



Shire of Pingelly

Minutes

General Electors Meeting
3 February 2015

SHIRE OF PINGELLY

Minutes of the General Electors Meeting of the Shire of Pingelly held in the Council Chambers, 17 Queen Street, Pingelly on 3 February 2015.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr SJ Lange	President
Cr RJ Marshall	Deputy President
Cr AJ Morton	
Cr LN Steel	
Cr WV Mulroney	
Cr DI Freebairn	
Cr MT Jetta	

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mr G Pollock	Chief Executive Officer
Ms S Appleton	Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services
Mr B Gibbs	Executive Manager Engineering and Development Services
Mrs L Boddy	Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Cr SK Packer

OBSERVERS & VISITORS

Peter Borg, Jenny Borg, Anne Goldsmith, Evan Hodges, Joan Hastings, Barrie Hastings, Barbara Pauley, Lesley Page, Ron O'Brien, Helen Price, John Price, Tony Robinson, Peter Warburton, Merv Beard, Graeme Lange

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman, Cr SJ Lange, declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm.

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

Cr Scott Packer gave his apologies.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 General Electors Meeting – 25 June 2014

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:

Simple Majority

11727 Moved: Cr Steel Seconded: Cr Mulroney

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the Minutes of the General Electors Meeting of the Shire of Pingelly held in the Council Chambers on 25 June 2014 be confirmed.

Carried: 7:0

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cr Lange presented the President's Report for 2013/14.

11728 Moved: Cr Freebairn Seconded: Cr Morton

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the President's Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr Pollock presented the CEO's Report for 2013/14.

11729 Moved: Cr Mulroney Seconded: Cr Jetta

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the CEO's Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

6. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr Pollock presented the Auditor's Report for 2013/14.

11730 Moved: Cr Marshall Seconded: Cr Freebairn

Recommendation and Council Decision:

That the Auditor's Report be received.

Carried: 7:0

6.1 Ron O'Brien

Summary of Question:

“Could we have a clear and concise response about the Asset Consumption Ratio over the Asset Renewal Funding Ratio?”

Summary of Response:

The Executive Manager of Corporate & Community Services responded that there are two separate ratios listed on page 90 – one of them says we have 80% of the value of our replacement cost of our assets currently in place so we have only consumed 20% of our assets value in that year.

Summary of Question:

“Is that an acceptable ratio?”

Summary of Response:

The Executive Manager of Corporate & Community Services responded that yes, as we have had major revaluations during the year that would alter that figure considerably.

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Pollock presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2014.

11731 Moved: Cr Mulroney Seconded: Cr Jetta

**Recommendation and Council Decision:
That the Annual Financial Report be received.**

Carried: 7:0

7.1 Ron O'Brien

Summary of Question:

“Could I have an explanation of Depreciation of Non Current Assets on page 36 as it is almost double from last year?”

Summary of Response:

The Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services replied that it is mostly related to road infrastructure, we had a condition report applied to our road infrastructure, all roads were revalued and surveyed and that changes the depreciation amount.

Summary of Question:

“On Page 64 – there is \$660,000 of unspent grants, what did they comprise and why is it unspent?”

Summary of Response:

The Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services advised that the breakdown is listed on the left hand side of the page and most of these projects have now been completed and there is very little money left unspent, these amounts has been carried into the current financial year and all grants have been spent on time.

Summary of Question:

“On Page 76 – Are we in a winning situation with our debt cover or are we slipping behind?”

Summary of Response

The Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services replied that the debts shown are only self supporting loans for the SES and Pingelly Cottage Homes.

Summary of Question

“Can I have a breakdown of the UVs in the broadacre situation page 79?”

Summary of Response

This question was taken on notice.

Summary of Question

“On page 77 ‘disposal of assets’ – why was the CAT grader sold for \$61,000 but in the budget it shows a value of \$180,000?”

Summary of Response

The Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services advised that all of the Shire’s assets were revalued and the auditors have accepted these figures, this is purely a book entry.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Barrie Hastings

Summary of Question

“Regarding the President’s Report – Would you be prepared to change the wording of “old” tennis courts to “current” tennis courts?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President replied “no”, as the two tennis courts that were discussed were the old ones that have the black bitumen on them.

8.2 John Price

Summary of Question

“It appears that the medical centre will take up more than the proposed two courts and goes against the wall of the club house, could you please clarify?”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that when this report was tabled, the footprint of the building itself was for the two old tennis courts, with the footprint of the new Pingelly Health Care Site it actually sits over two old courts and heads north. The 4000sqm that has been designated for the site is also for car parking and landscaping of the site. The Tennis Club are aware that the construction would be around tennis season and that when it impacted on current courts they would have other two courts ready to use. There is a grant application in for new courts, as well as the two that have already been built, and letters of support have been received from local sporting clubs and by the time the hospital is built they will have six new courts plus the two multipurpose courts to use and will not have to have maintained the current courts. The brown wall signifies the end of the 4000sqm, not the end of the building. The requirement from WACHS stated that they needed two road frontages for access to the site that is why this site was chosen.

Summary of Question

“Where will the Tennis Club go when the old building is shut down?”

