



SHIRE

of

DANDARAGAN

MINUTES

OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

HELD AT THE

COUNCIL CHAMBERS JURIEN BAY

ON

MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2006

COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the Meeting open at 7.00 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors:

Councillor S Love (President)
Councillor L Short (Deputy President)
Councillor K Loveland
Councillor M Russell
Councillor C Underwood
Councillor D Kent
Councillor L Smith
Councillor J Nelson

Staff:

Mr C Strugnell (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr I Rennie (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Mr C Ashe (Accountant)

Electors / Members of the Public:

Mr J Cook, Mr J Brown, Mr & Mrs G Webb, Mrs S Randell, Mrs Y Caddy, Mrs J Short, Mrs P Ward, Mrs M Smith, Mr J Clarke, Mrs K Love, Mr A Haggarty

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor M Brooks, Mr T Hughan, Mr & Mrs F Creagh, Mrs J Cook, Mr G Betteridge, Mrs J Peacock, Mr R Caddy, Mr O Randell

4. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

The President introduced the new Chief Executive Officer of the Shire, Mr Clinton Strugnell.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Annual General Meeting of Electors held 10 February 2005

Moved: Cr Russell / Seconded: Mr Clarke

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 10 February 2005 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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6. RECEIVING OF THE 2004/05 ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report incorporated the following:

- President's Report
- Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Auditor's Report
- Annual Financial Statements
- Works, Services and Plant Report
- Community Services Report

Moved: Cr Smith / Seconded: Cr Short

That the Annual Report for the year 2004/05 as presented be received.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Future use of the Dandaragan Office

Mr J Brown asked of what Council's intention was for the future use of the Shire Office at Dandaragan.

The President advised that currently the Shire Office at Dandaragan was open most of each day. There are no plans currently by Council to diminish the availability of the Office. It is planned that the Works Manager still be based in Dandaragan. Council is currently formulating plans for the construction of new staff housing in Dandaragan of an improved standard.

7.2 Maintenance of staff housing

Mr J Cook advised Council that some of the gardens of staff houses in Dandaragan are of a poor standard. He asked that staff be requested to maintain their houses to a higher standard.

The President advised that this matter would be addressed.

7.3 Invited guests to Council Meetings

Mr J Cook reminded Council of its previous policy of inviting guests to attend Council Meetings. He suggested that this could be extended to include relevant employees of government departments or representatives of developments occurring within the area and also for community groups. He advised that letters of appreciation should be sent to community members who provide outstanding service to local organisations.

The President indicated that this is a matter that can be discussed by Council.

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7.4 Jurien Bay footpaths

Mr G Webb advised that there are no footpaths in Roberts Street and White Street and that pedestrians are required to use the beach track when walking from Heaton Street to Grigson Street. He suggested that the beach path may not be the most appropriate means of access especially at night time. Perhaps a lit boardwalk along the beach would be appropriate.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it is planned for a footpath to be constructed down the southern side of Roberts Street and that staff have been negotiating with the lessees of the Caravan Park. There are no plans currently to construct a footpath in White Street.

The President advised that staff will look at the issue of access from Heaton Street to Grigson Street.

7.5 Firebreaks and pedestrian access to foreshore reserve

Mr A Haggarty advised of the fire hazard on Lot 114 situated between Coubrough Place and Shingle Avenue.

Mrs P Ward, a resident of the area, indicated that in her opinion the problem was not as bad as was being indicated.

The President advised that staff would look into the issue and to take any appropriate action.

7.6 Release of residential land by Landcorp

Mr A Haggarty requested advice as to why Landcorp were not carrying out any Crown Land subdivisions in Jurien Bay and whether there was some agreement between Landcorp, Council and Ardross Estates Pty Ltd in order to restrict Crown Land subdivisions.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that Landcorp are currently working towards a stage of the residential subdivision and were currently looking at designs and servicing of the lots.

7.7 Land for aged accommodation

Mr A Haggarty requested advice as to why land was not being made available for aged accommodation in Jurien Bay.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that Department for Planning and Infrastructure were currently working on this project.

7.8 Contribution by developers to Council

Mr A Haggarty requested advice as to why Council was not obtaining contributions from developers when land releases were occurring.

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The President and Deputy President advised that developers contributed 10 percent of land area to Public Open Space as part of residential subdivisions.

7.9 Carmella Street Industrial Area - restricted line of vision at intersections

Mr A Haggarty advised that at a number of intersections within the Carmella Street Industrial Area, were overgrown with trees and that on a number of occasions there have been near accidents.

The President advised that there was a list of acceptable trees to be planted on road verges in order to allow proper vision at intersections. Staff would look into this issue and take appropriate action.

7.10 Proposed new Jurien Bay caravan park

Mr A Haggarty advised that he had contacted the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in February 2005 with regard to the possible allocation of a site for a future caravan park. He indicated that no action had been taken nor had a response been given.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that he had spoken to Mr Haggarty on several occasions on the issue and that the matter had been listed on Corporate Discussion for some period of time awaiting discussions with Council. Discussions would continue with Tourism Western Australia on possible future sites and Mr Haggarty will be advised in due course.

7.11 Paterson's Curse

Mrs Y Caddy advised of the increasing amount of Paterson's Curse around the Shire and in particular in the coastal townsites.

The President advised that discussions had been held with Agriculture Western Australia and Landcare groups and that Council would be more vigilant in the future. He requested that individuals report to Council any new infestations that occur.

7.12 Rabbits in townsites

Mrs Y Caddy advised that there is a near plague of rabbits in the coastal areas of the Shire.

