



**MINUTES FOR THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF ELECTORS HELD ON
10 February 2020**

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SHIRE OF MINGENEW

**MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
10 FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.00pm**

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The meeting was declared open by the Shire President at 6pm. Pr Cosgrove welcomed all to the meeting.

**2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES
COUNCILLORS**

GJ Cosgrove	President	Town Ward
RW Newton	Deputy President	Rural Ward
JD Bagley	Councillor	Rural Ward
CV Farr	Councillor	Town Ward
HR McTaggart	Councillor	Rural Ward
HM Newton	Councillor	Town Ward
AR Smyth	Councillor	Town Ward

ELECTORS / MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Jon Holmes
Mr Rick and Mrs Linley Starick
Ms Jenny Thomas

APOLOGIES

Mr Peter and Mrs Fred Gledhill
Mr Ian and Mrs Jill Thomas

STAFF

N Hay	Chief Executive Officer
J Clapham	Finance Manager
E Greaves	Governance Officer

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4.0 2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Annual Report summarises the achievements of the Shire during the 2018-19 financial year and includes a report from the President and the Chief Executive Officer, the financial report and the Auditor's report for the period, and all matters prescribed by the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act). Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Shire's website www.mingenev.wa.gov.au and will be available in hard copy form at the meeting.

The Act requires Local Government Authorities to hold an Annual Electors Meeting once a year, no later than 56 days after the Council adopts the Annual Report. As required under section 5.29 of the Act, local public notice was given via advertisement in the Geraldton Guardian- 10 January 2020 edition, Mingenew Matters 12 February 2020 edition, displayed on the Shire's website from the 20 December 2019, the Shire's Facebook page from 8 January 2020 and on library notice boards.

No questions were submitted on the Annual Report by Electors prior to the Meeting and there were no questions raised at the meeting regarding the Annual Report.

MOTION OF ELECTORS - ITEM 4.0

Moved: Cr JD Bagley Seconded: Cr AR Smyth

That the Electors of the Shire of Mingenew receive the Annual Report, as adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held 18 December 2019, incorporating the Shire Presidents Report, the CEO report, the Annual Financial Report and the Auditor's Report.

VOTING DETAILS:

5.0 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY ELECTORS

5.1 QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Nil

5.2 QUESTIONS AT THE MEETING

Mr Jon Holmes raised the following matters:

1. Can the Shire please consider laying a ribbon of gravel over Scroops Road at the eastern end (approximately 700m between floodway and Coalseam Road, 150m either side of the Telara Lane intersection and for approximately 3km from Byro Road towards the s-bends)? Noting that this matter was raised at the Electors Meeting 3 years previous.

The Shire President advised that the site would be inspected, and appropriate action taken to rectify.

2. There are a number of trees located on the heavy vehicle route along Eleanor Street which conceal the view and pose a safety risk; west of the lupin stacks near the Boolinda Road intersection and on north side of the road approaching the Mingenew-Morawa Road intersection.

The CEO advised that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has approved a clearing permit to undertake necessary work to clear a patch of trees near the Boolinda Road and Eleanor Street intersections.

3. Mr Holmes complimented the road work being completed along Coalseam Road, indicating the quality of work is high.

This feedback was noted.

Ms Jenny Thomas also raised a number of matters:

1. Would Council consider reducing the residential housing costs for Mingenew-Irwin Group and Mingenew Daycare (through the Mingenew Community Resource Centre) residents under its sponsorship arrangements?

The CEO requested that the relevant organisation make a written request for a proposed waiver or discount.

2. Are there statistics available from the 'See you in Mingenew campaign' to demonstrate its impacts?

The CEO advised that Lateral Aspect does have this information, and it can be shared with the community. Mr Hay advised that he would arrange for the information to be made available.

3. When will the bitumen be laid at the Aralet property (Mingenew-Mullewa Rd)?

The CEO advised that once the Coalseam Road works are completed, this will be done. It is anticipated to be in early March 2020.

It was noted that the original correspondence to landowners advising of the works, anticipated this to commence in February 2020, therefore an update will be necessary to inform them of this change.

4. The Railway Station Steering Committee is lacking some local, long-standing representation in making decisions, could Council amend the mix to ensure local contributions?

A number of Councillors and Mrs Starick indicated that representation was local and asked Ms Thomas to clarify those who were not recognised as local. Ms Thomas advised that the North Midlands Project representatives were not local. It was advised that they were in attendance in an advisory capacity only.

5. Given the promotion of the recent grant writing workshop, is the Shire proactive in applying for grants?

The advised that yes, the Shire is actively applying for grants.

Mr Rick Starick made the following enquiries:

1. In walking around the football oval and race track the turf appears to be in poor condition. Is the reticulation being checked for correct operation and working order?

The Shire President advised that the turf conditions have been raised and are being attended to as a matter of urgency.

2. Is there an update on the land use adjacent to the old Railway Station?

The CEO advised that Main Roads WA are currently preparing a design for the proposed heavy vehicle realignment route and then further consultation with the public / relevant stakeholders will commence.

Cr Newton enquired about the survey results regarding the heavy vehicle realignment from 2019. The CEO advised that he thought the survey results were shared but would follow up and distribute.

3. Mr Starick thanked the Shire for its ongoing support of Starick Tyres over the last 19 years and outlined his hope for that to continue with the new owners.

On behalf of Councillors, staff and the community, the Shire President thanked Rick and Linley Starick for their contributions to the community, as local business owners, and congratulated them on their retirement. Council, of course look forward to supporting the new operators.

Mrs Starick raised the following questions:

1. Can the mosquito fogging program recommence? It was outlined that there is an issue in the Caravan Park area, potentially due to some stagnant water from the spring.

The CEO advised that there was a minority group that raised concerns regarding the program which resulted in a review of activities, and a Mosquito Management Plan has been developed since. There were some fogging activities during winter with some local advertising to encourage local residents to report areas of concern. Current concerns will be raised with the Environmental Health Officer upon his next visit.

2. It is noted that there is, possibly, some loose paddles on the windmill located at the Spring which are presents a potential fire hazard. Can the Shire please arrange for it to be pulled down and inspected / repaired?

The CEO advised it would be looked at.

3. Mrs Starick provided feedback that she appreciates the Council Updates and that it is a great initiative to keep abreast of what is happening at Council Meetings etc.

The CEO thanked Mrs Starick for her feedback.

Mr Jon Holmes raised further enquiries:

1. Is the fence surrounding the block on Midlands Road that use to store iron ore still required? Suggesting that the removal may provide long vehicle more manageability.

It was advised that the land is on railway reserve. General feedback was that it does provide a barrier to the railway line.

2. Mr Holmes commended the Shire on its clean Audit report and improvements to the Audit Committee, including the engagement of Mr Maurice Battilana as an independent member.

The CEO thanked Mr Holmes for his feedback.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

7.0 CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 6:28pm.