

# Minutes of the

# **Annual Meeting of Electors**

Held in the Murchison Community Centre Sports Club Building Murchison Settlement, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,

on Thursday 26 March 2020, commencing at 4:00pm

## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President opened the meeting at 4.10pm

# 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### In Attendance

Cr Rossco Foulkes-Taylor (President)
Cr Andrew Whitmarsh (Deputy President)

Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor

Cr Paul Squires

Bill Boehm (Chief Executive Officer)

Tanja Erak (Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer)

Will Herold (Work Supervisor)
Kaye Doyle (Technical Officer)
Frances Pollock (Wooleen Station)
David Pollock (Wooleen Station)

Paul Lukitsch (Murchison Settlement)
Sandy McTaggart (Mt Narryer Station)

Jo Squires (Twin Peaks Station) from 4:23pm

## **Apologies**

Cr Greydon Mead Cr Quentin Fowler

Carol McTaggart (Mt Narryer Station)
Jano Foulkes-Taylor (Tardie Station)
Michael Foulkes-Taylor (Tardie Station)
Julia Foulkes-Taylor (Yuin Station)
Tom Foulkes-Taylor (Yuin Station)
Jess Foulkes-Taylor (Yuin Station)
Henry Foulkes-Taylor (Yuin Station)

#### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 29 March 2019 have been circulated.

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 29 March 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

# **Decision**

Moved: Francis Pollock Seconded: Rossco Foulkes-Taylor

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**Carried** Unanimous

#### 4 CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

# Comment

In accordance with the S5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995 the content of the Annual Report is to be considered at the annual meeting of electors. The Annual Report was endorsed by Council at its Ordinary meeting of 27 February 2020.

The Independent Auditor's Report had no qualifications.

#### Recommendation

That the electors receive the Annual Report for 2018-19 as presented

Paul Lukitsch noted that on page 14 of the Annual Report the month that the Murchison Polocrosse was held was in July and not May. This was to be corrected.

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# **5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

Matter of clarification of how liability is affected by the placement of signs warning road users of the potential of stock on road was addressed in Minutes of the previous meeting. No additional follow up from Billabong Station has been received.

Previous meeting foreshadowed that Staff accommodation units would be placed at the roadhouse. This has now been done.

# **Business from Meeting**

#### Signage

Quentin Fowler, who was not at the meeting, indicated more signs such as those designating points/areas of interest, would be informative. Signage information should really come from locals with relevant knowledge.

Francis Pollock complained that getting any signage has been incredibly slow. Hopefully new logo should push this process. The Works Supervisor is still waiting information regarding wagon trail signage placement.

Francis Pollock indicated that she would separately follow up with suggestions of more travel/traffic signage with the Woks Supervisor. (Note this has been done)

# Road Title Issue

Sandy McTaggart highlighted slowness of Crown Lands in finalising a road title issue from 2015

## <u>Grids</u>

David Pollock highlighted that contractors on the Upgrade of the Wooleen-Boolardy Road had not satisfactorily completed some fencing to a grid abutting his property. Rossco Foulkes-Taylor indicated that although this aspect was a contract matter between landowner and Main Roads WA but that The Shire may be able to lend some support. The CEO indicated that this had been done via Email and in a meeting with Main Roads WA.

#### Roads

David Pollock provided positive feedback with respect to the overall maintenance of Councils Road network

## Jo Squires Issues

Jo Squires raised several issues as follows:

- Section of gravel road immediately adjacent to the seal in Greater Geraldton continues to be an issue
- Some bitumen approaches to grids need more attention.
- Road signage delineation to direct north bound traffic crossing the Ballinyoo low level river crossing back onto the road rather than on the road verge
- Disappointed CSIRO are not letting local operators know of work opportunities
- Noted locals will help with rollovers etc.
- Expressed a view that the new logo is great.

Rossco Foulkes-Taylor made some brief comments in the unfairness of local not being able to access CSIRO. As an example, Walladar Enterprises may not be considered the correct "lineage" yet are indigenous registered business. Matter has and will be followed up with David Luchetti and others but thus far there is not much willingness to upset certain groups.

The being no more General Business, Rossco Foulkes-Taylor provided a brief summary of today's Council Meeting in relation to the bCOVID-19 considerations that were discussed.

# **6 MEETING CLOSURE**

The Shire President closed the meeting at 4:55pm