



Shire of Esperance

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023

MINUTES

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ATTACHMENTS

Please be advised that in order to save printing and paper costs, all attachments referenced in this paper are available in the original Agenda document for this meeting.

RECORDINGS

The Meeting will be audio recorded for record keeping and minute taking purposes.

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SHIRE OF ESPERANCE
MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
HELD IN ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE ON 7 FEBRUARY 2023.

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7:01pm and did an acknowledgement to country.

The Shire of Esperance acknowledges the Nyungar and Ngadju people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and we extend that respect to other aboriginal Australians today.

The President welcomed Councillors, staff, guests and members of the public to the meeting. He introduced each of the Directors to the members of the public and spoke about the general reason for the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Cr I Mickel, AM JP	President	Rural Ward
Cr R Chambers	Deputy President	Town Ward
Cr S McMullen		Town Ward
Cr J Obourne		Town Ward
Cr L de Haas		Town Ward
Cr W Graham		Rural Ward
Cr R Horan		Town Ward
Cr S Flanagan		Town Ward

Shire Officers

Mr S Burge	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Walker	Director Asset Management
Mr R Hindley	Acting Director External Services
Mrs F Baxter	Director Corporate & Community Services
Miss E Hegney	Executive Assistant
Miss C Smith	Manager Media & Communications
Mrs M Bidstrup	Media & Communications Officer
Mr T Currie	Civic Centre Coordinator

Members of the Public & Press

Mr D Miller	Observing
Mrs M Agnew	Observing
Mr R Agnew	Observing
Mrs T Ibrahim	Observing
Mr G Vivian	Media – Esperance Weekender

3. APOLOGIES & NOTIFICATION OF GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr J O'Donnell	Town Ward	Granted Leave
David Frazer	Community Member	

Mr Vivian entered the room at 7:04 pm.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mrs Ibrahim
Seconded: Mrs Agnew

AEM0223-018

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held Tuesday 8 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED
(0 votes against)

5. PURPOSE OF MEETING

Moved: Mrs Agnew
Seconded: Mrs Ibrahim

AEM0223-019

That the 2021/2022 Annual report be received.

CARRIED
(0 votes against)

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Cr Mickel – Auditors Report

Cr Mickel read aloud the auditors letter from the Audit Report completed on the 2021/2022 Annual Report. He noted that the report was a 'clean' report – meaning that there were no issues raised.

2. Mrs Agnew – Congratulations to Council

Mrs Agnew stated that the Council should be very satisfied with the work they are doing at the moment as the small number of people attending the meeting would indicate that the community is happy to trust them to get on with the job.

Cr Mickel responded that this is the best Council he has worked with.

3. Mrs Ibrahim – Priority Projects, Community Consultation and Tiny Houses

Mrs Ibrahim stated that the Tiny House initiative taken by the Shire was excellent. She thanked the Shire for stepping up and congratulated the Councillors. She asked what the next priority project will be now that the Community Plan is completed.

Cr Mickel responded that it depends on the year of completion for each project, but Myrup Transfer Station is certainly high up on the list as the Wylie Bay Waste facility will need to come to an end. For the Community, he noted that the Shire will be progressing James Street Precinct through applying for grants. There has been a lot of positive public consultation. He noted that there are many other projects contained in the Plan, including footpaths and roads, and that Council would be keen to know what the community is looking for and what they feel should be top of the priority list.

Mrs Ibrahim noted that she attended much of the public consultation for the Community Plan and it was great. She added that she is excited to see what comes next.

Cr Mickel responded that there will be more public consultation for James Street so watch out for that. He also clarified that the Tiny Houses are intended to be those on wheels so that they can be transported when required. All other small homes fall under the normal building code.

Mrs Ibrahim asked where these Tiny Houses are built.

Cr Mickel responded that this can come from all directions. The aim of the policy and restrictions in relation to wheels because Council want to give capacity to move them should people want to.

4. Mrs Agnew – Greater Sports Ground

Mrs Agnew asked if the Greater Sports Ground (GSG) masterplan has been finalised or if there is more work to do.

Cr Mickel responded that there is more work to be done, for example the netball upgrade and the moving of the asphalt, as well as a range of other aspects with a longer timeframe, for example the hockey synthetic surface.

Mr Walker added that the 20 year masterplan is a mix of short and long term projects and tasks. Many short term tasks have already been completed, however some of the longer term ones are lead by the respective sporting clubs in order to maximise use.

Mrs Agnew asked if there has been any discussions with the Esperance Ag Show Society as they are set to potentially lose space. She also asked if not – is there a reason for that.

Cr Mickle responded that the Agricultural Society had 2 members on the committee as all other stakeholders did. They raised issues and certainly, in the short term, there will be little impact. Longer term impacts for the Ag Society will need to be further explored. He noted that it has taken 25 years to achieve the plan and that we are lucky to have this outcome.

Mrs Agnew thanked Cr Mickle for the information.

7. CLOSURE

The President thanked all those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.31pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on _____

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed.

Dated _____