



Western Australia

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the Murchison Shire,
Held in the Sports Complex, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Friday 17th May 2013, commencing at 3.30 pm.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the meeting open at 3.43pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members:

Shire President, Councillor Simon Broad,
Deputy Shire President, Councillor Rossco Foulkes-Taylor
Councillor Bridget Seaman
Councillor Paul Squires
Councillor, Andrew Whitmarsh

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer, Jenny Goodbourn,
Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Dianne Daniels
Works Supervisor, Brian Wundenberg
Head Gardener, Trevor Hipper

Electors:

Emma Foulkes-Taylor
Jo Squires
Sam Stewart
Reg Seaman – (4.05pm)

Apologies:

Jano Foulkes-Taylor
Michael Foulkes-Taylor
Natalie Broad
Lynne Whitmarsh
Councillor Mark Halleen
Carolyn Halleen
Sue Graham
Chris Graham

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Electors Meeting Minutes – 25th March 2011

Moved: Cr Paul Squires

Seconded: Cr Andrew Whitmarsh

That the Minutes of the Electors Meeting held on the 25th March 2011 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 12/0

The President announced that we would first deal with the annual report for 2010/2011 and then deal with the annual report for 2011/2012

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS

4.1 Presidents Report 2010/2011

The President read aloud his report for 2010/2011.

Moved: Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Bridget Seaman

That the President's report be accepted.

CARRIED 12/0

4.2 CEO's Report 2010/2011

The CEO read aloud the CEO's report for 2010/2011.

Moved: Cr Andrew Whitmarsh

Seconded: Jo Squires

That the CEO's report be accepted.

CARRIED 12/0

4.3 Auditor's Report 2010/2011

The CEO read aloud the Auditor's management letter for 2010/2011.

Moved: Cr Roscco Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Bridget Seaman

That the Auditor's report be accepted.

CARRIED 12/0

4.4 Presidents Report 2011/2012

The President read aloud his report for 2011/2012.

Moved: Cr Andrew Whitmarsh

Seconded: Jo Squires

That the President's report be accepted.

CARRIED 12/0

Mr Reg Seaman joined the meeting at 4.05pm

4.5 CEO's Report 2011/2012

The CEO read aloud the CEO's report for 2011/2012.

Moved: Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Paul Squires

That the CEO's report be accepted.

CARRIED 13/0

4.6 Auditor's Report 2011/2012

The CEO read aloud the Auditor's management letter for 2011/2012.

Moved: Cr Paul Squires

Seconded: Sam Stewart

That the Auditor's report be accepted.

CARRIED 13/0

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration of 'Ideas on Accident Prevention on Shire of Murchison Roads' as submitted by Mrs Emma Foulkes-Taylor

There was general discussion on the ideas suggested by Emma. Everyone agreed that we need to take some action as there seem to be a high number of accidents compared to such a small population. Cr Seaman thought the list was a good starting point and included ideas for council to take on board. In the most recent accident the lady who came across the accident called 000, as everyone is told to in an emergency, but it would have been quicker to actually go straight to the RFDS 1800 625 800 and maybe this number should be advertised around the area. Jo Squires suggested information bays and signage to relay this kind of information to people travelling in the area. Cr Foulkes-Taylor said as leaders of the community we should maybe lead by example and act responsibly, especially when attending functions such as the Community Christmas Tree event. Sam suggested that we shouldn't be frightened to speak up if we see

someone about to do something stupid. Cr Seaman said that maybe a visual reminder such as a wrecked car on display would help. Trevor Hipper said we need to remember that it is a variety of accidents – not just following parties where alcohol is to blame. Some of the accidents have been in the middle of the day and it has been a variety of ages and genders. It can happen to anyone and your life can be changed in an instant.

The CEO read out an email she had received:

*I would just like to say that I agree with Emma's Ideas re Accident Prevention.
Because there aren't Police at the Shire people drive off from there all the time after drinking.
They are people who we all love and the need for someone or everyone to be aware of this and take action is very necessary to keep people alive and unharmed.*

Regards Susanne Graham

Following some further general discussion regarding funding and ways to approach the problem it was resolved to form a working group, open to any community members that wish to be involved. The focus of the working group would be to work out some ideas for presentation to council.

