



MINUTES

(Confirmed)

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Community Resource Centre Wongan Road, Wongan Hills

Wednesday 17 February 2021

Commenced at 7.00pm

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr Jon Hasson, declared the meeting open at 7.03 pm.

The Shire President welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Cr Jon Hasson	Shire President
Stuart Taylor	Chief Executive Officer
Alan Hart	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Karl Mickle	Manager Works and Services
Melissa Marcon	Building Services Coordinator
Meredith Lee-Curtis	Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

Public:

Dawn Vaughan
Desmond Booth
Stephen Clarke
Dannielle Reed

Councillors:

Stuart Boekeman
Sue Falconer
Eion Ganzer
Mandy Stephenson
Brad West
Andrew Tunstill

Apologies:

Len Degussa

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2019

MOVED: Brad West SECONDED: Mandy Stephenson

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 December 2019 was confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

5. RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

The President called for questions on the Annual Report. No questions were received.

MOVED: Stuart Boekeman SECONDED: Mandy Stephenson

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2020, inclusive of the following reports were received:

- **President's Report;**
- **Chief Executive Officer's Report (incorporating Officers Reports);**
- **Annual Financial Report;**
- **Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2020; and**
- **Management Report.**

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Ballidu Works

Mrs Dawn Vaughan queried the completion date for the list of works in the town of Ballidu.

The MWS responded that possibly within the next 2 to 3 weeks all work should be completed, including kerbing and Park clean-up.

6.2 Footpaths

Mr Stephen Clarke enquired about the new footpath installations in the town of Wongan Hills, that the footpaths were only on one side of the road and not both sides.

The CEO advised that one footpath per street is installed, and on the same side of the road as the street lighting.

6.3 Street Lighting

Mr Desmond Booth stated that after 12 months from his initial complaint, the lighting in the Main Street of Wongan Hills has still not been fixed with only half the number of lights working.

The CEO advised that Western Power has not provided an adequate explanation for the outage, even though the supply problem is their issue. The Shire is considering replacing the street lighting with solar lights at a cost of up to \$15,000, or with PE Cells at a cost of between \$6,000 to \$7,000.

6.4 CCTV

Mr Stephen Clarke queried the viability of the CCTV cameras on the Main Street.

The CEO stated that this service is independent of the lighting and is infra-red. The system is working and is checked each day by the DCEO.

6.5 Airstrip Runway

Mr Stephen Clarke queried whether cameras could be installed at the Airstrip to deter vehicles entering the area which are causing damage to the airstrip.

The CEO advised that cameras are installed at the airstrip, but they only provide surveillance to the front of the buildings (hangars) and are motion sensed. The cameras record the movement of vehicles entering and existing the area near the buildings, but not the airstrip. Strangely, as many as 8 vehicles a day visit the airstrip. The cameras are unable to identify licence plate details. Mr Clarke advised that drivers are entering from the rubbish tip area, doing donuts and then leaving the same way. The Emergency Services helicopter is choosing to land on the school oval, due to the amount of stones covering the airstrip and the ambulance crew being unable to alight the patient from the vehicle to the helicopter due to the gravel.

Mr Clarke enquired about vehicles doing burnouts on the Main Street. The CEO advised that WA Police have made about 5 enquiries to the Shire per year for footage, with the main culprits invariably being people coming through town from elsewhere. The current CCTV system cost Council approximately \$150,000. If there is a need to consider an upgrade, Council would need to consider if the cost is viable. The CEO reminded Mr Clarke of the current community input into the Strategic Community Plan with a summit on Saturday 27 March, at which he could identify community safety as an issue. Through this medium, Council could then look at a grant of funding to upgrade the current system.

6.6 Wongan Hills Progress Association

Mr Stephen Clarke thanked the Wongan Hills Progress Association for the various projects the group has undertaken around the town.

6.7 Co-location Sports Facility Changerooms

Mr Desmond Booth enquired about the changerooms at the new co-location facility and if they are to be upgraded, saying that they are in a disgraceful condition and not up to standard.

The CEO advised that standards change over time, and the current condition of the changerooms has been recognised by Council. A grant has been obtained to fund the relocation of the Bowling Club, to upgrade the changerooms and the façade on other side of the building, and to replace the old paving.

6.8 Shire Works Garden Crew

Mr Desmond Booth extended his gratitude to Bruce Mitchell and the Gardening team on the town's appearance as being neat and tidy, and the standard of the landscaping at the new Sports ground.

6.9 Major Works

Mr Desmond Booth enquired if Council had any 'big plans' for future projects.

The CEO responded that the colocation project would be completed, however, with the current community consultation underway with the review of Council's 10-Year Community Strategic Plan, it would not be prudent to commit to anything at this point in time.

6.10 Mining

Mr Desmond Booth enquired about the level of mining activity in the district and if the Shire has been approached, or vice versa.

The CEO advised that the Shire is updated periodically on the mining activity. An issue for the mining companies at the moment is access to a reliable water supply, which is currently going through the environmental approval process. Results seem reasonably viable and if they get through the environmental process and get the tick of approval, then it will go ahead.

6.11 Accommodation

Mr Desmond Booth queried the establishment of more accommodation in the town, to which the CEO advised that Council will soon have some serious discussions in regard to this.

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Hasson, thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.33 pm.

These Minutes to be confirmed at the 2020/2021 Annual Electors Meeting.

Signed _____
Cr Mandy Stephenson
Shire President

Dated: / /