

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS'

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING HELD

4 FEBRUARY 2014

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS' HELD AT THE SHIRE OF LAVERTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 4 FEBRUARY 2014, COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

President, Cr Patrick Hill declared the meeting open at 4.00pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 PRESENT

Cr P Hill	President
Cr L Hawkins	Councillor
Cr J Thompson	Councillor
Cr B Fuamatu	Councillor
Cr D Cannons	Councillor
Mr G Stanley	Exec Manager Corporate & Community Services (EMCCS)
Mr D McKinley	Exec Manager Engineering Technical Services (EMTS)
Mrs L Barnes	Executive Assistant
Ms J Seczkowski	
Mr B Roberts	
Mrs G Roberts	
Mrs T Hill	
Ms L Hill	

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr R Wedge	Deputy President
Cr S Weldon	Councillor
Mr S Deckert	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Ms K Stuart	

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

AE0201 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 13 DECEMBER 2012

File Ref: 58

Moved Cr B Fuamatu, Seconded by L Hill

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held 13 December 2012, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4. AGENDA ITEMS

AE0202 4.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2012/13
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The President, Cr Patrick Hill read aloud his report to the meeting.

Moved Cr J Thompson, Seconded by Cr L Hawkins

That the President's Report, be received.

CARRIED

AE0203 4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – 2012/13
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The Acting Chief Executive Officer read aloud the CEO's report to the meeting.

Moved Cr D Cannons, Seconded by Cr J Thompson

That the Chief Executive Officer's report, be received.

CARRIED

AE0204 4.3 FINANCIAL REPORT – 2012/13
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Moved Cr L Hawkins, Seconded by L Hill

That the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2013, be received.

CARRIED

AE0205 4.4 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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The President, Cr Patrick Hill read aloud the Auditors Report to the meeting.

Moved Cr B Fuamatu, Seconded by B Roberts

That the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2013 be received.

CARRIED

AE0206 4.5 OTHER REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LEGISLATION
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Moved Cr J Thompson, Seconded by Cr D Cannons

That the Report for the year ended 30 June 2012, be received.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Brian Roberts

- Enquired as to whether White Cliffs Road was still a gazetted road as he had heard that the Council did not want to spend any money up keeping the road. The EMTS responded informing the meeting that the White Cliffs Road is still a gazetted road and as such it is still included in the Road Maintenance Program. Cr Hill informed the meeting that Main Roads were looking at handing back some of the gravel road to the Shire. The EMTS stated that he would look into this matter further.
- Queried the length of time it is taking for the Burt Street Grouped Housing to start. The EMTS informed the meeting that the McNally Group had been awarded the tender and that it was progressing. Cr Hill will get back to Mr Roberts with the details of where things are at with the process.

Mrs Gail Roberts

- Wanted to know what is happening with the greening of the Town Centre (Laver Place) because 12 months ago the Council stated it would have the grassed area green for Christmas 2013, but it is still dirt. The EMTS Responded by informing the meeting that a Consultant will be in Laverton next week to look at a new reticulation system for the green areas such as the Oval and Laver Place.
- Stated that she attended the swimming pool over the Christmas period and was disappointed to see the lawn was dead. Mrs Roberts was informed that while the Pool Manager was on leave over Christmas the lawn was not watered and that on his return the lawn was brought back up to standard. It was suggested that arrangements be made for a Shire employee to water the lawns when the Pool Manager is on leave.
- Enquired as to how long dogs were kept in the pound. The EMTS responded by informing the meeting that the animals were kept for a period of at least 72 hours. This allowed the Shire time to locate the owner/s if the dog was registered and arrange for the animal to be retrieved and the fines paid. If it is not registered and not claimed within 72 hours the animal is destroyed. Mrs Roberts stated that in Kalgoorlie animals were kept for 96 hours if not registered and 7 days if registered. Additionally, rather than euthanize they try to rehome as many as possible. Mrs Roberts asked if the Shire has a micro-chip scanner. The EMTS responded by informing the meeting that the Shire did not have one but would look into the possibility of purchasing one. Mrs Roberts also expressed concern over the conditions of the Shire's pound and asked how impounded dog were kept cool in the extreme temperatures experienced in Laverton. The EMTS responded that the animals were watered once a day. Cr Thompson suggested a mister be installed to cool the animals.
- Asked where is the new Pre-school going to be located and will it blocking off the school car park? Cr Hill informed the meeting that a

consultant would be in Laverton on 5 February 2014 with an update on how the early childhood centre was progressing. The Pre-school and Playgroup will be staying where they are and receiving an upgrade of facilities.

Ms Laurinda Hill (on behalf of Ms Karen Stuart)

- Ms Stuart would like the Council to raise awareness within the Laverton community of the Laws for Responsible Dog Owners. There is a problem with dogs in Boomerang Street and in the town in general. The EMTS responded by stating that there will be a notice placed in the Sturt Pea, on the Shire's Website and other social media reminding dog owners of their responsibilities under the *Dog Act 1976*. In the near future the Shire will have a Kalgoorlie Ranger on secondment to train the Shire's Rangers. This will assist with dealing with the dog problem in Laverton.

Cr Jim Thompson

- Requested an update on where the Council is at with Skull Creek and the issue of flooding. Acting Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the Flood Management Plan will address the issues with Skull Creek. Currently it is with WALGA Preferred Tenderers to obtain a consultant to carry out the flood mitigation studies. The Shire is required to have a proper plan in place before any works can be conducted. Cr Thompson informed the meeting that Mr Jack Long had previously presented to Council a Flood Study carried out by Mr John Laws. The Shire President stated that Mr Laws is a rehabilitation consultant. The flood study is required to be conducted by flood mitigation specialists.

Cr Des Cannons

- Inquired as to when the start date is for the Main Street Upgrade. Cr Hill informed the meeting that the proposed start date is January 2014.

Cr Patrick Hill

- Requested an update on the progress of the Cemetery Archway. The EMTS informed the meeting that the contractor, Butson's Building Services, have ordered the bricks and will commence work in a couple of weeks.
- Informed the meeting that he, Cr Wedge and the CEO Steven Deckert had a positive meeting with WA Country Health Services (WACHS) and Rural Health West (RHW) in Kalgoorlie on 21 January 2014 to discuss the issue of securing a permanent Doctor for Laverton. The proposed permanent Doctor did not receive approval from WACHS. The Shire is looking into the possibility of having a 2/2 roster which will require 2 Doctors rotating on working two weeks on and two weeks off. The Shire has approached another Doctor and things are looking positive.

- The Laverton Hospital Upgrade is still on the books. The Director of WACHS has informed Council that WACHS have gone as far as they can to progress things it is now up to the Shire to lobby the State Government to keep the pressure on.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.01pm.