquired about the lack of lighting from the kitchen to the car park and the dangers associated with this.

The Shire President responded that security light would be looked into.

Cr Gowland also responded that at present a report on the electricals was being written and that at the Men's night in June 2014 it had been found that the sensor light at the front of the hall turned on all the other lights on the outside of the hall.

Mr Lockwood enquired if the air conditioners for the hall could have covers to stop the air blowing into the hall. A written letter has previously sent to council but no response or action had been received.

6.1.10 Future Development

Mr M Watts enquired if there were enough vacant blocks in the town site and if the shire has a long term plan for development?

The Shire President responded that there are blocks for resale and that the Mill Street sub division has 8 or 9 blocks vacant. The mill site may be a long time from development due to costs associated with testing. At present the State Government own the Mill site. If the shire took control of this site it would have to pay for the testing.

Mr K Price enquired regarding the price of the blocks on Mill Street.

The Shire President responded that there wasn't as yet.

Mr K Price enquired how is the Shire looking at expanding?

The Shire President responded that it is pretty hard.

The Chief Executive Officer also gave some background information on different models for expansion such as using foundation partners which could cover some of the initial costs.

Mr K Price enquired about expansion in the commercial situation and maybe the shire could look at industrial land for development from land owners?

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The Chief Executive Officer responded that the works, costs, EPA and zoning would come at a massive cost to council. Partnerships with businesses can help pay these costs.

Mr M Wilkins enquired about the fertilizer plant that was present to council recently?

The Chief Executive Officer responded that council didn't approve the application and has written to the applicant to notify them of the decision.

Mr B Cornish enquired of the ownership of land on the Turton Road.

The Shire President responded that the shire owns the land; there are 44 ¼ ac blocks which will be an opportunity for the future.

6.1.11 Age Care

Mr M Watts enquired about the future of age care in Wandering.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that at present an application for age care was pending with the Wheatbelt Development Commission, which is a small grant. The council is talking with other councils to work together and a strategy document will be looked at by council in the next financial year.

6.1.12 Amalgamation

Mrs L Wilkins enquired about amalgamation

The Chief Executive Officer responded that amalgamation agenda seemed to be hold at present. But that it was likely that State Government would bring it back up again at some point.

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CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the meeting at 9.02pm.