

SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE

MINUTES

For the Annual General Meeting of Electors

held on 12 November, 2012

in the Ravensthorpe Entertainment Centre ,

commencing at 7.30 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

7.30PM – The Shire President, Cr Goldfinch opened the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS: Cr Ian Goldfinch
Cr Don Lansdown
Cr Jan Field
Cr Ken Norman
Cr Andrew Duncan
Cr Keith Dunlop
Cr Julianne Townsend

STAFF: Pascoe Durtanovich (Chief Executive Officer)
Brent Bailey (Deputy CEO)
Craig Pursey (Manager of Planning)
Darryn Watkins (Manager of Engineering)
Steve McGuire (Airport Manager/Compliance Officer)

APOLOGIES:

ELECTORS: as per Attendance Register (attached)

3. REPORTS

The Shire President read his report.
The Chief Executive Officer discussed sections of his report and invited any questions.

Derek Williams – Questioned how did Council fare over the Lehman brothers collapse ,

CEO responded advising a loss of approximately \$1m although recent court decisions indicate the possibility of further dividends being paid on the remaining investments.

Moved: Mr Rod Daw	Seconded: Mrs Mary Smith
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That the 2011/2012 Annual Report, which includes the Presidents Report, Chief Executive Officers Report, Auditors Report and Financial Report be accepted.
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Carried Unanimously.

4. UPDATES

The Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer gave an update on the following issues.

- **Ravensthorpe Heavy Haulage Route**

Support has been provided by MRWA for option 2 but there is no funding to date. The CEO and Shire President will meet with the Minister for Transport to discuss project funding.

- **Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Road Maintenance and Reconstruction**

Now a State responsibility.

- **Hopetoun Community Centre development**

The Deputy CEO advised that Architects have been appointed and are preparing detailed plans, taking into consideration community comments.

A community information session, with the architect will be scheduled once draft plans are available.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

The following issues were raised.

5.1 Mr Ian Campbell – Question submitted in writing.

A) Hopetoun Community Centre

- 1) The petition of 117 signatories seems to have been ignored, Why?

CEO response – The petition respondents have not been ignored, however Council feels that the project needs to continue through the planning process to present more detailed designs including elevations and landscaping. The detailed planning will also provide a better indication of cost estimates and enable the grant funding program to commence and take advantage of the upcoming election cycle.

- 2) Require the Shire to hold a public meeting in Hopetoun.

CEO response - This will be undertaken through the detailed design process and carried out independently by the architects.

B) Hopetoun Power Site

1) Contamination Report

CEO Response – DEC have reclassified the site to 'Remediated – Restricted use' as a result of additional information lodged in 2007, 2008 & 2010. This means that the site could be used for similar uses but not converted to more sensitive land uses, such as residential, without further studies.

2) Current status of occupation

CEO Response – Horizon Power have no plans to move from the site. They have indicated that if they move then further testing is likely and they would have to pay, therefore there is no incentive.

C) Jerdacuttup Hall

1) Refurbishment costs

CEO Response – Total budget for the project in this financial year is \$270,000 including \$252,000 of grant funding and contributions. To date \$282k has been spent and the project is almost complete.

2) Disposal of asbestos.

CEO Response – Carried out by the contractor in accordance with regulations regarding the handling of asbestos.

D) Number of Shire staff

CEO Response

- 1) *Inside: Approx 13.5 FTE (1.5 FTE positions are shared with Shire of Jerramungup), 1.3 FTE with the doctor.*
- 2) *Outside: Approx 21 FTE positions, currently there are 4 vacancies (Ranger, Leading hand, 2 Plant Operators (due to LSL))*

5.2 Access to Waste sites

John Field - Contractors require regular access to the waste sites. Could the Shire look at a remote, swipe access to the facility.

CEO responded that Council has introduced the manned station at Ravensthorpe and the Hopetoun site was being left open for the time being. Manning has enabled the collection of data which will be useful when planning the regional waste facility. Council will look into cost effective ways of overcoming access issues.