Resolved: That an Accident Prevention Working Group be established 13/0

5.2 Cemetery Enhancement

Cr Foulkes-Taylor advised that the Shire has a budget allocation for further enhancements to the Murchison Cemetery. Most members of the original Cemetery Committee are no longer in the Murchison area and it is important to get community input as to what things people would like to see there. We have Syd Lippiatt's ashes coming here soon and President Broad advised that his father's ashes will be coming here as well. Following further discussion it was resolved that we will get photos of what is currently there and circulate to the community to get ideas and suggestions from the community.

Resolved: That the CEO obtains photos of the current cemetery layout and circulate these to the community for ideas and suggestions for enhancements of the cemetery 13/0

5.3 Rubbish on the Road Verges

Emma Foulkes-Taylor had sent pictures of a trailer load of rubbish which she and her son had collected from an 8½ km stretch of road between their southern boundary and the grid adjacent to the homestead through to councillors and the CEO. Everyone agreed that there is an awful amount of rubbish being thrown out of car windows around the district and that something needs to be done to improve it. Signage that is relevant 'Respect for Country – Don't Litter' was discussed. Emma suggested a 'Clean up Murchison Day' with prizes for the amount of rubbish collected. It would be good to involve the school kids at Pia in any action. The council is trying to organise to hold a council meeting out at the school so the kids can see what we do and it would be a good opportunity to get the kids motivated. Cr Seaman suggested that the shire speaks to Elizabeth Sorrenson, the school principal, to see if she can get them to do it as a school project. That way the kids could have some of their ideas to show to council when we go there.

Resolved: That the CEO contact Liz Sorrenson to discuss 'Litter' as a school project. 13/0

*Cr Whitmarsh left the meeting at 4.54pm
Cr Whitmarsh returned to the meeting at 4.56pm*

5.4 List of matters for discussion from Natalie Broad

A list of items for consideration prepared by Natalie Broad was tabled. Natalie is currently overseas so was unable to attend the meeting in person.

5.5 Auditor's Report

Cr Foulkes-Taylor asked whether the shire was still using Anderson Munro & Wylie as auditors. Their management letters seem to include so many disclaimers as to make them worthless. The CEO advised that council had called an audit tender last year and are now using RSM Bird Cameron as the independent auditors.

The president said that he found it hard to believe that the 2009/2010 audit had been absolutely clear. Some of the problems should have been found then. Reg Seaman asked if there was any further action being

taken by the CCC or was it just against Ron Adams. At the moment the outcome of the existing action is being awaited before they decide whether any other action is taken

5.6 General comments

Reg Seaman said he thought the heavy maintenance the shire had been undertaking was producing good results and he hoped the shire continued with it.

Jo Squires – It would be nice to see more people at the meeting next year.

Emma Foulkes-Taylor – very glad to see the graders on the Beringarra-Pindar Road. She can't remember it being in that poor a state before and would not like to see it that bad again. The process of negotiating a road maintenance agreement with CSIRO had caused problems which hopefully have now been resolved.

Emma Foulkes-Taylor – what is happening with the dust suppression problems outside Yuin, Pia Community and Tallering Station. Council is keen to address these issues and has prepared a costing for the programme – awaiting response from CSIRO re available funding.

5.7 Gardens around settlement

Brian Wundenberg said that he thought the settlement looks good with all the gardens being well maintained by the gardeners. Emma Foulkes-Taylor and Jo Squires agreed with this and it was resolved that a vote of thanks be made to Trevor and Leanne Hipper for their hard work in keeping everything so lovely.

Resolved: That a formal vote of thanks be made to Trevor and Leanne Hipper for their hard work in keeping the parks and gardens at the settlement in such good order. 13/0

5.8 Noise Reduction at Settlement Generators

Cr Foulkes-Taylor said that it had been a good choice by the shire crew to put a dirt bank around the generators. It has made a major difference to the noise at the caravan park and plants and bushes will finish it off well.

6. MEETING CLOSURE

Being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 5.15pm