



SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU MINUTES

For the ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
held in the Community Resource Centre, Wongan Road,
Wongan Hills, on Wednesday 28 February 2018
Commencing at 7.00pm

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr Peter Macnamara, declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

The Shire President welcomed everyone and thanked all for attending.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES

Attendees:

Cr Peter Macnamara
Stuart Taylor
Alan Hart

Shire President
Chief Executive Officer
Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

Public:

Brad West
Jon Hasson
Sue Falconer
Eion Ganzer
Karl Mickle
Melissa Marcon
Alana Wigmore
Bernie Hush
Desmond Booth
Fiona Brown
Eugene Morgan
Robert Sewell
Richard Morgan
Tony Moss
Joanne DiLoreto
Ian Smith
Len DeGrussa
Alfreda Lyon
Christine Sadler
Don Sadler
Lyle Greenwood

Apologies:

Normal Walton
Graham Walton
Lorna Freestone

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016

MOTION: **MOVED: Alfreda Lyon / Brad West**

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 14 December 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7a) ROAD NAMES

Response: completed within 2016/2017

7b) WORKS REQUIRED – ‘Snake Gully’ and ‘Hoppies Corner’

Response: completed within 2016/2017

7d) SIGNAGE

Response: this is constantly managed and signage is replaced when required. Approximately \$4,500 is expended annually on signage.

7f) COUNCILLOR & MAIN STREET BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

Response: one business / councillor networking event was held within 2016/17, with plans for further events in 2017/2018.

7g) FENTON PLACE RE-SEAL

Response: completed within 2016/2017

7h) WONGAN HILLS-CADOUX ROAD

Response: completed on 23 February 2018

7i) TREE ROOTS/POT HOLES

Response: completed within 2016/2017

7k) PIONEER ROAD

Response: completed within 2016/2017

7l) RAILWAY BARRACKS

Response: Prior to the 2015/2016 Annual Electors Meeting, the Shire had carried out a pest spray and an inspection for termites. The 2017/2018 budget provided for a termite barrier treatment, which has been completed. No termites were found prior to or post treatment.

7m) TELECENTRE

Response: the property is now advertised for sale by expression of interest. There have been several parties inspect the premises, however they have all wished to convert the building to a residential premises which they have felt was financially unviable.

5. RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017

The President called for questions on the Annual Report. Nil questions received.

MOTION: **MOVED: Richard Morgan / Alfreda Lyon**

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2017, inclusive of the following reports be received:

- **President's Report**
- **Chief Executive Officer's Report**
- **Annual Financial Report**
- **Auditors Report**

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6a) CALTROP

Len DeGrussa advised that there were areas of caltrop on street verges within the Ballidu townsite.

The President advised that Shire staff would investigate and take appropriate action.

6b) BALLIDU HALL

Len DeGrussa asked when the building rubbish and rubble would be cleared from behind the Ballidu Hall.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that contractors were scheduled to soon return to the Ballidu Hall and complete works, and after these works were complete, all rubbish and rubble would be removed.

6c) ROOM HIRE

Joanne DiLoreto requested that the Shire investigate introducing an hourly hire rate for use of the Civic Centre and the Community Resource Centre. Joanne's personal fitness business is out growing other local venues, and an hourly rate for Shire buildings would be more affordable for short hires such as fitness classes rather than the current half day minimum.

The Chief Executive Officer replied that the Shire is aware of Joanne's situation and request, and is currently researching and considering amendments to the Fees and Charges for the 2018/2019 Budget.

6d) TOWN SPEED LIMITS

Don Sadler advised that he felt that the speed limits within town were not being adhered to, and requested the Shire advertise these.

The President stated that Main Roads WA had recently assessed the speed limits on the Wongan Road entrances to Wongan Hills. Currently the Wongan Road speed limit within the Wongan Hills

townsite is 60km/hr. Currently the speed limit on Fenton Place and all other town roads within Wongan Hills are 50km/hr unless otherwise signposted.

Don Sadler requested signage within the townsite to advertise speed limits, and/or potentially one big sign, and a speed assessment from Main Roads WA.

6e) CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Don Sadler asked the Shire President to advise what the current Chaplaincy program achieves, and if it is providing value for money for the Shire.

The Shire President advised that Council is aware that the Chaplaincy is currently vacant, and that Council will enter into discussions with all stakeholders to ensure best value for money.

Mr Sadler stated that he would like to see outcomes attached to the funding and the program renamed.

6f) MOCARDY DAM PROJECT

Don Sadler asked the Shire President if the Mocardy Dam Project is proceeding.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the project is proceeding. The Shire is awaiting the Department of Education Funding Agreement. The project will proceed over the next 2 years. Infrastructure at the School will be the first stage.

