



SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

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MINUTES

FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

HELD AT

6:00PM TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2018

Council Chambers
39 Bannister Road Boddington

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:

Martin Glynn, Shire President, declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Nyoongar People, and pay my respects to Elders, past and present".

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr M. Glynn
Cr D Smart
Cr J Hoffman
Cr W McGrath
Cr R McSwain
Cr G Ventris

Shire President
Shire Deputy President

Mr C Littlemore
Mr J Rendell
Ms T Hodder

Chief Executive Officer (minute taker)
Manager Financial Services
Executive Officer (Minutes)

9 Visitors

2.1.2 Apologies

Cr Sharan Manez

2.1.3 Leave of Absence

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:

Nil.

4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2016 - 2017

The Annual Report was presented to the meeting by Martin Glynn Shire President.

The Shire President read the President's report and invited the public to make comment.

5. GENERAL MEETING:

5.1.1 Notification of Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) Meeting – SUEZ Landfill Development Application

Toni Collins asked how the people who put submissions to shire were notified of the JDAP meeting in Perth.

CEO responded that the submitters had not been notified of the meeting.

Toni Collins stated that the regulations required each submitter to be notified 7 days before the meeting and wondered why they weren't notified.

Shire President responded that there was a large difference between this process and the application for the fertiliser factory in that the opponents did a lot of work to try and understand how the planning process occurs and not as much went on on this occasion and people did not seem to understand what was going to happen to it after it left the shire.

Toni Collins stated that she was concerned that PHCC concerns were not addressed in the summary.

Shire President responded that it would have been desirable for the points to be addressed in the summary.

Toni Collins asked who attended the JDAP meeting from the Shire.

Shire President responded that Cr Smart attended the meeting but not as a Shire representative. The Shire's planning consultant also attended the meeting.

5.1.2 Plans for the Old Pavilion

Toni Collins asked what the plans are for the old pavilion.

Shire President advised that no ideas have reached fruition yet.

5.1.3 Timer on Reticulation and Lights

Toni Collins asked if the reticulation could be on at a separate time to the lights, so the lights can come on at dusk.

Shire President advised that the request would be considered.

5.1.4 Concern over Gift Policy misconduct

Geoff Beaton asked if any action would be taken by Council regarding prior misconduct by an elected member regarding the gift policy. Mr Beaton expressed concern that there appeared to be no punitive measures taken by the Department of Local Government.

Geoff Beaton expressed concern that three Councillors that voted in respect of differential rating at the council meeting on 16 June 2015 had no right to vote and that this had caused an increase in rates over two years of approximately 14.5%.

Geoff Beaton also expressed concern about former Councillors where allegations of misconduct were not being pursued as not being in the public interest or no penalties imposed where allegations are found. The Kyle Report makes it clear that no longer being on council does not allow the DLG to dismiss the issue.

Geoff Beaton urged Councillors to make themselves conversant with the act they are required to uphold.

Mr Beaton congratulated the CEO and staff on returning to shire finances to a position that only required a slight rate increase in the last budget, bringing the rec centre to completion, progressing aged care accommodation, town oval lighting and presentation funding for the Lions Weir, library interpretation centre and other infrastructure that may be in the planning stages.

Martin Glynn, Shire President stated that there was some good advice to Councillors in that Councillors need to be cognisant of the legislation and their obligations around disclosure of interests. He advised that there are plans to provide more training at the Councillor Information Sessions. The legislation is under review as it is a challenging piece of legislation to work with. The matters you raised have been put to the Department of Local Government or the CCC and the Shire would find it difficult to refuse the judgement of those bodies.

5.1.5	SUEZ and local employment
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Neville Crilly advised that, in regards to the SUEZ development application, the Council has worked with HWEDA to facilitate employment when mine eventually closes.

5.1.6	Football Pavilion
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Neville Crilly suggested that the best way to preserve buildings is to find a use for the community which justifies them remaining open.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

With no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Glynn, closed the meeting at 6:26pm.