



MINUTES **Confirmed**

Annual Electors Meeting

Tuesday, 4 May 2021

Ravensthorpe Recreation Centre

SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of Council held in Council Chambers at the Ravensthorpe Recreation Centre, Ravensthorpe on Tuesday, 4 May 2021.

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1. Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.00pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Noongar people of this area and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay respect to both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, past and present.

2. Attendance / Apologies/ Approved Leave of Absence

COUNCILLOR'S: Cr Keith Dunlop (Shire President)
 Cr Julianne Belli (Deputy Shire President)
 Cr Ian Goldfinch
 Cr Sue Leighton
 Cr Thomas Major
 Cr Mark Mudie
 Cr Graham Richardson

STAFF: Gavin Pollock (Chief Executive Officer)
 Les Mainwaring (Director Corporate and Community Services)
 Graham Steel (Director Technical Services)
 Brian Jones (Acting Manager Governance and Compliance)
 Kim Bransby (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGIES: Nil.

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil.

ABSENT: Nil.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mr Rod Daw
Mr Ken Norman
Mrs Madeline Norman

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous annual Electors Meeting

3.1 Annual Electors Meeting Minutes – 31 January 2020

Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

Moved: Cr Mudie

Seconded: Cr Major

Res: 01/21

Decision:

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Ravensthorpe held in the Council Chambers, Hopetoun on 31 January 2021 be confirmed as true and correct.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Carried: 7/0

4. Shire Presidents Report

Cr Keith Dunlop presented the Shire President's Report for 2019/20, as per page 7 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

Moved: Cr Richardson

Seconded: Cr Belli

Res: 02/21

Decision:

That the Shire President's Report for 2019/20, as per page 7 of the Annual Report be received.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Carried: 7/0

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr Gavin Pollock presented the Chief Executive Officer's Report for 2019/20, as per page 8 to 13 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

Moved: Cr Goldfinch

Seconded: Cr Mudie

Res: 03/21

Decision:

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report for 2019/20, as per page 8 to 13 of the Annual Report be received.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Carried: 7/0

6. Auditors Report

Mr Gavin Pollock presented the Auditor's Report for 2019/2020, commencing on page 22 and 23 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

Moved: Cr Major

Seconded: Cr Leighton

Res: 04/21

Decision:

That the Auditor's Report for 2019/20, as per page 22 and 23 of the Annual Report be received.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Carried: 7/0

7. Annual Financial Report

Mr Gavin Pollock presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020, commencing on page 24 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

Moved: Cr Richardson

Seconded: Cr Goldfinch

Res: 056/21

Decision:

That the Annual Financial Report for 2019/20, commencing at page 24 of the Annual Report be received.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Carried: 7/0

8. General Business

8.1 Questions of Which Notice has Been Given

Mr Ken Norman of 1090 Woodenup Road, Ravensthorpe

Mr Norman gave notice of the following questions.

Question 1

I refer to the Ordinary Council Meeting of September 20th 2018, specifically agenda Item 10.2.3, seeking Shire approval for 32 motel units and 40 parking bays at Lot 54 (279), Hopetoun / Ravensthorpe Road. An unusual Agenda Item in as much as a very similar Agenda item was originally presented to and unanimously supported by Council at the OCM of June 2017. Apparently due to a technical difficulty an identical Agenda item was, as aforementioned, re-presented to Council 15 months later but modified with the addition of two additional development conditions. I refer to specifically to Planning Development condition 18, duplicated as 20, “that Wavecrest Village must be connected to the existing deep Hopetoun reticulated sewerage system”. The second new Development condition No 19, duplicated as No 21, in the re-presented Agenda item is “that Wavecrest Village be connected to a reticulated water supply provided by a licensed water supplier. This new Agenda Item was unanimously adopted by Council as Resolution 113/2018. My question is; when does Council expect to enforce those two planning conditions and has Shire inspected all 20 planning conditions for compliance?

Answer

Yes correct, planning condition 18 is duplicated as condition 20 and planning condition 19 is duplicated as condition 21. As mentioned these planning condition have been doubled up for some reason and I'll refer to planning conditions 18 and 19. Conditions 18 and 19 have been endorsed by the Shire but are not a condition the Shire can enforce as this is Water Corporation Reticulated Sewage Scheme. It is noted that the Department of Health issued a specific approval for Wavecrest Village to be connected to an on-site wastewater treatment plant on 30 October 2020. It is also noted that to connect to a reticulated sewage scheme was deemed by Water Corporation as unrealistic due to the distance between the existing system and the site in question.

