

Minutes



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2018.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

7.00pm – The Shire President, Cr Gearon, declared the meeting open.

Cr Gearon acknowledged the land on which the meeting was being held and the traditional custodians of the land, the Bibbulman and Minang people.

Cr Gearon stated that she would also like to show her respect for elders past, present and emerging.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**ATTENDANCE – Electors Present**

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)
Cr Peter Caron (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Mark Allen
Cr Kingsley Gibson
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Ian Osborne
Cr Roger Seeney
Cr Rob Whooley
Mr Bill Parker (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Cary Green (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Mrs Annette Harbron (Director Sustainable Development)
Ms Claire Thompson (Executive Assistant)
Mr John Maxwell
Mr Jim King
Mr Adrian Baer
Ms Christine Blamey
Mr Jesz Fleming
Mr Brian Humphries
Mr Geoff Bowley
Dr Cyril Edwards
Ms Melissa Howe

STAFF

Recorded under Electors Present.

APOLOGIES:

Cr Janine Phillips

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

Nil

4. REPORTS

The following Reports are contained within the Annual Report attached to this Agenda.

4.1 SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Please refer to the Annual Report.

DECISION & RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 4.1
MOVED: GEOFF BOWLEY	SECONDED: MELISSA HOWE
That the Shire President's Report for the year ended 30 June 2017 be received.	
CARRIED	

4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Please refer to the Annual Report.

DECISION & RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 4.2
MOVED: CYRIL EDWARDS	SECONDED: BRIAN HUMPHRIES
That the Chief Executive Officer's report for the year ended 30 June 2017 be received.	
CARRIED	

4.3 2016/2017 AUDITORS REPORT

Please refer to the Annual Report.

DECISION & RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 4.3
MOVED: MELISSA HOWE	SECONDED: CYRIL EDWARDS
That the Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2017 be received.	
CARRIED	

4.4 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Please refer to the Annual Report.

DECISION & RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 4.4
MOVED: JESZ FLEMING	SECONDED: JIM KING
That the 2016/17 Annual Report, incorporating the Annual Financial Statements, be received.	
CARRIED	

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Mr Brian Humphries – Annual Report

Mr Humphries referred to a report he had previously received from Cary which showed a total expenditure for external consultants of approximately \$900,000, all of which was funded by ratepayers.

Mr Humphries asked for an explanation of each listed item of expenditure, an indication of whether it was budgeted for and whether that level of expenditure was expected to continue in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 budgets.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that he hadn't seen the figures and referred the question to the Director Corporate and Community Services. The Director stated that he believed that approximately \$400,000 was for insurance.

The Shire President advised that the Council had been encouraging the Chief Executive Officer to seek external advice for matters which Council Officers did not have the appropriate expertise. Cr Gearon used the recent planning review as an example.

Mr Humphries asked whether his questions could be taken on notice so that the matter could be clarified.

The Shire President agreed to take the question on notice.

Mr Humphries asked for an explanation of Council's policy of funding not-for-profit organisations, how their need was evaluated and whether each of those entities should be required to make their books of account available for public scrutiny.

Mr Humphries asked what the total amount of property rates that are exempted by the Shire to faith-based entities and what or who those entities were and the amount exempted for each.

The Shire President took the questions on notice.

Mr Humphries asked what the progress was with the rehabilitation of the lime pit.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that the Shire had submitted a mining plan which included a staged plan for rehabilitation and that required works would be substantiated and budgeted for accordingly. Mr Parker stated that the lime pit was being managed very well at the moment.

Mr Humphries asked whether members of the public would be permitted to inspect the lime pit.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he could check with the Shire's insurers because his main concern would be that of public safety.

5.2 Mr Jesz Fleming – Audio Equipment & Wilson Inlet

Mr Fleming expressed concern that the microphone in the Chambers did not always work properly which made it difficult to hear speakers. Mr Fleming asked if it could be looked into and fixed.

The Chief Executive Officer agreed that he could investigate the problem.

Mr Fleming noted that the Annual Report did not include any mention of Wilson Inlet which he believed was just as significant as the land in Denmark. Mr Fleming said that he see a good exchange which would enable more opportunities for aquaculture industries.

The Shire President noted Mr Fleming's comments and said that the Department of Water had recently advised Shire that the Inlet was in good condition.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

7.26pm – There being no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Gearon, declared the meeting open.