

Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Minutes – Special Meeting of Electors

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(Section 5.28 Local Government Act 1995)

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Plantagenet was held at the Plantagenet District Hall, Memorial Road, Mount Barker on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 6.30pm

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following matter:

Development of a formal Shire of Plantagenet policy regarding mining and mineral exploration to include a defined mining exclusion zone in selected areas of high value for future tourism development and environmental significance.

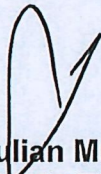

Julian Murphy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

The Shire of Plantagenet acknowledged the traditional custodians of our area and their continuing connection to the land and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Menang Noongar community and their culture; and to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members Present:

Cr Len Handasyde	President
Cr Andrew Fraser	Deputy President
Cr Rosie Brown	Councillor
Cr Brett Bell	Councillor
Cr Ken Clements	Councillor
Cr Josh Liebeck	Councillor

In Attendance:

Mr Julian Murphy	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Delma Baesjou	Manager Development Services
Ms Nicole Selesnew	Manager Community and Recreation Services
Ms Nolene Wake	Executive Officer

Apologies:

Cr Jon Oldfield
Cr Sue Etherington
Cr Warren Sheard
Scott Drummond
Sayah Drummond
Ben Cain
Lisa Braun
Amy Schlueter
Peter Morrison
Linda Morrison

Electors Present:

There were 81 electors present.

3 INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT

The Presiding Member introduced Elected Members and relevant Local Government Officers who were present at the meeting.

4 MANNER OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

The Presiding Member outlined the manner in which the meeting would be conducted.

5 PRESENTATIONS

Mr Bill Shanklin, on behalf of the Friends of the Porongurup Range and the Porongurup Community, addressed the meeting in support of the motions being proposed.

The President thanked Mr Shanklin for his presentation.

6 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- 6.1 Development of a formal Shire of Plantagenet policy regarding mining and mineral exploration to include a defined mining exclusion zone in selected areas of high value for future tourism development and environmental significance.

Motion 1

Moved: Mr Bill Shanklin, seconded: Mr Michael Thorn:

That Council define and adopt a Policy Position regarding mining and mineral exploration to include definition of selected areas of the Shire as being of high value for development and continuance of Agricultural, Viticultural and Nature-based Tourism industries and, that within those areas, mineral exploration and mining activity will be expressly opposed by Council. Such areas to include the Shire's three National Parks and a "Porongurup Tourism Corridor".

Mr Shanklin spoke for the motion.

Mr Thorn spoke for the motion.

There were no speakers against the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 2

Moved: Mr Bill Shanklin, seconded: Mr Dylan Parker:

That The President write to the WA Minister for Mines to state that Council, on behalf of the Electors, strongly oppose the permitting of mineral exploration or mining activities in the Shire's designated areas of high value for Agricultural, Viticultural and Nature-based Tourism industries, including the "Porongurup Tourism Corridor" and the Shire's National Parks, and that such activities would represent inappropriate land uses injurious to the Shire's strategy for long term, sustainable development.

Mr Shanklin spoke for the motion.

Mr Parker spoke for the motion.

There were no speakers against the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 3

Moved: Mr Bill Shanklin, seconded Mr Ian Spedding:

That the CEO assign to a Shire staff member(s) a weekly responsibility to post on the Shire website basic information and maps of all new or revised applications, permits or licences lodged with DMIRS related to proposed mineral exploration or mining activities within the Shire, and, to maintain basic instructions on where and how interested parties can access further detailed information.

Mr Shanklin spoke for the motion.

Pam Sounness asked about the timeframes that the Shire receives any notification of applications.

Mr Murphy responded, advising that the Shire was generally notified of mining tenement applications within the time period allowed for objections.

Jenni York spoke for the motion.

Jinx Orton spoke for the motion.

There were no speakers against the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member noted that an enormous amount of work had been put into this matter by members of the community and extended his thanks to those involved.

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.13pm.