

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors, to be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, 5 February 2015 commencing at 5.32pm

The Shire President opened the Meeting and welcome those in attendance at 5.32pm

1. Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence

President - Cr Pratico
Councillors - J Boyle
- S Hodson
- D Mackman
- J Moore
- J Nicholas
- P Quinby
- P Scallan
- A J Wilson
In Attendance - T Clynch, CEO
- M Larkworthy, Executive Manager Corporate Services
- E Denniss, Executive Manager Community Services
- T Lockley, Executive Assistant

2. Electors Present

M Flemming, A Smith, J Spaul, E Wallace

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Attachment 1

A Motion is required to confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held 1 May 2014.

Moved Cr Mackman, Seconded Cr Moore

E.01/0215 That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held 1 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

4. Annual Report & Annual Financial Report

A Motion is required to receive the Annual Report & Annual Financial Statements for the 2013/14 year as presented.

Moved Cr Scallan, Seconded Cr Hodson

E.02/0215 That the Annual Report & Annual Financial Statements for the 2013/14 year as presented be received.

Carried

5. General Business Regarding the Financial Statements

Nil

6. General Business

J Spaul

1. I would like to congratulate the Shire on the new footpaths, some of them are beautiful. Roe Street, a beautiful job done, and you actually managed to get a proper crossing from the Convent to Mitre 10. I wanted to ask about the pathway next to Kordics; nobody who is disabled can cross that, not in a gopher. It is terrible and dangerous and someone will be wiped off their gopher, there is no way to get to Bunbury Street or the town. Outside the Repertory Theatre is lovely, but then there is no way to get there. There should be a crossing on the other side of the street, from 'Tea and Sympathy' to the Repertory Theatre. It has been at least 5 years since I bought it to your notice. I want an answer please.

President's response - The shire has been working on that, there have been land ownership issues of that area. The Executive Manager Works & Service and myself have met with Kordics and we are now working on that.

2. In Hampton Street, the disabled parking outside of the bakery you get out of the car and step straight into the drain, a big double drain that is open. You could drop your purse into the drain getting out of the car, could you be persuaded to swap places with the car park behind it? Even a little bit of mesh over the drain could help.

CEO's response - Most of the disabled bays have been deliberately sited at the end of the line of parking bays, and the one outside the bakery was specifically chosen to allow room for people to exit without having to reverse in. We can look at relocating that bay, there is no reason why that can't be considered. The problem with placing grates on drains is that it can affect drainage of the road if you cover it with mesh, just a little bit of debris will block the drain. This was raised not long ago, about the potential relocation of the infirm parking bay outside the bakery, and converting that bay to normal parking.

E Wallace

1. I wish to discuss publication regarding this AGM. I am pleased to say that there has been a vast improvement since the last AGM that I attended 2 years ago. (Last year ill health prevented my attendance.)
 - Notification was sent via the E-Board on 30th January. I know that would not cover a lot of people but it was a positive action.
 - The AGM was published yesterday on the "What's on" from the Visitor's Centre. That covers a lot of people but was rather short notice. However, it also was a very positive action.
 - On 20th January a notice was put in the Donnybrook/Bridgetown Mail for the first time in the years that I have been checking. This was pleasing to

see as it complies with the Council Policy Manual. Prior to that it has never been put in that newspaper.

- A notice was also put, on 21st January, in the Manjimup/Bridgetown Times.

I know these early entries are to allow time for questions to be researched. However, no notices were put in the papers nearer the event as was promised to me, by the CEO, at the last meeting I attended 2 years ago. So why has that not been done? I was told by the CEO it would be done.

CEO's response - The Council Policy states it must be advertised for the 2 weeks preceding, so it was advertised last week and the week before in both the Manjimup Bridgetown Times and the Donnybrook Bridgetown Mail.

2. Well why do you make these promises if you don't keep them?

CEO's response - I actually don't remember making that promise.

Well then look up the minutes, it is there.

CEO's response - I am happy to look up the minutes, I am saying that the Council Policy is very specific about when it is advertised, and that is what I am bound to follow.

3. It is pleasing to note that the AGM minutes have been put on the Council website since my request and because two electors presented a motion regarding this at the AGM 2 years ago. This allows the minutes to be checked, while still fresh in one's mind, prior to the next AGM - provided they are added promptly. How long will it take for this meeting's minutes to be added to the website?

CEO's response - I suggest by the end of next week.

4. Will the minutes be available for people with no computer - at the Shire Office or the Library?

CEO's response - Yes a hard copy will be in the library.

5. Will there be a copy at the Shire office as well?

CEO's response - No, just at the Library.

6. A yellow AGM notice has been on each notice board - outside the Shire Office and on Hampton Street - for some weeks which has been a great advancement from previous years. However, I do have to ask why the notice on the Hampton Street board, which initially was central on the board, has for some time now been at the very top of the board? Being so high means that the notice is no longer as noticeable and is much more difficult to read for community members of short stature. The notice board is far too high on the wall. A simple solution to this problem would be for the board to be lowered on the wall by at least three quarters of a metre or more. This will, hopefully, allow all notices to be read - even the Fire Regulation Notices which are in small print. I can't read the fire notices at the top of the board, and I have

reasonable eye sight. Why have it where they can't read, bring the board down and hopefully people will be able to read. Will this be considered?

CEO's response - Yes, it can be considered.

7. Will it be done?

CEO's response - You asked if it could be considered, I can't guarantee, we will have to have a look and I assume that if it is reasonably straight forward, it could be done. I can't guarantee without someone first looking at it.

8. But it is feasible?

CEO's response – I would suggest, yes it is feasible.

9. The next subject I want to discuss is Ward Meetings. I cannot remember the last Ward Meeting that was held in our Shire. The Ward Meetings were always attended and found to be a very useful way for community members to discuss their concerns with their Councillors. What has happened to them?

President's response - Ward meetings are a function that Councillors can instigate, they are not a function of 'the Council', rather Councillors of the ward. The best thing would be to speak to your Councillors.

M Flemming

1. For some years now the Theatre has been trying to permission to put in a disability toilet, but were told they couldn't put it in because it was too close to the road that runs behind the Theatre. Recently I found out that in 1967 when the continuation of Nelson Street was built, that land was belonging to the Theatre and they (Theatre) gave it to Main Roads in exchange for the road that runs behind the Theatre. The footpath at the bottom where the 'Welcome to Bridgetown' sign is, has actually been placed across that road. Do we come to you or do we go to Main Roads to find out exactly what position we are in with this?


CEO's response - It wasn't that it was too close to the boundary, but it was actually going to cross the boundary, that is one of the reasons Cr Pratico eluded earlier to the land exchange which is going through. That portion of Hester Street, which is the land that's going through the Repertory Theatre and the Tennis Club would be closed and then that land ceded to the Repertory Theatre, in exchange for the Repertory Theatre giving up some of the land where Nelson Street is currently on. That has been a very involved process and it's had all the approvals and we are just waiting for the final survey by the Lands Department. The money has been budgeted this year to do it and we expect it to go through this year. It will enable all those roads around there to be in the correct alignment and the Repertory Club to get land that will extend toward the Tennis Club. We have certainly been aware for a number of years that the intersection of Nelson Street and Hampton Street is on private property.

7. Closure

The Shire President closed the Meeting 5.57pm

8. List of Attachments

Attachment	Item No.	Details
1	3	Minutes of the AGM of Electors held 1 May 2014

Minutes checked and authorised by CEO, T Clynch		6.2.15
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