



MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON
MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS





MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at:5.08pm

Acknowledgement of Country:-

The Shire of Three Springs acknowledges the traditional owners of this land – the Southern Yamatji people, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders both past, present and emerging.

2. Recording of Attendance

Madam President, Chris Lane
Mrs. Nadine Eva
Mrs. Julia Ennor
Mr. Chris Connaughton
Mr. Jim Heal
Chief Executive Officer
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Community Development Officer
Risk Coordinator
Supervisor of Parks and Facilities
Finance Officer
Executive Secretary
Ms. Joy Ridley
Ms. Kerry Tugby
Mrs. Heather Lamprey
Mrs. Marg Enright
Mr. Kevin Enright
Mr. Mike Verrall
Mrs. Anna Addison

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Electors Meeting held on 6 February 2023

That the Minutes of the Council meeting are confirmed as true and accurate record of proceedings.					
		Date	Moved	Seconded	Vote
3.1	Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Electors Meeting held 5 February 2023.	05/02/2023	Mrs Nadine Eva	Mr Connaughton	5/0

4. Business Arising

5. Annual Report 2022/2023

- 5.1 Presidents Report
- 5.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report (Includes Statutory Reports)
- 5.3 Annual Financial Statement
- 5.4 Auditor's Report / Management Report

6. General Business

Consistent with Section 5.27 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Electors in attendance at the Annual General Meeting of Electors are invited to raise matters of general business.

Questions by Joy Ridley:

1. The CCTV Cameras in town – are they operating effectively?

The CEO replied that the footage from them is not very reliable due to bad signal and this may have occurred after cyclone seroja where trees were damaged. The shire will review the position of the cameras and also money has been allocated in the budget to update the cameras.

2. Does the Shire Carry out Drug and Alcohol Testing as this should be a standard practice?

The Risk Coordinator replied the shire will need to implement policies and look into the statutory obligations before this can take place but will happen in the future.

3. Have we heard anything further regarding the Growing Better Regions Grant for Duffys Store?

The CEO replied we are hoping to hear back by March or April.

If not successful – what next?

No plan at this stage. Optimistic our application is successful. If not will address this issue then.

Where the money come from? - the ratepayers?

\$600,000 from Shire loan which will be paid back over a term of 8 years and \$1.8m from the Federal Government. Hopeful to be successful in securing another grant for \$300K for the shortfall as we will have achieved WA Museum endorsement.

- 4. There is a lack of Police Presence in Town – can the Shire advocate for this? Too many anti-social issues, drugs, alcohol, domestic violence etc., too many undesirables in town.**

Shire President replied – the Shire to support the position of more police in town.

- 5. General state of the town is dreadful – dirty, dusty, weeds, unkept, drains full of rubbish and leaves.**

CEO replied the shire is short staffed - it is very difficult to fill these positions but interviews were conducted today so hopeful of making an appointment shortly.

Joy Ridley replied – shire should engage contractors to carry out the works.

CEO replied - cost may be prohibitive, also Contractors having difficulty getting their own staff.

- 6. Corellas – gas gun shifting them around town but not getting rid of them. Also there are feral pigeons.**

CEO replied – we cannot shoot them due to new legislation in 2022. Refer to DPIRD Strategy released in 2024 on Shire website.

- 7 The community took part in a monkey survey some time ago – when we will have the results.**

CEO – This survey was for the Strategic Community Plan and Council working on draft tonight – should be adopted in March or April 2024.

Questions by Kevin Enright:

- 1. The Football oval is in an awful condition and full of holes.**

CEO replied – this is due to lack of water over the summer due to Lovelock Soak issues as well as sprinkler issues. Experts coming into advise.

- 2. The Boganvillea's Bush between the Police station and hotel needs to be cut back.**

Supervisor of Parks and Gardens replied – a traffic management plan needs to be put in place for this to take place and awaiting the plan which can take up to 60 days.

Questions by Heather Lamprey:

- 1. Disgusted by the state of the Memorial Garden – dead rose bushes due to lack of watering and care – who is responsible?**

Planted by members of the community. When does ownership pass to the Shire?

- 2. Fish has a very low water level – needs to be filled – Noted.
Needs a grate over the pond to protect the fish and kids - Noted.
Rubbish in the pond also - Noted.**

Retic needs to be put on shrubs around the pond area – they are dying – Noted.

- 3. Do the gardeners not have to wear ppe – one gardener wearing shorts in the hot weather and there is snakes about.**

Risk Coordinator replied - yes this is allowed – they are the correct work shorts under Work Health and Safety, they just need to wear sunscreen.

- 4. Gutter @ IGA – please remove temp barrier & fix cover**

Will follow up on this.

Questions by Mike Verrall:

- No. 4 Hunt Street – very poor condition – derelict house**

CEO replied that correspondence had been sent to the owner of the property regarding the state of the property – ongoing. Very costly to pursue legal take over and demolition.

Questions by Anna Addison:

- 1. Street Benches need to be oiled or painted**

Noted

- 2. Road side picks ups for residents who do not have trailers**

Shire President suggested when Ratepayers require roadside pickup, Shire could look at 1 pickup per year per residence.

- 3. Licensing – why only 3 days per week?**

Staff levels and by not opening Mondays and Fridays staff can perform other necessary tasks.

4. Can Meedac not help out with jobs to be done in town?

It was suggested that Mrs. Addison approach Meedac to discuss this.

Questions by Marg Enright:

**1. Roads to Eneabba and Morawa – half the signs are missing or fallen down.
Vegetation on Eneabba Road is very overgrown and dangerous**

CEO replied – The Shire has secured grants for the roads which will see them maintained.

2. Why the Silos not painted on?

CEO replied – this would be left on silos permanently and require upkeep.
The Shire will be projecting more in the near future onto the Silos with changing backgrounds.

Questions by Kerry Tugby:

**1. We have no café in town – can we put out an EOI for the use of the
community hall as a café?**

This would not allow the Red Room to be used for its intended purpose. A café will eventually be part of Duffys Store.

6. Closure

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 6.12 pm

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accurate record of the
proceedings of this Council.

Signed: _____

Presiding Officer

Date: _____

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