



SHIRE

of

DANDARAGAN

MINUTES

OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

HELD AT THE

DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY RECREATION CLUB

on

THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016

COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 7.04pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors:

Councillor L Holmes (President)
Councillor D Slys (Deputy President)
Councillor J Kulisa
Councillor W Gibson
Councillor K McGlew
Councillor M Sheppard
Councillor P Scharf
Councillor D Richardson

Staff:

Mr D Chidlow (Manager Planning)
Mr S Clayton (Manager Corporate Services)
Mr Garrick Yandle (Manager Technical Services and Works)

Apologies:

Councillor C Carey
Mr T Nottle (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr I Rennie (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)

Electors / members of the public:

Kingsley Smith, John Longman, Christine Smith, Graeme Betteridge,
Mac Hewlett, Lawrie Short

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD 22 JANUARY 2015

Moved Cr Kulisa, seconded Cr Slys

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 22 January 2015 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. RECEIVING OF THE 2014 / 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report incorporated the following:

- President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report

- Works and Services Report
- Financial Report
- Building Services Report
- Community Emergency Services Report
- Community Development Report
- Disability Services Report
- Auditor's Report
- Annual Financial Statements

Moved Cr Slyn, seconded Cr Gibson

That the annual report for the year 2014 / 2015 as presented be received.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUTURE

- Q. Mr Lawrie Short asked how the future of Local Government is looking? Feel's that the public's impression of Local Government is lacking in terms of integrity and conduct of elected members. Will this impression get worse as a result of the City of Perth Act? Mr Short felt that the Minister for Local Government is upset that his attempt to amalgamate metropolitan councils has failed.*
- A. Cr. Leslee Holmes stated that the public don't seem interested in what Local Government do. The Shire just needs to keep doing a good job, focus on strategic processes that focus on things that can be delivered.*

5.2 USED TO HAVE BUSH FIRE BRIGADES – CAPITELA BRIGADE SOUTH EAST OF SHIRE

- Q. Mr John Longman stated that the south east area of the shire used to have the Capitela Bush Fire Brigade but many years ago the Shire shut it down. Since then Mr Longman claims there has been no communication in regard to bushfire control and mitigation for over ten years with any of the residents in that area, he doesn't even know the names and numbers of who to call should a fire start.*

However, Mr Longman said he recently had a meeting with the Chief Bushfire Control Officer where it was moved that Mr Rob Barrett and Mr Phil Thompson be appointed fire control officers. Further, Mr Longman stated that very few of the farms in the south east corner have compliant fire breaks. He questioned whether the Shire ever does firebreak inspections out that way?

Mr Longman cited a phone conversation he had with the Community Emergency Services Co-ordinator Mr Matt Dadd whereby Mr Dadd agreed to follow up with Mr Longman's issues and report back to him. This was in April 2015. Mr Longman has heard nothing since.

Finally, Mr Longman received a phone call from the Chief Bushfire Control Officer on or about 26 January 2016 advising that aerial inspections of the area had recently been undertaken and that action was imminent on those owners with non-compliant fire breaks. Mr Longman was sceptical as to whether this actually occurred.

- A.** *Cr. Leslee Holmes was sympathetic to Mr Longmans concerns and assured him that the Shire had the upmost concern for fire safety. If the Shire is not providing as it should in regard to bushfire issues in the south east of the Shire then this would need to be rectified.*

With respect to the specific concerns of Mr Longman, neither the Chief Bushfire Control Officer or the Community Emergency Services Co-ordinator were present, so Cr Holmes undertook to liaise with these individuals for clarification and personally contact Mr Longman to update him.

Cr Scharf clarified the procedure to always call "000" in cases of fire. This information is promptly forward to the fire control officers in the area.

Cr Gibson stated that he believed upward of 300 firebreak infringements had been issued as a result of the aerial inspection.

5.3 PROPERTY NEXT TO JOHN LONGMAN & NEXT TO BOUNDARY ROAD

- Q.** *Mr John Longman stated that the property next to him and Boundary Road, who he believes is owned by Hampton Transport, is currently transporting female cattle to the property as an interim measure then relocating them 48 hours later. It is estimated 13,000 head of cattle have been moved through the farm in the last twelve months, with that estimate to rise to over 20,000 in the next twelve months. The cattle are carted using B-Double configuration trucks with double decker trailers. Mr Longman has serious concerns for the damage these trucks are doing to the Shires road network. These roads include Koojan West Road, Boundary Road, Koojan Pool Road, Capitela Road and Rows Road.*

Mr Longman also believes that Mr Matt Leeds will soon be starting a feedlot which will move a further 2,500 head of cattle

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through the Shire. He feels that all the above mentioned roads should be bitumised.

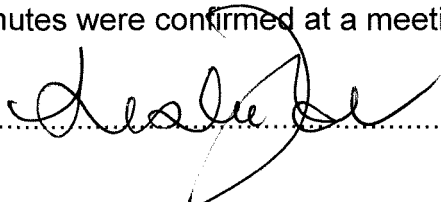
- A.** *Mr Yandle advised that it is an active issue for the Shire to attempt to resolve.*

It is unlikely that the gravel roads mentioned will be bitumised in the foreseeable future.

Further, Mr Yandle advised that he is concerned about the legality of the current truck configurations and investigations are ongoing.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The President closed the meeting at 7.29pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on ...	25 January 2017
Signed	
Presiding person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.	
Date	25 January 2017