



Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held in the Wandering Community Centre on Monday, 18th April 2013.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.35pm.

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. MG Whitely, CEO
Mrs L Wilkins
Mrs J Cornish
Mrs P Flint
Mrs V Watts
Mr J Whitely
Mrs MC Whitely
Mr M Watts
Mrs N Kelliher
Mr B Whitely
Mr M Schorer
Mr K Price
Ms L Muller
Mr R Treasure
Mr I Turton
Mr W Gowland
Mrs C Cornish
Mr M Cornish
Mr G Ryan
Mrs T Reitmajer
Mrs C Ryan
Mrs L Barge
Mr B Cornish
Mr G Parsons
Mr D Cornish
Mrs S Cornish

Apologies

Mr D White

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 APRIL 2012

The Minutes of the previous Annual Electors Meeting, held 19 April 2012.

Moved Mr K Price seconded Mr I Turton that the minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting held 19 April 2012 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 B Whitely seconded Mr G Ryan that the Presidents Report be received.

CARRIED

Moved Mr G Ryan seconded Mrs N Kelliher that the Chief Executive Officers Report be received.

CARRIED

There was general discussion on the financials with the CEO giving clarification on matters raised in relation to variances within the Statement of Comprehensive Income and monies held within the Trust account.

Moved Mr M Watts seconded Mrs N Kelliher that the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2012 be received.

CARRIED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS**4.1 STORM DAMAGE**

Mr Price asked if Council had received the outstanding \$700,000 from Main Roads as mentioned in the Presidents Report to which the President advised that payment had still not been received.

The CEO gave an overview of the current status on the storm damage works currently being completed and there was much discussion on the matter. The main concern expressed by the public was the delay in payment by Main Roads. CEO advised under the WANDDRA arrangement only contractors or shire overtime costs are eligible and that the payment is based on the reimbursement costs already paid by the Shire, meaning that any unpaid amounts from Main Roads has a significant effect on the Shire's cash flow.

Mr Price asked if the Shire would receive payment for the outstanding monies to which the CEO responded that some neighbouring Councils had already been paid for the same event so he could see no reason why Wandering would not be reimbursed.

4.2 OFFICE REFURBISHMENT

Mr Watts enquired as to what the previous tender prices were for the office refurbishment. The CEO responded that Council had completed the tender process in 2009 were pricing submitted for the works ranged from \$1.1 to \$1.3m. The recent office refurbishment was completed for \$600,000.

4.3 BOWLING GREEN

The CEO gave an overview on the current status of the proposed bowling green and multi-purpose court facility at the Community Centre. The CEO explained that to date only a basic concept plan had been developed as part of the funding application made to the Department of Sport and

Recreation (“DSR”). Now that funding is secured from DSR the proposed bowling green and multi-purpose court facility was a financially viable option and Council could look into greater detail for the project and expand on the original concept plan.

Mrs Kelliher suggested that the proposed bowling green and multi-purpose court facility at the Community Centre was a good opportunity for Council to look at a recreation plan as a whole for the Community Centre

Mr Turton raised concerns at the level of community consultation, the amount of interest in the community playing bowls and the ongoing maintenance costs.

Mrs J Cornish asked where a club house would be established and voiced concerns that the Community Centre would not be suitable as a club house.

There was further discussion on different logistics with the proposed bowling green and multi-purpose court facility. Again the CEO emphasised that this was only a concept plan and that Council would need to discuss in much greater detail before the project was implemented. The CEO explained that before the project could commence the project would need to go out to tender and then following the tender process would need to be endorsed by Council.

4.4 INTEGRATED PLANNING

Mr Watts enquired as to what the Integrated Planning process was all about. The CEO responded that the integrated planning framework was a directive from the Department of Local Government requiring all local governments to implement a Community Strategic Plan, Corporate Business Plan, Workforce Plan, Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan by 30 June 2013. These various plans will be used by Council to align the communities’ needs whilst best utilising the resources available to Shire to complete these key strategies and objectives identified within the plans.

4.5 SKATE PARK

Mrs Kelliher asked if the location for the proposed skate park was fixed. Various Councillors responded that the site allocated for the skate park was chosen primarily due to that land being vested with the Shire to provide recreational services and that the site would segregate the older children from the younger children yet still be in close proximity to the existing playground and the Community Centre.

4.6 BADMINGTON EQUIPMENT

Mrs J Cornish asked if the whereabouts of badminton equipment was known. The CEO responded that the equipment was housed in the storage room of the Community Centre.

4.7 COMMUNITY CENTRE BBQ’s

Mr B Cornish and Mrs J Cornish commented on the condition that the BBQ’s were constantly left in at the Community Centre. The CEO responded that the BBQ’s were a community responsibility but was happy for the Shire to maintain the BBQ’s if that is what the community wanted.

4.8 COMMUNITY CENTRE KITCHEN

There were general comments on the tidiness of the kitchen facilities at the Community Centre and that the area should be maintained at all times. The CEO explained that the previous cleaner had recently left and that the new cleaner would be requested to spend more time cleaning the facilities in between functions.

4.9 ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs J Cornish asked why the Electors Meeting was being held so late in the year. The CEO explained that date for the Electors Meeting is set after the financials have been audited which had not been until the 18th March 2013. The CEO also added that it was his preference to have the Electors Meeting at an earlier date and an option would be to have draft financials tabled in order to ensure the setting of an earlier date.

4.10 LICENSING

Mr Watts asked why the licensing was now located at the Community Resource Centre. The President responded that this was to make the Community Resource Centre more viable.

4.11 STAFF

Mr Watts asked if the same amount of staff were still required if the licensing was now at the Community Resource Centre. The CEO responded that the Shire was operating at 0.5FTE less staff now than they were 3 years ago.

4.12 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Mrs J Cornish asked why the Community Resource Centre was only open 4 days a week. The CEO explained that the funding allocation from the Department of Regional Land & Development only required the centre to be open for 30 hours a week.

4.13 ALTERNATIVE WORKPLACE ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Turton asked if the Shire had implemented any workplace arrangements for flexible working hours and maximum utilisation of Shire plant and equipment. The CEO commented that he had met with outside staff to try and work more weekends and RDO's however the difficulty was getting staff to commit to such arrangements.

4.14 ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr Price made comment that there was a lack of road maintenance during the harvest period and summer months, most notably on the York Williams Rd.

4.15 REID ROAD

Mrs Wilkins asked if Reid Road was going to be sealed. The CEO commented that the first 1.5km section of Reid Rd was originally scheduled to be bituminised in the 2012/13 financial year, however due to inclement weather the entire 3.2km section of Reid Rd is now planned to be completed and sealed in October 2013.

4.16 ROAD SPEED LIMITS

Mr Watts enquired into changing the speed limit on the Wandering Pingelly Rd near the turn off to Avena Mills / Premium Grain Handlers. The CEO commented that this was a Main Roads responsibility.

5. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman acknowledged all those in attendance, thanked the CWA for providing the catering on the night and declared the Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

These Minutes were accepted by the Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 16th May 2013

CR GG KERR, Chairman