
Shire of Kalamunda

Annual General Electors Meeting

Minutes for 7 February 2011



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Minutes of Annual General Electors Meeting Held in the Council Chambers, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda Monday 7 February 2011

1.0 OFFICIAL OPENING

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.31 pm and welcomed Councillors, Staff and Residents to the meeting.

2.0 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

2.1 Attendance

Councillors

Donald McKechnie	(Shire President)	North Ward
Sue Bilich		North Ward
Margaret Thomas	(Chairman, Planning)	North Ward
Allan Morton		South West Ward
Noreen Townsend		South West Ward
Geoff Stallard		South East Ward
Carol Everett		South East Ward
Martyn Cresswell	(Chairman, General)	North West Ward
Dylan O'Connor		North West Ward

Members of Staff

James Trail	Chief Executive Officer
Steve Leeson	A/Director of Corporate Services
Clayton Higham	Director of Planning & Development Services
Kevin O'Connor	Director of Community Development
Mahesh Singh	Director of Engineering Services
Darrell Forrest	Manager Governance
Michelle Clark	Executive Assistant
Sara Slavin	Minute Secretary

Members of the Public 9

Members of the Press 0

2.2 Apologies

Councillors

Maureen Robinson	South West Ward
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Frank Lindsey

South East Ward

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Approved

Nil.

3.0 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Shire President presented the Shire of Kalamunda Annual Report 2010 to the meeting and asked for a motion that the Report be received.

RESOLVED AGM 1/2010

That the Shire of Kalamunda Annual Report 2010 be received.

Moved: Cr Noreen Townsend

Seconded: Cr Margaret Thomas

CARRIED

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Iris Jones, Lesmurdie

Q. What is the most up to date report on the Gavour Road, Wattle Grove scheme amendment?

A. The most up to date report on Wattle Grove is the Draft Local Planning Strategy which was adopted by the Council in September last year. That report was adopted as a confidential report and has been forwarded to the West Australia Planning Commission (WAPC) for their consideration. The WAPC are looking at the report at the present time and will be advising Council very soon on what changes they would like to be made on that report, or whether or not they would accept that the Council proceed to advertising the report for public comment.

Q. What other plans does Council have in addition to this scheme amendment to ensure our elderly can continue to live in our Shire, given the dire need for Residential and aging in place accommodation emphasised in the Shire's commissioned report of 2006?

A. The amendment was adopted by the Council and is with the WAPC for their consideration before it is passed on to the Minister to consider the amendment.

4.2 Cr Donald McKechnie

Q. Have any alterations gone to the Minister as yet?

A. The alterations that we are aware of are only officer to officer comments at this stage. We do not have the official request from the WAPC for any changes to the report that they may want at this stage.

Q. What is happening with regard to the Plans for the Future, aged care accommodation?

A. Taken on Notice.

4.3 Mr Alexander Victor Ronalds

Q. Can the wording on the Shire Dog Attack Report be altered? Instead of referring to "victim" and "complainant" can an alternative be used as the terminology can be stressful.

A. Taken on Notice

Q. Recently many of us in Forrestfield have received a newsletter on the Gateway Project where the term "A Grade Separation Interchange" was used. Most of the general public would find it difficult to understand this term. In future is it possible to ensure terminology can be easily understood by residents and the community.

A. Taken on Notice.

Q. Can the Council consider spot pick-ups? Ad hoc dumping can make the Shire look very untidy.

A. Taken on Notice.

Q. Is there an opportunity to have community notice boards on display in the nearby Local Shopping Centres?

A. Taken on Notice.

Q. Can Council consider or look at changing the Shire's Christmas shutdown period, as I rang the Shire over the Christmas break and was directed to another phone number.

A. Taken on Notice.

Q. Shire telephone recordings often refer to the Shire's website for residents to find information. Can the Shire be a little more conscious that there are number of Residents that do not have computers or access to a computer?

A. Taken on Notice.

Q. Is it possible for Local Elected Members to have a local stall down at the shopping centres, so residents can talk and communicate to their elected members?

A. Taken on Notice.

Q. Is it possible to extend the Eyes on the Street to engage the local community to include local walking groups and residents? Perhaps the name could also be changed to reflect our community?

A. Taken on Notice.

4.4 Mr Ross Leighton

Q. I would like the Council to consider the term "Customer Service" as we are ratepayers paying for the maintenance, services & Infrastructure of this Council and do not have a choice of where we can go.

A. Taken on Notice.

5.0 CLOSURE

The Chairman thanked the residents who attended for their interest. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.46pm.

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this Council.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated thisday of.....2011