



Shire of Cunderdin

Minutes of Annual Electors Meeting
Wednesday 20th December 2023
Shire of Cunderdin Council Chambers
37 Lundy Ave, Cunderdin, WA, 6405
7.00pm.

Stuart Hoble
Chief Executive Officer
20th December 2023

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MINUTES

1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7pm.

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer was read aloud by Cr AE (Alison) Harris.

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 5 Division 2 Section 5.25 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13

“No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cunderdin for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council’s decisions, which will be provided within ten working days of this meeting”.

2. Record of Attendance, Apologies and Approved Leave of Absence

2.1 Record of attendances

Councillors

Cr AE (Alison) Harris	Shire President
Cr A (Tony) Smith	Deputy Shire President
Cr TE (Todd) Harris	
Cr B (Bernie) Daly	
Cr N (Natalie) Snooke	Via Teams
Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen	
Cr HN (Holly) Godfrey	

Staff

Stuart Hobley	Chief Executive Officer
Hayley Byrnes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Samantha Pimlott	Governance & Administration Officer

Electors

Robert Fulwood
David Beard

Members of the Public

Nil.

2.2 Apologies

Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen
Jeff Snooke
Christine Fulwood

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 18th May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr HN (Holly) Godfrey

Adoption of Presidents Report 2022/23

That the Presidents Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 be received.

Moved: Cr B (Bernie) Daly

Seconded: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Adoption of Chief Executive Officers Report 2022/23

That the Chief Executive Officers Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 be received.

Moved: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

Seconded: Cr B (Bernie) Daly

Adoption of Annual Financial Report for the year ended 2022/23

That the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 be received.

Moved: David Beard

Seconded: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Adoption of Independent Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

That the Independent Audit Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 be received.

Moved: Cr A (Tony) Smith

Seconded: Cr TE (Todd) Harris

General Business

Business Arising form Previous Minutes

Mr David Beard reiterated comments from Mr Graham Cooper from the previous General Meeting of Electors held on 18th May 2023, that undertaking major contractable road construction work, for example the recently completed Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) construction of Meckering Goomalling Road, has taken away from the Shires road maintenance program and that it may be difficult for the works department to catch up on road maintenance if it is not attended to in relevant timeframes.

Cr AE (Alison) Harris advised Mr Beard that the Council would take his comments into consideration and appreciates his awareness that there is a fine balance between maintenance and construction work.

The CEO also commented that it may appear road construction consumes time that may be used for maintenance work, however this is not always necessarily the case as road maintenance work and road construction works are often actioned in opposing periods of the year.

Tree Lopping

Mr David Beard raised a suggestion that it may be beneficial for works crews to attend to tree lopping of the Shires road networks during non grading periods of the year.

Cunderdin Wyalkatchem Road

Mr David Beard raised concerns about the condition of the Cunderdin Wyalkatchem Road, making particular reference to an area close to the intersection of Three Mile Gate Road and Cunderdin Wyalkatchem Road. Sections where tree roots have grown under the road are pushing up through the bitumen and are having a devastating effect on the roads surface. He believes that this section of road maintenance should be a priority to the Shire as it is becoming an increasingly dangerous hazard.

The CEO advised that this road is slated to be completed with WSFN funding and that the preliminary work of applying for clearing permits begun in excess of 12 months ago.

Mr Robert Fulwood asked how much of this road would be completed as part of the WSFN project?

The CEO responded advising that the Shire of Cunderdin would complete the full length of the road to the Cunderdin Wyalkatchem boundary and that the Shire of Wyalkachem would be responsible for completing the road construction works through to the Shire of Koorda.

Mr David Beard also recommended that the shoulders of this road required attention and that if the funding from WSFN is not received in a timely manner that sections of this road should be added into the Shire's road maintenance works program.

Water Corporation Water Supply Tanks

Mr Robert Fulwood expressed that it would be great if the tanks, located between Cunderdin and Meckering and visible from the Great Eastern Highway, could have a mural painted on them. He also mentioned that he has made this suggestion in the past. It was agreed that the tanks would look great if they were painted however as the tanks are the water corporation's asset funding sources would not be readily available to the Shire.

Roadside Weed Management

Mr Beard commented that he has noticed that due to some higher than necessary roadside weed management practices that we have eradicated a number of weed varieties that have now been replaced by weeds that have a higher resistance to chemical control and will become much harder to control in the future. The CEO responded by advising Mr Beard that we would take his advice on board and that we are always investigating a variety of weed management disciplines.

Old Hospital Site

Mr Fulwood questioned the Shires forward planning usages for the Old Hospital Site on Cubbine Street.

The CEO explained that the Shire has currently applied for grant funding to construct a number of dwellings on the block through the Growing Better Regions program with the intention to alleviate the housing shortages in town. The new buildings would be owned and operated by the Shire.

The President thanked her fellow Councillors including the Cr N (Natalie) Snooke who has joined the meeting via teams and Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen who was absent from the meeting, for their contributions to the community. Further thanks were extended to Stuart Hobley and Hayley Byrnes for their exceptional efforts throughout the 2022/2023 financial year and look forward to another busy 2023/2024.

Closure of Meeting

There being no further questions or comment the President declared the meeting closed at 7.36pm.