The President advised that rabbits were a problem across the whole of the Shire of Dandaragan and that Agriculture Western Australia no longer take any action in order to eradicate the pest. If the Government does not take any further action then it will be necessary for Council to become more involved.

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7.13 Financial statements

Mr J Brown requested clarification as to why the Cash Assets as listed on page 22 of the Annual Report had increased from approximately \$1m to \$1.5m between 2004 and 2005.

The Accountant directed Mr Brown to page 33 of the Annual Report where a breakdown of the Cash Assets was listed. The increase in funds occurred as a result of increases to Reserve Fund balances and sundry bonds and deposits.

7.14 Speeding vehicles in Catalonia Street and Cervantes townsite

Councillor L Smith raised the issue of speeding vehicles in the Cervantes townsite particularly along Catalonia Street, Talavera Road and Weston Street.

The President advised the meeting that this was in fact a Police issue and that the matter will be taken up with the Police.

7.15 Use of four wheel motorbikes

Councillor L Smith reported receiving a request from a ratepayer on the possible allocation of an area of land near a beach for the use by four wheel motorbikes.

The President advised that this matter would be considered further by Council.

7.16 Maintenance of School Bus Routes

Mrs K Love requested Council's advice as to whether it had a policy with respect of maintenance of School Bus Routes. Does Council have a priority for grading of these roads above others.

The Chief Executive Officer said that the best method of Council being informed of School Bus Routes would be through School Bus Committees. A staff member would be allocated to attend School Bus Committee Meetings each year in order for feedback to be obtained direct.

7.17 Maintenance of rural roads

The Deputy President advised of maintenance issues regarding overhanging trees and drains being clogged up. He suggested that perhaps the Works Program needs to be looked at more closely particularly with respect of the increase in larger vehicles utilising Council's roads.

7.18 Jurien East Road intersection with Cambewarra Drive

Mr G Webb advised of the danger at the eastern intersection of Cambewarra Drive and Jurien East Road. There is a need for better white lining at the intersection in order to improve safety. Mr Webb also requested advice on speed limits within the Alta Mare and Jurien Bay Heights subdivisions.

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The President advised that the issue would be brought to the attention of Main Roads Western Australia.

7.19 Schoolies Week

Mrs P Ward requested if any action had been taken by Council with respect of the vandalism and other issues which occurred during Schoolies Week.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised having discussions with the Jurien Bay Police and that the Police were confident that the problem would not occur again to the same extent in the future.

7.20 Community Services Report

Mrs G Webb requested advice as to why issues such as the Telecentre, Health Centre and Day Care Centre were not reported on in the Community Services Report. She also requested advice on the long-term future of the Telecentre at its current location.

The President advised that at this stage the Telecentre would remain where it is as Council has no firm plans for new buildings to locate the Telecentre in.

7.21 Day Care Centre

Mrs G Webb reported of problems at the Day Care Centre particularly with the after-school care not being available.

Councillors advised that the situation was to do with licensing and accreditation problem due to changes of staff.

The President advised that the matter would be monitored.

7.22 Doctor services

Mrs G Webb requested advice as to the current situation with funding for the doctors and Medical Centre in Jurien Bay.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that verbal approval had been received with respect of an application for funding for emergency services by the current doctors. The Shire of Dandaragan and Shire of Coorow continue to contribute funds to the provision of emergency services.

7.23 Medical Centre

Mrs S Randell advised that the Medical Centre was changing to a multipurpose service and this would mean more funding being available in the coastal areas of the Shire.

7.24 Brand Highway / Dandaragan Road intersection - Black Spot Funding

The Deputy President advised of continuing problems at the intersection of Brand Highway and Dandaragan Road.

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The President advised that the matter would be taken up with Main Roads Western Australia.

7.25 Passing lanes on Brand Highway

Mr J Cook requested as to what Council was doing with respect of the provision of passing lanes on the Brand Highway.

The President advised that Council had been pursuing this issue for many years and that recently advice had been received that there would be three passing lanes to be constructed between Regans Fords and Cataby.

7.26 Private works

Mr A Haggarty requested advice with respect of Council policy relating to the carrying out of private works and profit margins.

The Accountant reported verbally to Mr Haggarty on the issue of profit and advised that he would follow this up with written advice.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council was currently reviewing its Private Works Policy and that the Road Program is always a priority to Council.

Mr Haggarty then reported on inefficiencies of Council staff carrying out works particularly recent works on the Jurien Bay Airstrip.

This matter will be followed up.

8. SUMMATION

8.1 President Summation

The President thanked all staff for the work carried out in the 2004/05 year. He reported that even with the uncertainty with the position of the Chief Executive Officer that staff had managed to continue to administer the Shire. Numerous new projects had been undertaken and reviews carried out on the Policy Manual and Local Laws. Council had contributed significantly to tourism promotion and a major upgrade of the Jurien Bay Airstrip had taken place. Eight kilometres of rural roads had been sealed and Council's program on construction of footpaths had continued. The President advised that he was confident that the Shire was entering a new phase of development and would continue to develop.

The President thanked those ratepayers who had attended tonight's meeting.

8.2 Vote of Thanks

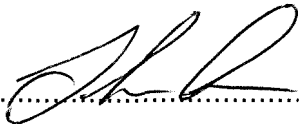
Mrs S Randell then proposed a vote of thanks to the Councillors and staff for work undertaken.

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9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the Meeting at 8.05 pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a Meeting on.....7/2/07.....

Signed..........

Presiding Person at the Meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed.

Date.....7/2/07.....