



GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

(Section 5.27 Local Government Act 1995)

MINUTES

General Meeting of Electors held in the
Council Chambers, Lowood Road, Mount Barker
6.30 pm Tuesday 27 November 2012

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

6.30pm The Presiding member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members Present:

Cr K Clements	Shire President
Cr B Bell	Councillor
Cr S Etherington	Councillor
Cr L Handasyde	Councillor
Cr G Messmer	Councillor
Cr J Moir	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

There were five members of the public present:

Mr Ole Jensen
Mr Michael James
Ms Jenny Smith
Mr Tony Kelly
Mrs Iris Messmer

Apologies

Cr M Skinner
Cr C Pavlovich
Cr J Moir

3 ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 RECEIVING THE ANNUAL REPORT

Moved Cr Bell, seconded Cr Messmer:

That the Annual Report for the 2011/2012 financial year be received.

Carried

3.2 ADDRESS BY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire President addressed the meeting and spoke briefly on the activities throughout the past year.

4 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 SOUNNESS PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROGRESS – MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mrs Nicole Selesnew gave an overview of the redevelopment progress. Tenders closing on 12 December 2012. Hoping for \$4.5m. Special Meeting has been convened for 18 December 2012 to decide the successful tender. Hopefully this time next year stage one of the project will be almost completed.

4.2 RAIN WATER TANKS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS - MANAGER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Mr Peter Duncan spoke on the topic of Rain water tanks in residential areas. This Item was adopted by the Council as a draft policy at today's Council meeting. Encouraging new residential developments to include rainwater plumbing into their house. Information will be in the press in next couple of weeks, and will seek submissions from the public. Final draft to be presented to the Council probably in February.

4.3 ROAD PROGRAM PROGRESS – MANAGER WORKS AND SERVICES

Mr Dominic Le Cerf summarised the roads that will be upgraded in this financial year.

4.4 SALEYARDS PROJECTS UPDATE – DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr John Fathers spoke on the subject of the Saleyards. \$120,000.00 was left over from paying off on loan. Have made additional yard space, gravel has been put down, troughs, gates and barrier screens and yards in place by Christmas. Advantages from animal welfare point of view – cattle off concrete and onto dirt quicker. Implementing soft fall matting on concrete. Next year or two will finish off matting to whole saleyards. Purchased a couple of aerators working on final effluent pond, experimenting with enzymes and timing and wanting to achieve a clear layer of water to irrogate from. Initial results look favourable.

Open day on 20 February 2013 to celebrate 75 years of cattle sales within the region.

4.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – STRUCTURAL REFORM TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mr Rob Stewart then spoke on Structural Reform.

The Council is working diligently towards all that is required through structural reform. Long term financial planning, asset planning and workforce management planning – all required through Government Legislation. Metropolitan review of Local Government – 30 Local Governments in metropolitan area with the review report recommending that Councils in Perth be reduced to 12. Massive change to the industry of Local Government and will potentially have massive impact on rural Local Government as well.

Indications are – after elections – the Government will be implementing recommendations from the report. Once the metropolitan amalgamations are complete, the Government will turn attention to rural. All Structural Reform legislative requirements for Councils are due by 30 June 2013.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Michael James

Queried the type of lighting that would be available for games to be played on Sounness Park.

Ole Jensen

Query regarding water pipeline and when is this expected. School site – no point in delaying scheme amendment.

Tony Kelly

Commented that the Rainwater tank policy was good to see.

Sought comments/outcome of stabilisation of trial road (500 metre trial on Wilson Road).

Gert Messmer

Sought information regarding the introduction of recycling – Tender to include kerbside recycling – commencing from 7 January 2013 – Eastern and Narrikup one week. Western side and Kendenup the next week.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

7:08 pm There being no further business, the Shire President thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE /...../.....