6g) TRUCK BAYS IN WONGAN HILLS TOWNSITE

Don Sadler asked the Shire President if consideration could be given to Truck Parking Bays within the townsite.

The Shire President advised that plans for Truck Parking and Long Parking Bays had been approved in principle by Council and would be undertaken within the 2018/19 Budget.

6h) THANKYOU

Christine Sadler thanked the Shire's Outside Staff for their efforts across the Shire. Mrs Sadler thanked the Shire for investing funds into repair and maintenance of the Wongan Hills Museum. Mrs Sadler thanked the Shire of the funding and loan assistance to the Ninan Aged Persons Homes Inc.

6i) MCINTOSH PREMISES

Christine Sadler queried what the zoning was on the old McIntosh premises on Johnston Street.

The Chief Executive Officer replied that the land was zoned Commercial. The CEO will be meeting with prospective buyers for the property next week.

Mrs Sadler advised that she felt that one of the biggest issues was odour from empty chemical containers retained by businesses such as Landmark. The Shire President responded that the Shire would request these businesses to wash out and/or utilise the Drum Muster Service, which is now available during the opening hours of the Wongan Hills Refuse Site.

6j) SWIMMING POOL

Christine Sadler asked the Shire to review the opening hours of the Swimming Pool to accommodate greatest use.

The Chief Executive Officer replied that the opening hours are reviewed each financial year as part of the budget process. This review incorporates the duty of care of the Shire to the one aquatic staff member, and consideration of the ratepayers willingness to fund this service to a greater degree.

Mrs Sadler also asked the Shire to consider allowing siblings to use the Pool during Vacswim Swimming Lessons, which is current not permitted due to duty of care.

6k) ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

Ian Smith asked if the Shire was aware of the status of Royalties for Regions funding.

The Shire President replied that there was no longer a Country Local Government Fund, and this decision was a State decision and out of Local Government's hands.

The Shire President stated that the framework was still in place and it was likely that this funding would now be spent of State infrastructure in regional areas.

6l) SEALING OF MT O'BRIEN ROAD

Ian Smith asked the Shire to seal Mt O'Brien Road as he felt it was dangerous.

The Shire President replied that this would be discussed during budget deliberations.

Mr Smith stated that the road also required more water runoff drains as current drainage was insufficient.

6m) COUNCILLOR/BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

Lyle Greenwood thanked the Shire for the previous Council and Main Street meetings, and asked when the next ones would occur.

The Chief Executive Officer replied that 2 such meetings will be held in the next financial year, as well as a Council and Community meeting.

6n) TOURISM

Ian Smith advised that the Tourism Group received numerous compliments on the appearance of the Shire. Mr Smith thanked the Shire for their efforts in this regard.

The Shire President acknowledged that Shire staff do a wonderful job, as do the various Community Groups that hold events that bring visitors to town.

Christine Sadler asked if the CRC could display tourism brochures in the off season when the Visitors Centre is closed. The Chief Executive Officer replied that yes, this was possible and would only require a conversation between the CRC and the Visitors Centre to make arrangements.

6o) CALTROP (2)

A member of the public asked if the Shire staff could remove dead Caltrop from footpaths and verges.

The Shire President replied that Shire did not have the resources to undertake this, however the Shire would undertake to attempt to spray earlier in an attempt to stop the prickles and burrs forming.

6p) POLICING

Desmond Booth praised the Wongan Hills Police for their efforts in Wongan Hills in managing the numerous crimes in the preceding week.

WAPOL Sgt. Bernie Hush addressed the meeting.

Sgt. Hush stated that WAPOL has KPIs, as all State Government employees do.

The community policing area covering Wongan-Ballidu also extends to the Shires of Victoria Plains, Dowerin and Goomalling, as well as provide resourcing to Northam.

Sgt. Hush spoke to the meeting about all community members reporting any and all suspicious behaviour, to either the Police or to Crimestoppers (calls to Crimestoppers are anonymous).

In response to a question from the floor, Sgt. Hush stated that CCTV does assist police in solving crime, and CCTV inside a business premise did assist in the apprehension of the perpetrators of recent break-ins.

Sgt. Hush advised that the Wongan Hills Police station could store firearms for farmers for a small fee.

The Chief Executive Officer stated CCTV will be considered by Council during budget deliberations.

The Shire President undertook to publish a list of contact numbers for the local Police, Emergency Services and Crimestoppers in the Wonga-Balli Boomer.

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Macnamara, thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

These Minutes to be confirmed at the 2017/2018 Annual Electors Meeting.

Signed _____
President