



Shire of Pingelly

Minutes

General Electors Meeting
6 February 2018

SHIRE OF PINGELLY

**Minutes of the General Electors Meeting of the Shire of Pingelly held in the Council Chambers,
17 Queen Street, Pingelly on 6 February 2018 at 7pm.**

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Unconfirmed

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr WV Mulroney	President
Cr DI Freebairn	Deputy President
Cr LN Steel	
Cr EJ Hodges	
Cr JM Walton-Hassell	
Cr BW Hotham	
Cr J McBurney	

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Billingham	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr B Gibbs	Director Technical Services
Mrs L Boddy	Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Mr Gavin Pollock, Chief Executive Officer
Cr Peter Wood
Mr Ray Marshall
Mrs Lesley Page

OBSERVERS & VISITORS

Mrs Shirley Lange
Mr Barrie Hastings
Mr Craig McLennan
Ms Ann Goldsmith
Mrs Rebecca Billingham
Ms Kristel Steel
Mrs Jenni Borg
Mr Rex Hallett
Mrs Shirley Wasley

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

1.1 Welcome to Country

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional owners of this land on which we are meeting, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar country. I also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the security and wellbeing of all the people of this country where we live and that we share together - Australia

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cr Peter Wood, Mr Gavin Pollock, Mrs Lesley Page and Mr Ray Marshall.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 General Electors Meeting – 8 February 2017

Statutory Environment:

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

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

12346 Moved: Cr Hodges Seconded: Cr Steel

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the Minutes of the General Electors Meeting of the Shire of Pingelly held in the Council Chambers on 8 February 2017 be confirmed.

Carried: 7:0

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Shire President, Cr Bill Mulroney, to present the President's Report for 2016/17.

12347 Moved: Cr McBurney Seconded: Cr Walton-Hassell

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the President's Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr Stuart Billingham to present the Chief Executive Officer's Report for 2016/17.

12348 Moved: Cr Freebairn Seconded: Cr Steel

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

6. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr Stuart Billingham to present the Auditor's Report for 2016/17.

12349 Moved: Cr McBurney Seconded: Cr Hodges

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the Auditor's Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Stuart Billingham to present the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2017.

12350 Moved: Cr Hodges Seconded: Cr McBurney

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the Annual Financial Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Mr Craig McLennan

Summary of Question:

Why is the current Chief Executive Officer not at the meeting tonight? I have heard he gets nervous before this particular meeting is that why he is not here?

Summary of Response:

The Shire President answered that the Chief Executive Officer has taken sick leave for medical appointments and that is why he is not here.

Summary of Question:

It has been estimated that the current Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate and Community Services wives and children take about \$450,000 in terms of salaries and benefits from the Shire. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 540 it says “no power with regards to matters affecting employees is to be exercised on the basis of nepotism or patronage” - it would appear to me there is a huge amount of nepotism and patronage happening by those two people at the very least. Your comments please.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President responded that he acknowledges the question and yes the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate and Community Services wives are employed but not their children. They may be here doing work experience but are not employed by the Shire.

Summary of Question:

Could you ask Mr Billingham to correct you?

Summary of Response:

Mr Billingham do I have that right or do you have something to add?
The Acting Chief Executive Officer said he had nothing further to add.

Summary of Question:

Photocopying? Mr Billingham had his son Zac in photocopying and paid him for the work.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President stated your questions are out of order you are questioning staff and their employment.

Mr McLennan repeated:

Section 540B on the basis of nepotism and patronage - that is my question the point is those people and their spouses and children have been engaged by the Shire.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer replied I will explain to Mr McLennan if I may.

You may be referring to the work experience my son did. I treated my son to a dinner at my cost not the Shire's as a thank you.

Summary of Question:

What about the rest of the nepotism with the wives and the amount of money that goes out of the Shire that doesn't go back in to the Shire?

Summary of Response:

The Shire President enquired - Where did you obtain those figures?

Mr McLennan stated - Some in this report (referring to the annual report) with the salaries of the Executives, and the wives salaries are well known, as well as the benefits they get. They pay for nothing for this Shire and the Shire pays a huge amount and when their contracts end they leave and no money stays in the Shire. The Shire cannot afford to spend that amount of money and have it leave the Shire.

The Shire President said - You are not asking a question you are making a statement. Do you have anything further?

Mr McLennan replied “Nothing thank you - for today”.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the
General Electors Meeting held on

Signed.....
Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes
were confirmed.

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