Rod Daw – Commented that charging for the use of the tip site will lead to illegal dumping and burning of rubbish at home, potentially creating a fire risk. Suggested that it should be free to encourage people to manage their waste appropriately.

CEO responded that there has not been a lot of illegal dumping, in relation to fire the Council will look at kerbside collections on annual basis.

Roger Walker - Ravensthorpe tip is a hazardous site for weeds, is there provision within the tip site budget for management of the weeds.

When will the Regional Waste Management Plan be available to the public.

CEO explained that there were two reports, one was Towards Zero Waste and the second was done through the regional component of Royalties for Regions. The latest report was completed by GHD consultants and can be viewed at the Shire office.

The CEO also advised that spraying of weeds at the landfill site can be undertaken.

5.3 Television transmission

Derek Williams - Vast scheme is not as good as the existing analogue scheme. If possible can we retransmit.

Shire President replied that we cannot due to technology moving on and that analogue will be switched off.

5.4 Budget Information

Rodger Walker - Shire of Ravensthorpe statutory budget previously contained detailed schedules which are no longer published.

CEO advised that the budget was now prepared in a different format and that details on specific items could be obtained by contacting the DCEO.

5.5 Lease Agreements

Rodger Walker - Where are they documented? Are the lease agreements audited annually for compliance.

CEO replied that leased assets are inspected as required.

5.6 Wards and Representation Review

The CEO outlined the process for the review.
The Shire President then invited comments.

Mary Smith – No wards could agitate people if all Councillors came from one area of the Shire, say Hopetoun. Prefers a ward system of two wards.

Jan Kuiper – Supports a ward system of three wards – Hopetoun; Ravensthorpe and Rural

Ian Campbell – Favours no wards because this would encourage nominations and elections.

After discussion the Shire President asked for a show of hands on the different options

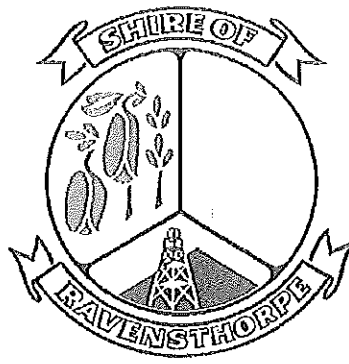
No Wards	Wards
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Two Wards (South Coast Ward and Rural Ward)
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Councillor numbers

The meeting indicated support to remain with seven Councillors

MEETING CLOSED 9.18PM



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Annual Electors' General Meeting
Monday 12 November 2012

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Please print

NAME	ADDRESS
JOHN McGUIRE	SHIRE.
CRAIG PURSEY	SHIRE.
ROD DAW AFSM.ASM.	RAY
J. Campsbell	Nepetown
Ann Dunlop	Nepetown.
Kathy Dunlop	Nepetown
DARRYL WATKINS	SHIRE.
Lola Lansdown	Ray.
DON LANSDOWN	Councillor.
Gemma Jamieson	Ravensthorpe
Jules Belli	Councillor.
Ken Norman	Councillor
Kacleteine Norman	Moolyall
Jan Fletcher	Ravensthorpe

JAN MOWS	HOPETOUN
EMILIO TINK	Ravensthorpe
CLIFF TINK	"
JOHN FIELDS	HOPETOUN
JAN KUIPER	WEST RIVER.
JEAN FARMAN	HOPETOUN
MARGARET KELLY	HOPETOUN
KAY WILSON	HOPETOUN.
MARY SMITH	Hope town
Owen Smith	Hope town
MEL WILSON	HOPETOUN
Elaine Archer	Ravensthorpe.
John Archer	Ravensthorpe
KEITH ROWE	RAVENSTHORPE.
Christine Rowe	RAVENSTHORPE
RODGER WALKER	RAVENSTHORPE.
ANN WILLIAMS	Ravensthorpe
DEREK WILLIAMS	Ravensthorpe
Ang / DUNCAN	RAVENSTHORPE - GARDNER
Kier Perryman	Ravensthorpe.
JAN GODFINCEI .	SARE PRESIDENT
PARCOE JORDANOWICH	LEO .
BRENT BAILYE	D/LEO