Summary of Response

The CEO replied that the old clubhouse will not be demolished until the new recreation centre is built.

8.3 Merv Beard

Summary of Question

“Why no community meeting and why is the health centre being built where it is?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President replied that the site was chosen because there were strict requirements from WACHS of the area being 4000 sqm and we could not find one within the town centre. The three that were looked at had criteria marked against them for ease of access getting services to it and the site decided at Project user Group meeting.

Summary of Question:

“Why do we need a hospital on a sports site?”

Summary of Response

The CEO advised that there were a total of 16 sites offered, including offered a few in town that could be joined together but they weren't acceptable – we were told there was no money to purchase land to make that happen. They needed to get services to the site and especially the power is what scored the highest with that site as well as water and sewer.

Summary of Question:

Why was there no money to purchase land?

Summary of Response

The Shire President replied that the prices tabled for health facility they are over budget already. The whole project is currently looking at 9.325 million dollars which includes the building and the services and landscaping.

Summary of Question:

Why do we need a 9 million dollar health centre? The current facility is adequate.

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that we need to have the best facility we possibly can for this community looking into the future, especially for the aged.

Summary of Question

“I thought we were building aged care units or being involved in aged care ?”

Summary of Response

The Shire president responded that this is a separate project.

8.4 Barrie Hastings

Summary of Question

“What happens if the scenario is that the Recreation Centre is beyond the cost for ratepayers to fund and the recreation centre doesn’t happen?”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that the focus group have worked on designs and a feasibility study and needs analysis are being done at present. He also advised that there is lots of funding available and there is money in reserve accounts. Also included in this budget is \$2.5m we can sustain to put into this project.

Summary of Question

“Would you then advertise to the ratepayers to sanction a loan?”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that it is part of the budget process so no there will be no advertising. It is already a line item in the budget.

Summary of Question

“What price has been given for the recreation centre?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that we have not been given a final price as yet. A couple of plans have been drawn up but no pricing as yet.

Summary of Question

“So the Shire set up committee and they weren’t given a budget to work on?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that yes we did – at the time it was \$3 million. A lot of work has been done with the focus group and the department of sport and recreation. The focus group has been very enthusiastic about fundraising to deliver outcomes they want for the community.

Summary of Question

“Will figures be available to public?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that drawings will be put out for public comment when back with costings attached

Summary of Question

“Will a town plan have to be done to change zoning?”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that WACHS are going to undertake the change management order of usage and who manages that section of land

Summary of Question

“Will it be advertised to the public about town planning changes?”

Summary of Response

The CEO advised that this question will be taken on notice.

8.5 Ron O’Brien

Summary of Question

“How can WACHS change the use of the land?”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that as they are running the project they make the application to council

8.6 Tony Robinson

Mr Robinson declared that he would like to move a motion.

“That the Pingelly Town Plan for the greater sports ground be adhered to”

The Shire President and the CEO responded that the Town Plan is due for revision now as it was last reviewed in 2006/07, and that we can take the question on notice about the town planning scheme.

Tony Robinson moved the motion, John Price seconded.

Voting took place and the motion was carried 7:3 so this item will go to the next ordinary meeting of council.

8.7 Lesley Page

Summary of Question

“What is being done about the condition of the main street? It is unsafe to walk on with a walking stick”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that the shire has written to Main Roads about the state of the street, and that there was no consultation with the Shire at all and there was also a few issues with some properties on the main street. If Main Roads had come to see us we could have worked with them. We are currently waiting for reply from Main Roads.

Summary of Question

“Will there be an upgrade of parking areas around Council building? ie visitor parking, acrod bays The area is very sandy and looks unattractive.”

Summary of Response

The CEO advised that this is agreed and will be put as a recommendation in an upcoming budget.

Summary of Question

“Also with the front of new entrance to current health centre, from the car park into the entrance there are potholes etc, are you aware?”

Summary of Response

The CEO responded that yes he is aware of this and it will be looked into with the Western Australian Country Health Service as it is not Shire land..

8.8 John Price

Summary of Question

“Is there a program to finish off the main street?”

Summary of Response

The CEO replied that the Shire does not own this road, all the Shire can do is the bit that is left from the edge of the seal to the kerb.

8.9 Ron O'Brien

Summary of Question

“When are we like to discuss a bypass to the town?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that a bypass is very costly and we would have to do it through main roads and we are not on their priority list, funding has been drastically cut since the last financial year.

8.10 Graeme Lange

Summary of Question

“Do you feel that the speed limit in the town should be reduced to 40km/hour?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that the Shire met with Minister for Transport who advised that any work for main street would have to have the community backing it.

8.11 Barrie Hastings

Summary of Question

“What was the cost to ratepayers of water used from the Water Corporation for roads and gardens for the year?”

Response

The Shire President advised that this question will be taken on notice.

Summary of Question

“The Shire has gotten rid of a lot of crossroads around the district – why is there still one on the South Wandering Road / York Williams Road? Whose responsibility is it?”

Summary of Response

The Shire President responded that this road is the Wandering Shire’s Road and queries must be directed to them.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the
General Electors Meeting held on 2 February 2016.

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