



SHIRE OF MURCHISON ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 2:50 pm
Saturday 17th December 2016
MURCHISON SPORTS CLUB BUILDING
MURCHISON SETTLEMENT

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors

The President declared the meeting open at 2:50pm

2. Record of Attendance/Apologies/Leave of Absence

Elected Members:

Shire President, Councillor Mark Halleen
Deputy Shire President, Councillor Rossco Foulkes-Taylor
Councillor Emma Foulkes-Taylor
Councillor Miles Williams
Councillor Andrew Whitmarsh

Official Staff:

Chief Executive Officer, Dianne Daniels
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Peter Dittrich

Electors:

Natalie Broad
Simon Broad
Jano Foulkes-Taylor
Michael Foulkes-Taylor
Ben Halleen
Sandy McTaggart
Brian Wundenberg
Sharon Wundenberg

Non-Electors (not eligible to vote)

Hamish Ball

Julia Davis
Tom Foulkes-Taylor
Edwina Halleen
Wella Williams

3. Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice

There were three questions that were taken on notice at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Electors. The questions and the CEO's responses are shown below. The president read the responses to the questions to the meeting.

At 5.3.1 Other Business - Beringarra Cue Road Reserve, Mr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor queried the movement of \$733,920 from the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve.

The CEO's response in a letter of the 3 March 2016 follows:

In order to make sense of the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve figures, we need to look at no (f) and no (g) of the Reserves – Cash Backed on page 37 of the Annual Financial Report – I have attached the relevant page.

No (g) has been incorrectly named the Beringarra Pindar Road Reserve – this is actually the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve and no (f) is the Beringarra Cue Road Reserve Term Deposit.

If we look at the transactions of both accounts, we end up with the correct balance for the Reserve;

<i>Brought Forward 2013-14</i>	<i>\$3,876,446.18</i>
<i>Interest Earned 2014-15</i>	<i>\$ 125,811.52</i>
<i>Transfer to Muni for Drainage Beringarra Cue Road 2014-15</i>	<i>(\$ 350,000.00)</i>
<i>Balance</i>	<i>\$3,652,257.70</i>

There were some journals done during the transition to Synergy Soft that were incorrect and needed to be reversed and so the amounts showing at the Transfer To and Transfer From lines included those journals.

The relevant page 37 referred to above is attached to the Agenda as Attachment 1.

At 5.3.4 Access Road to DPaW Property, Mr Reg Seaman asked if Council had adopted a policy to not grade the access road into Woolgorong.

The CEO's response in a letter of the 3rd March 2016 follows:

Council have not adopted a policy not to grade the road into Woolgorong.

However, when the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) took over Woolgorong for conservation purposes, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Shire of Murchison and DEC for the ongoing maintenance of access roads and through roads to Woolgorong Station – DEC paid the Shire in return for the provision of certain services, including the grading of roads.

The agreement was terminated by DEC on the expiry of its three year term in 2011 as there was no intent by DEC to continue the concept and so there is no longer a

requirement by the Shire to maintain the access roads and through roads to Woolgorong.

At 5.3.5 Cost of Legal Advice, Mr Reg Seaman asked how much the legal advice had cost Council when he and Bridget had a 'tiff' with Council.

The CEO's response in a letter of the 3rd March 2016 follows:

The cost of legal advice in regard to your request for an apology in relation to the removal of Bridget's personal belongings from chambers is \$4,659.60.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Acceptance of the Minutes of previous Annual Meeting of Electors held 19th December 2015.

Comment:

Minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on the 19th December 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Moved: Simon Broad

Seconded: Sandy McTaggart

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on the 19th December 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

5. Consideration of Annual Report 2015-16

5.1 Presidents Report

Comment:

The President read his report which is included in the Annual Report 2016.

Recommendation:

That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Rossco Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Sandy McTaggart

That the Presidents report be accepted.

Carried

5.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Comment:

The Chief Executive Officer presented her report which is included in the Annual Report 2016.

Recommendation:

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Brian Wundenburg

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be accepted.

Carried

5.3 Finance Report 2015-16

Comment:

The audited 2015-16 Finance Report is included in the Annual Report for consideration by Electors. The Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer gave a brief overview of the Shire of Murchison's financial position at 30 June 2016 including the variances and an interpretation of the financial ratios.

Discussion

Roscco Foulkes-Taylor asked how the asset values were derived. The DCEO explained the use of professional valuers and the requirement to revalue assets every three years.

Michael Foulkes-Taylor asked about the increase in the value of history books. The CEO advised that this was a result of a comprehensive stocktake.

Recommendation:

That the Finance Report 2015-16 be accepted.

Moved: Roscco Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Tom Foulkes-Taylor

That the Finance Report 2015-16 be accepted.

Carried

5.4 Independent Auditors Report

Comment:

The Shire of Murchison's Auditor, RSM, have audited the financial report of the Shire of Murchison for 30 June 2016. The Auditor performed procedures to assess whether, in all material respects, the financial report presents fairly. They believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their audit opinion.

In their opinion, the financial report for the Shire of Murchison:

- (1) Gives a true and fair view of the financial position for the Shire of Murchison as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year ended that date;
- (2) Complies with the Local Government Act 1995 Part 6, the Regulations under that Act and the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (3) In relation to the Supplementary Ratio information presented in the financial report, the calculations as presented are based on verifiable information and reasonable assumptions.

The Independent Auditor's Report had no qualifications.

Recommendation:

That the Auditor's Report be accepted.

Moved: Miles Williams

Seconded: Rossco Foulkes-Taylor

That the Auditor's Report be accepted.

Carried

6 General Business

6.1 Emergency Contact Details for Christmas Period Shutdown – Attachment 2

The President advised that the emergency contact details for the Christmas period were attached to the agenda.

6.2 Other Business

Brian Wundenburg asked if the shire was going to continue to maintain Woolgorong Road. President Halleen advised that the road may be graded if we were going past but the shire was not obligated to maintain the road.

Michael Foulkes-Taylor queried if the Department contributed to the cost of the upkeep. The President advised that they did not contribute.

Tom Foulkes-Taylor queried the Twin Peaks by-pass and asked if it was going to be constructed on that alignment. The CEO advised that the heritage surveys had been completed and that our crew would begin work on it shortly. Work would be undertaken based on GPS points taken by the Works Supervisor.

Sandy McTaggart felt that if a road was gazetted there was some obligation to maintain them. He also expressed concern that the recent request for his permission to clear for a road realignment was for a 20m width and felt it should be 100m. President Halleen commented that this issue had been on the table for a few years. The Regional Road Group are tackling this problem throughout the whole state and there is involvement of other parties to consider, such as land holders and native heritage issues. Brian Wundenburg said that after having consulted Main Roads that the cost of a 100m survey was prohibitive.

Rossco Foulkes-Taylor asked about the status of any claims that Bocol may have for work relating to the bridge. The CEO advised that there were no claims outstanding and that all contractor claims had been resolved. The CEO spoke to the defects liability period.

President Halleen noted that Cr S Broad had resigned from Council, thanked him for his years of service and wished him well. He also welcomed Josh and Jocelyn Pumpa to Murgoo and the shire and noted that there were new comers at Tallering, Wandina and Pine Grove as well.

The President wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

7 Close

The meeting closed at 3:42 pm