



ELECTORS' GENERAL MEETING

(Section 5.27 Local Government Act 1995)

MINUTES

Electors' General Meeting held in the
Council Chambers, Lowood Road, Mount Barker
6.30 pm Tuesday 10 December 2013

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

6:44pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members Present:

Cr K Clements	Shire President
Cr L Handasyde	Deputy Shire President
Cr B Bell	Councillor
Cr A Budrikis	Councillor
Cr G Messmer	Councillor
Cr J Moir	Councillor
Cr J Oldfield	Councillor
Cr C Pavlovich	Councillor

In Attendance:

Mr Rob Stewart	Chief Executive Officer
Mr John Fathers	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms Nicole Selesnew	Manager Community Services
Mr Peter Duncan	Manager Development Services
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services
Mrs Linda Sounness	Executive Secretary

Members of the Public:

Mr Ole Jensen
Ms Marie O'Dea
Mr David Williamson

Apologies

Cr S Etherington
Mrs P Sounness

3 ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 RECEIVING THE ANNUAL REPORT

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr L Handasyde:

That the Annual Report for the 2012/2013 Financial Year be received.

Carried

3.2 ADDRESS BY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire President summarised his report incorporated in the Annual Report.

3.3 REPORTS BY OFFICERS RELATING TO ANNUAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer Mr Rob Stewart, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr John Fathers, the Manager Community Services Ms Nicole Selesnew, the Manager Works and Services Mr Dominic Le Cerf and the Manager Development Services Mr Peter Duncan each summarised their reports incorporated in the Annual Report.

3.4 DISCUSSION RELATING TO ANNUAL REPORT

Nil

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 David Williamson

Work in Kendenup close to completion – skatepark, half court and playground – very pleased. Proof is in the use of the facility and getting valuable use out of the facilities. There are a lot of plusses from parents and they are grateful for the facilities. Thank you to the Council for meeting/discussing and negotiating for this. Appreciative of what has been done. Project not entirely finished, have initiated some discussion about a walkway around the area – ongoing exercise however bulk of what we were seeking to achieve has been done.

Not a lot said about what is happening outside of Mount Barker. Comment for future use – ie Kendenup School students - three years in a row have gone to National Chess Championships. Thankyou for the contribution from Shire for this. Good for kids and good for community. Have advertised through Plantagenet News.

Meeting out at Kendenup – verge policy proposed to be drafted by March this year. Would like to see this happen. Especially for Kendenup, Narrikup and Porongurp as they do not have footpaths and would like to have nice verges.

Waste management. We should look into schemes which are available with current technology such as energy development. Why we continue to go to landfill. Shire President did mention trial biodigester.

4.2 Ole Jensen

Enquired about the cost of the installation of a 50k/h sign in Hassell Street south of Oatlands Road – the Police have caught someone speeding up to 80k/h.

A lot of comments regarding old Primary School site, the untidiness and long grass, especially around the dam. Can the Shire put some pressure on the

Department? Peter Duncan advised that rezoning of site has been finalised, and Landcorp is looking at options how to sell. Currently it is owned by Department of Education. Only thing that the Shire can enforce is the fire breaks. Peter will discuss with Landcorp.

4.3 Marie O'Dea

What is the direction that our free range piggeries are going in? Do we need to inform the community more about explaining these areas especially due to the amount of complaints? There seems to be several different regulations from different Departments that cover piggeries. It seems there is an issue between lifestyle versus agricultural/rural areas.

5 CLOSURE OF MEETING

7:50 pm There being no further business, the Shire President thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting.