



Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held in the Wandering Community Centre on Monday, 19th April 2012.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.31pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr. GG Kerr, President
Cr. BE Dowsett, Deputy President
Cr. KJ Barge
Cr J Schorer
Cr J Price
Cr J McNeil
Mr. M Whitely, CEO
Mr K Price
Mr D White
Mr W Gowland
Mr B Whitely
Mr B Treasure
Mrs MC Whitely
Mr M Watts
Mrs V Watts
Ms L Muller
Mr B Lythe
Ms C Badger
Mrs M White
Mrs T Reitmajer
Mr J Brown
Mr M Schorer
Mr A Carstairs
Mr I Turton
Mrs L Barge

Apologies

Mr J Whitely
Mr P Whitely
Mrs J Cornish
Mr R Curtis

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 7 FEBRUARY 2011

The Minutes of the previous Annual Electors Meeting, held 7 February 2011.

Moved Mr M Watts seconded Mr K Price that the minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting held 7 February 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

3.2 PRESIDENTS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report was made available prior to the meeting and distributed on the night of the meeting.

Moved Mr M Watts seconded Mr D White that the Presidents Report be received.

CARRIED

Moved Mr D White seconded Mr B Whitely that the Chief Executive Officers Report be received.

CARRIED

Moved Mr M Watts seconded Mrs MC Whitely Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2011 be received.

CARRIED

3.3 MATTERS ARISING

3.3.1 GEOFF MARSH PAVILION

Mrs MC Whitely enquired as to extent of refurbishment works carried out at the Geoff Marsh Pavilion. The CEO responded that the pavilion was established with the view to accommodating caravans and was part of an overall plan for the upgrade of the caravan park facilities.

3.3.2 FUEL FACILITY

The CEO expressed Council's frustration since the appointment of Gilbarco to complete the project in March 2011 and informed the meeting that the site had been marked out early that day and the tanks had now been completed and were expected to arrive on site in the next month.

Mr Watts asked how much the Shire had spent to date on the site works for the fuel facility. The CEO responded that to date the Shire had spent \$25,000 of their own resources on the preparation of the site.

Mr Turton asked if Council would be managing the fuel facility when it was operational. The CEO responded that Council would be operating the fuel facility and would be going out to tender for the supply of diesel and ULP.

3.3.3 STORM DAMAGE

Mr Turton enquired on the use of contractors and local shires for the storm damage works currently being completed. The CEO advised under the WANDDDRA arrangement only contractors or shire overtime hours can be reimbursed. As the current time the Shires of Williams and Wandering have come to an arrangement to complete works for another and other shires have been approached to do the same.

Mr M Schorer asked what roads the Shire considered as priorities for the Storm Damage. The CEO responded in the first instance gravel sheeting repairs were completed in areas where the gravel was readily available.

Mr M Schorer asked when the crossing on Codjatotine Hastings Rd would be repaired. The CEO replied that it was on the Williams schedule of works to complete before they returned to Williams for their winter grading program.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 NEW RESIDENCE – HUMES WAY**

Mr Watts asked if it was the intention of the Shire to sell the house on Humes Way after the completion of the building. The President responded that it was not Council's intention to sell the house.

5.2 OFFICE STAFF

Mr Watts enquired into the current staff structure at the Shire Office. The CEO replied that Adrienne Yzerman left the shire in December and Hayley Barge recently finished at the Shire in April and as a result Cara Ryan had recently been appointed. Cara's responsibilities would predominately be finance related while Toni's responsibilities included Rates, Payroll, Community Development and Human Resources. Wendy Stringer who is employed on a part time basis with the Shire deals primarily with Accounts Payable, Bush Fire Brigade and other Administrative duties.

5.3 AUSTRALIA POST

Mrs MC Whitely made the comment that she recently had mail incorrectly addressed to an old PO Box which took several weeks to be delivered to their correct address. The CEO explained that it was Australia Post protocol that mail is delivered to the mailing address not an individual.

5.4 POST OFFICE BOXES

Mrs Watts asked if the Shire would be looking to install any new post office boxes. The CEO explained with the office refurbishment there would be provision for 150 post office boxes. There are currently 46 post office boxes available.

5.5 ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

Mr Turton asked if Council had considered working extended hours during peak road construction and road maintenance periods. The CEO responded that he was looking at alternative workplace arrangements to try and ensure that during periods such as winter grading when there was a limited window of opportunity that maximum output would be maintained.

5.6 STAFF DRINKING

Mr Watts asked if there were any repercussions on Council with staff drinking at the depot and driving home. The CEO replied there was no liability issue for Council since Council were not supplying the alcohol.

5.7 CARAVAN PARK TOILETS

Mrs MC Whitely asked if Council had any plans for the ablution at the Caravan Park. The CEO responded that the ablutions along with other elements of the caravan park would be discussed by Council during the upcoming budget process.

5.8 RESERVES

Mr Watts asked Council who was responsible for maintaining reserves in the Shires. Depending on whether the reserve was vested to the Shire then it would be either the Shire or the Department of Environment and Conservation to maintain the area.

5.9 COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mr Watts asked if Council had any plans to upgrade the Community Centre. The CEO responded that at this point in time Council had only planned to continue with their building maintenance program which is reviewed each financial year.

5.10 OLD ROADS BOARD

Mr Watts asked if Council had any plans to upgrade the old Roads Board. The CEO responded that at this point in time Council did not have any plans for the old Roads Board.

5.11 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Mr Price asked if Council intended the Community Resource Centre to be cost neutral when the Shire re-opened the Centre. The CEO replied that would be the intention and the centre, within reason, would strive to become profitable.

5.12 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr M Watts asked if Council had significant time to read the minutes prior to each Council meeting. The CEO responded that a draft copy of the minutes was available to the public within 5 days after each meeting and that under the Local Government Act the Agenda needs to be distributed 3 days prior to the meeting.

5.13 LICENSING

Ms Muller asked if licensing was available at the moment. The CEO responded that Telstra were scheduled to connect the licensing data line in the Community Resource Centre tomorrow and all going well licensing should be up and running by the start of next week.

5.14 FIRE SEASON

Mr Watts asked if Council would be extending the restricted burning season. The meeting was informed that the restricted burning period would not be extended.

6. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all those in attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

These Minutes were accepted by the Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 17th May 2012

CR GG KERR, Chairman