



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

10 February 2016

Hopetoun Community Centre – 7:35 pm

1. Attendance

Councillor Keith Dunlop – Shire President	Kevin Hosking
Councillor Ian Goldfinch	Lyn Hoskin
Councillor Sharyn Gairen	Liz Richardson
Rod Daw AFSM ASM	Derek Williams
Mary Smith	
Ann Dunlop	Darryn Watkins – Manager Engineering
Ann Williams	Ian Fitzgerald – Chief Executive Officer

2. Apologies

Cr Dickinson
Cr Kelton
Cr Smith
Cr Norman
Jan Field
John Field

3. Minutes

Moved Rod Daw	Seconded: Cr Goldfinch
That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting Held on 12 th February 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
Carried	

4. Annual Report 2014/2015

The Shire President allowed those present time to read the annual report and allowed questions to be asked.

Moved: Rod Daw	Seconded: Cr Gairen
That the Shire of Ravensthorpe's 2014/2015 Annual Report including the Presidents Report, Chief Executive Officer Report, Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received.	
Carried	

5. General Business

Derek Williams – does FCTA receive funding from Council. The CEO advised an annual allocation of \$20,000 is made to FCTA.

Mary Smith – congratulations to the Shire for the works completed in Hopetoun including the skate park, McCulloch Park improvements and foreshore/public toilets upgrades.

Derek Williams complimented the Shire on the improvement works completed at Starvation Bay

Cr Goldfinch queried the replacement of the toilet at Starvation Bay. The Manager of Engineering responded advising the existing structure was old and in need of attention and Council was taking the opportunity of some grant funds to install a new toilet facility.

The Shire President read emails received raising questions to be raised at tonight's meeting.

- Larry Cox stated as Ravensthorpe is the hub of the Shire and meetings such as this should be held in Ravensthorpe – CEO responded that the meetings alternate between Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe: Larry Cox stated he wanted more funding spent in Ravensthorpe as he felt everything is being done in Hopetoun – CEO advised that funds had been spent on the new Hopetoun Community Centre and foreshore but Ravensthorpe was about to get an upgrade of Morgans Street and initial planning was underway to develop a central cultural precinct in Ravensthorpe. Mr Cox stated the gravel roads in the Shire that the school buses uses are dangerous – Manager of Engineering disputed this and stated gravel roads are graded according to a hierarchy adopted by Council and school bus routes get extra attention.
- Larry Boley stated his access to his property is only very occasionally graded – Manager of Engineering advised that this access is via an unmade road reserve and therefore Council has no obligation to grade on a regular basis
- Shanita Woodham queried the delay in getting the zoning of her block changed. The CEO advised that Council has approved the rezoning of the land in question and it is part of the current review of the Local Planning Scheme and Ms Woodham had been advised of this. A scheme amendment could have been lodged by Ms Woodham but she declined and was happy to wait for the scheme review. This is progressing but there were delays due to changes in government legislation.

Cr Gairen asked if there was any update on the FQM or Galaxy mines – CEO advised that Galaxy were starting to recruit staff and were on track to commence operations in March/April. FQM were still operating and no word had been received on a shutdown of their operations.

Mary Smith raised the poor condition of Jerdacuttup Road, particularly east of the FQM mine – Manager of Engineering acknowledged this and advised contractors were scheduled to commence remedial work within the next month.

Derek Williams raised the poor condition of the South Coast Highway east of Ravensthorpe – CEO advised this has been reported to Main Roads on several occasions and will continue to be raised until the poor condition is addressed.

CEO advised that Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding to install a large solar power system on the new Hopetoun Community Centre.

Ann Williams raised the grading practices that saw gravel cut-off the road and left on the shoulder during summer – Manager of Engineering advised this is normal practice as the lack of moisture makes it difficult to bind the gravel surface during summer. The gravel is pulled back on during the winter months when there is moisture to bind the material together.

Derek Williams raised concerns with the amount of growth and understory on the north side of Ravensthorpe townsite including along the ranges – Rod Daw as Chief Bushfire Control Officer responded advising extra funding from government was required but to date was not forthcoming. A Bushfire Mitigation Officer had been recently appointed and it is hoped from strategic planning work out of this project additional government funding for mitigation works will be provided.

6. Closure

Meeting was closed at 8.17pm