



Minutes **Confirmed**

2020-2021 Annual
Electors Meeting

Tuesday, 6 September 2022



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MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.02pm.

The Shire President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and paid respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Shire President advised visitors of adhering to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Ravensthorpe Meeting Procedures Local Law, that it is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and requested visitors to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members:

Cr Keith Dunlop	(Shire President)
Cr Sue Leighton	(Deputy Shire President)
Cr Julia Bell	
Cr Rachel Livingston	
Cr Thomas Major	
Cr Mark Mudie	
Cr Graham Richardson	

Staff:

Matthew Bird	(Chief Executive Officer)
Les Mainwaring	(Executive Manager Corporate Services)
[vacant]	(Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)
Natalie Bell	(Acting Executive Manager Development and Community Services)
Meredith Lee-Curtis	(Executive Assistant)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Ian Goldfinch
Mr Rodney Daw
Ms Karen Sinclair
Ms Ainsley Foulds

APOLOGIES

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

3.1 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES 4 MAY 2021

(Attachment YELLOW)

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.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Mudie, seconded by Cr Leighton

Resolution: 56/22

That the Minutes and associated attachments of the (2019/2020) Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Ravensthorpe held on 4 May 2021 be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Motion put and CARRIED

(7/0)

4. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cr Keith Dunlop presented the Shire President's Report for 2020/2021, as per page 7 of the 2020 / 2021 Annual Report (refer to [Attachment](#)).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Moved by Cr Major, seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution 57/22

COUNCIL DECISION

That the Shire President's Report be RECEIVED as presented.

Motion put and CARRIED

(7/0)

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr Matthew Bird, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Chief Executive Officer's Report (on behalf of Gavin Pollock, Ex-Chief Executive Officer) for 2020/2021, as per page 8 of the Annual Report (refer to [Attachment](#)).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Moved by Cr Livingston, seconded by Cr Leighton

Resolution 58/22

COUNCIL DECISION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be RECEIVED as presented.

Motion put and CARRIED

(7/0)

6. AUDITORS REPORT

Mr Les Mainwaring, Executive Manager Corporate Services presented the Auditor General's Independent Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, commencing on page 22 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Moved by Cr Leighton, seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution 59/22

COUNCIL DECISION

That the Auditor's Report be RECEIVED as presented.

Motion put and CARRIED

(7/0)

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Les Mainwaring, Executive Manager Corporate Services presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, commencing on page 27 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority (*Local Government Act 1995 s5.54(1)* – Acceptance of Annual Reports)

Moved by Mr Rod Daw, seconded by Mr Ian Goldfinch

Resolution 60/22

COUNCIL DECISION

That Council ADOPTS BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, the 2020/2021 Annual Financial Report.

Motion put and CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

(7/0)

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

8.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS AT THE MEETING

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

Mr Ian Goldfinch

Question 1

Mr Goldfinch enquired about the progress of the Cultural Precinct.

Answer 1

Natalie Bell, Acting Executive Manager Development and Community Services reported that the project is on track with subcontractors working 7 days per week. Cost wise, the project is within contingency, with a couple of changes made due to design issues with the walkway.

A Stakeholder Engagement Meeting was held yesterday to discuss the use of the precinct and activating the areas.

An outstanding issue is the landscaping with work to be done on the final design, fencing and functionality of the courtyard within the building.

Question 2

Mr Goldfinch enquired about the plans for the external parkland and playground and if the public could contribute to ideas for the area; and, is the budget on track.

Answer 2

Ms Bell advised that Council is bound by the Grant Agreement, with certain milestones to be completed within a certain timeframe. The landscaping plan will be completely open for public consideration. The public toilet block has to be demolished, as part of the Grant requirements. The amphitheatre will not be built, however BBQs and shelters can be added. The stone walls and pond will remain.

Mr Matthew Bird confirmed that the contingency for construction of 10% or \$100,000 is within budget.

Question 3

Mr Goldfinch asked when the 2022/2023 Budget will be adopted.

Answer 3

Mr Matthew Bird advised that Council will workshop the Budget later this month.

Mr Goldfinch spoke about the Museum being a cultural place, where visitors spend hours, but it needs to be made more relevant as a tourist attraction to attract new younger members. Mr Goldfinch requested the Shire consider setting aside \$10,000 or obtain a grant to fund projects and expansion plans.

Mr Rodney Daw

Question 1

Mr Daw commented on the water carting from Hopetoun to Ravensthorpe, with constant road trains every day travelling to an open drain to deposit the water. Why doesn't the Water Corporation cover the dam, install a water tank, or consider tapping into the desalination plant at the mine?

Answer 1

Mr Matthew Bird advised that this is a Water Corporation issue, however the Shire will address this with them. The carting of water is at no cost to the Shire. We are currently in talks with FQM on a range of issues and we will address it with them.

Mrs Karen Sinclair

Ms Sinclair expressed her concern on the number of road trains carting water each day between Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun, being a safety issue.

9. MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.19pm.



Signed by the Shire President: _____

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

Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023