



SHIRE
of
DANDARAGAN

MINUTES
OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD
AT THE DANDARAGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2004
COMMENCING AT 8.05 PM

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President declared the Meeting open at 8.05 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**COUNCILLORS:**

Councillor G Snook	(Shire President)
Councillor R S Love	(Deputy Shire President)
Councillor M J Russell	
Councillor D G Kent	
Councillor L Smith	
Councillor J Nelson	
Councillor L Short	

STAFF:

Mr B J Golding	(Chief Executive Officer)
Mr I F Rennie	(Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Mr D J Seinor	(Corporate Services Manager)
Mr C Ashe	(Accountant)
Mr P Taylor	(Works Manager)
Mr B Hobden	(Chief Bush Fire Control Officer)

ELECTORS/MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mr G Betteridge, Mrs K Hobden, Mr I Oliver, Mrs S Harris, Mr J Cook, Mrs J Cook, Mr J Brown, K Roberts, Mr B Roberts, Mr H Johnson, Mrs L Moore, Mr C Moore.

3. APOLOGIES:

Councillor P A Ward, Councillor M A Brooks, Mr M Wilkins, Mrs K Wilkins, Mrs M Johnson, Mr M Kenny, Mrs S Kenny, Mr F Creagh, Mrs J Short.

4. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILLORS AND STAFF:

All Shire Councillors and Shire staff who were present introduced themselves.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD 26 NOVEMBER 2002****MOVED: Mr I Oliver, SECONDED: Mr B Hobden****That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 26 November 2002 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.****CARRIED****6. RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT:**

The Annual Report incorporated the following:

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

MOVED: Mr G Betteridge, SECONDED: Mr J Cook**That the Annual Report as presented be received.****CARRIED****7. GENERAL BUSINESS:****7.1 BROCKMAN COURT DANDARAGAN STREET SIGN**

Mr I Oliver advised that the Brockman Court Dandaragan street sign is not visible as there is a tree obstructing its view and the tree requires removal or the street sign relocated.

7.2 DAMAGE BY WHITE COCKATOOS

Mr G Betteridge advised the meeting that the residents of Dandaragan were most happy but yet sad regarding the removal of the trees on Dandaragan Road, the tree lopping undertaken in Pioneer Park and road side, and especially the tidy up of the cemetery and the emphasis which has been placed on mowing road verges in Dandaragan as it has looked very tidy. Mr Betteridge also congratulated the Shire on their policy of employing Mr Vince Seymour and the excellent work that Vince was undertaking within the townsite.

Mr Betteridge raised an area of concern that the trees in the church area being partly on church property and partly on Shire Reserve are being destroyed from the top by the white cockatoos and this problem does need to be addressed.

Mr I Oliver and Mr H Johnson also mentioned the damage that the white cockatoos were doing at the bowling green with 500 holes having to be repaired and also the damage to the oval.

The meeting was advised that the Shire had a permit to shoot 500 white cockatoos in attempt to control the situation however, fully supported the Dandaragan Community in wanting stricter controls.

7.3 DANDARAGAN OVAL LIABILITY

Mrs K Hobden raised the issue of liability in view of the recent court decision regarding the awarding of damages to a person utilising an oval in the metropolitan area. Due to white cockatoos causing this damage on the oval, what was the current liability of the Council.

The meeting was advised that this matter will be raised with Council's Insurer's.

7.4 SANDY CAPE DEVELOPMENT

Mrs K Roberts requested details as to what is Council Policy regarding the development at Sandy Cape as there are numerous visitors with improved facilities but no fee for service.

The Shire President advised that the Shire was aware of the problem and there is a Coastal Management Plan in place to address the issues she has raised. Council is currently awaiting Department of Planning and Infrastructure to resolve the land tenure arrangements and all details of the land tenure and the development proposals are incorporated in the Shire's Coastal Management Plan. Council were successful in obtaining funding for the development at Sandy Cape from Coast West however, were unsuccessful with their application for funding to install toilet facilities under the Department of Local Government and Regional Development Scheme. It is intended to reapply for funding for the toilets and there is an intention once the development is completed that fees will be charged for camping. The long term proposal is to call Expressions of Interest to develop a low key caravan park which will be operated by private enterprise.

7.5 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC PROJECT OFFICER

Mr J Cook commended the Executive Officers' on the appointment of Mr Alan Robinson as the Community Economic Project Officer and were most disappointed that he has left the position. Mr Cook felt that the position description does make for a very challenging position for one (1) person and perhaps consideration could be given to splitting the position.

The Shire President advised that it was Mr Robinson's decision to move on and certainly Council were happy with his performance and currently the position had been advertised and now re-advertised in an attempt attract the appropriate person for the position.

7.6 WARD REPRESENTATION

Mr G Betteridge requested an update as to what is the current position regarding the ward representation review.

The Shire President advised that the Shire were instructed by the Local Government Advisory Board to undertake a further review of ward representation prior to the 2005 May elections. Council had commenced the process and there was a report being presented to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council and then a Discussion Paper will be distributed to the community for comment. The current Government Policy is to ensure that the ward representation is based within a minus 10% or plus 10% ratio of Councillors to electors in each ward.

7.7 POWER INTERRUPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE SHIRE

Mr J Cook advised that he was aware the Shire had met with a representative of Western Power and sought details of the results of that meeting.

The Shire President advised that Western Power had admitted that the worst section for outages in the State was the Dandaragan area and Western Power had promised to commence to rectify the situation immediately. Residents were encouraged to write down specific dates and times of outages and also any details of problems with power poles and contact Mr Chris Cox of Western Power with details of any such problems.

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer also advised that he requires fire reports for any pole top fires regardless of the extent of the fire in order to keep accurate records.

7.8 BUSH FIRES WITHIN THE SHIRE

Mr B Hobden the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer raised the matters regarding live firing in the Lancelin Defence Training Area during the Prohibited Burning Period and also the large amount of fuel build up along roads which are under the control of Main Roads Western Australia. Mr Hobden suggested that Council may wish to arrange a meeting with the Australian Navy as they appeared to be the main one undertaking live firing during the Prohibited Burning Period and also take up the issue through the Western Australian Local Government Association regarding the requirement for cold burns on roads under control of Main Roads Western Australia.

7.9 CATABY ROAD

Mr B Roberts requested that a section of Cataby Road urgently requires tree pruning and Mr I Oliver advised that the bitumen has sunk on a section of the road east of the Yandan gate.

8. SUMMATION:**8.1 SHIRE PRESIDENT SUMMATION**

The Shire President outlined to the meeting that the Shire had finished the year in a good financial position and the potential of this Shire all goes well for the future.

The Shire President thanked those present for their support and constructive criticism which all helps to improve the performance of the Shire. The President thanked the Councillor's and staff for their support in managing the Shire

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President closed the Meeting at 9.17 pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a Meeting on 10/12/05.....

Signed 

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

Date 10/12/05