Please note the Shire has no ability to override the State Government. It is considered that connection to the on-site wastewater treatment plan as per the Department of Health approval is compliant with the intent of the condition for the disposal of effluent in a safe and approved manner and as such it is the position of Planning Services that nothing further is required in regards to compliance with the condition on the Development Approval.

The remaining 17 conditions are assumed as met due to building certificates being issued.

Question 2

An agenda item of the ordinary Council meeting of June 2018, resolution 71/18, resulted in the CEO negotiating with the City of Albany for supply to Shire of Ravensthorpe with Health and Building services. Reason being to possibly to save Council \$35,000 per year, down from an estimated \$100,000 to \$65,000. Per Annum. Can Council confirm whether that level of anticipated savings on contract Health and Building services has been achieved? That is, can Council please provide total expenditure allocated for contract Health and Building services in the current budget period to the City of Albany? Especially relevant as the contract should expire within the next few months.

Answer

At this point in time savings have been better than expected.

2019/2020 – Total spent on Expenses relating to Preventative Services - \$26,595.

2019/2020 – Total spent on Expenses relating to Building Control - \$7,133.

2019/2020 – Total spent on contract Health and Building services - \$33,728.

2020/2021 – Current budget for Expenses relating to Building Control - \$5,000 (Following budget review).

2020/2021 – Current budget for Expenses relating to Preventative Services - \$34,000
(Following budget review).

Total expenditure allocated for contract Health and Building services in the current budget period - \$39,000 (Following budget review).

8.2 Questions from Electors at the Meeting

The Shire President called for any questions from Electors concerning matters under the jurisdiction of the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

Mr Ken Norman of 1090 Woodenup Road, Ravensthorpe

Question 1

Mr Norman asked the Shire for an update on the current management and tenancy of the independent living units in Dunn Street, Ravensthorpe and where we are at with them.

Response

The Shire President asked the Chief Executive Officer if he would like to provide a response now or take the question on notice. The Chief Executive Officer advised he was prepared to provide an answer now.

Answer

Currently there have been no submissions received for tenancy in the units. The units are now under the management of the Shire. We have received an exemption from the Department of Housing for intermittent usage of the units as housing for Contractors, Staff or Emergency Services if required. If there was an application received for a suitable applicant for the units, that applicant would have priority for those units.

There has been grant funding applied for much needed maintenance of the units. One of the units is heavily under review at the moment for structural elements. The Shire is waiting on a report.

Mr Rod Daw, Freeman of the Shire of Ravensthorpe of 17110 South Coast Highway, Ravensthorpe

Comment

Mr Daw advised as he drives around the Shire, he sees that everything is going well. He would just like to say congratulations. When he comes to Town and attends the Shire Office, he moves amongst the staff, works crew and the people in charge of the Shire, he sees harmony and he believes the Shire is as well off as it has ever been and would like to say well done.

The Shire President thanked Mr Daw for his comment.

Question 1

Mr Daw asked if the Shire could do something about Elverton Road. Mr Daw noted that it may be perceived that he has a personal interest in Elverton Road as he uses it quite a lot, however

he believes at the moment it is very dangerous. It does have a lot of tourism traffic on it. Mr Daw advised he had come across a tourist bus that was set up with a table and drinks in the middle of the road which gives the impression of a quiet road, however he notes that miners also use the road as a short cut and they move quite quickly down the road. There are some bad corners and the drainage is terrible and he believes it warrants some expenditure on it to make it a decent track.

Mr Daw also noted Eleverton Road is classed as a Flora and Fauna Road and therefore may be eligible for funding for the works and upgrade.

Response

The Shire President asked the Chief Executive Officer if he would like to provide a response now or take the question on notice.

Answer

The Chief Executive Officer advised Mr Daw the Shire will undertake an inspection of the road and provide a response to Mr Daw of this review.

Mrs Madeline Norman of 1090 Woodenup Road, Ravensthorpe

Question 1

Mrs Norman asked if the Parks and Gardens Team in Ravensthorpe are planning to do some pruning in the Townsite as there are some intersections where when sitting in a lower car it is difficult to see oncoming traffic. The intersections of primary concern are when coming out of the Museum and coming from the Post Office onto Morgans Street. Mr Norman noted you have to really pull out to see if there is any oncoming traffic.

Response

The Shire President asked the Chief Executive Officer if he would like to provide a response now or take the question on notice. The Chief Executive Officer advised he was prepared to make a response now.

Answer

The Chief Executive Officer advised he would arrange for a Works Request for the Parks and Gardens Team to review and action as required.

There were no further questions.

9. Closure of Meeting

The Presiding Member thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

These minutes were confirmed at the Annual Electors' Meeting held 6 September 2022.

Signed by the Shire President: _____



(Presiding Person at the meeting of which the minutes were confirmed.)

Date: 6 September 2022