



A Fortunate Place

Shire of Wickepin

Minutes

Annual Electors Meeting & Community Forum

Wickepin Community Centre - 6.30pm

16 MARCH 2022

Minutes of an Annual Electors Meeting & Community Forum held in the Wickepin Community Centre, Wickepin Wednesday 16 March 2022 commencing at 6:30pm

1. Attendance

President	Julie Russell
Deputy President	Wes Astbury
Councillor	Fran Allan
Councillor	Tyron Miller
Councillor	Peter Thompson
Councillor	Lindsay Corke

Chief Executive Officer	Mark Hook
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Erika Clement
Manager Works Services	Gary Rasmussen
Pool Manager	Philippa Ellis
Community Development Officer	Karen Langford
	Dave Astbury
	Ray Lewis
	Hazel Green
	Mark Langford
	Jill Tilbrook
	Colin Hemley
	Marion Hook
	Ross McDougall
	Kathy Oltham

Guest Speaker	Andrew Sorensen
	Alf Baker

Apologies

Kevin Coxon
Sid Martin

2. Opening

The Shire President Cr J Russell declared the meeting open at 7.10pm.

Moved Hazel Green / Seconded Ross McDougall

That a note of thanks be given to all Shire Employees and Council for their excellent work and efforts over the past year.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes - Annual Electors Meeting 4 February 2021.

Moved Ross McDougall/ Seconded Cr Fran Allan

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 4 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

4. Annual Report 2020/2021

4.1 Acceptance of Annual Report 2020/2021

The President Cr Russell gave a brief outline of the 2020/2021 Annual Report. Cr Russell thanked the CEO, DCEO, CDO, ESO, Works Manager, outside staff and all other Shire of Wickepin staff for their work over the last year. Cr Russell advised that the Council does strive to achieve the best for all communities within the Shire of Wickepin. The Shire President Cr Julie Russell thanked her deputy Cr Wes Astbury and fellow councillors for their efforts over the last year.

The President thanked Mark and Marion for their ten years in the community and wished them well for the future

Moved Dave Astbury / Seconded Hazel Green

That the 2020/2021 Shire of Wickepin Annual Report as presented be accepted.

Carried

4.2 Business Arising

5. General Business

5.1

Yarling Brook Rd Bridge

Ray Lewis asked in regards to the funding of the Yarling Brook Rd Bridge. Will the cost of the bypass be a Shire cost and when will the bridge be completed

CEO advised that the cost of bridge is funded by Main Roads and will be in the 2022/2023 budget. Costs of the bypass will be recouped in the 2022/2023 funding...

Wickepin Community Centre Playground – sun shade

Ray Lewis suggested there should be a sun shade built over the playground at the Wickepin Community Centre. This was requested at the last Annual Electors Meeting

Cr Russell & CEO advised that this was taken out of last year's budget but will be considered in this year budgets deliberations.

Independent Living Units

Ray Lewis asked for an update in relation to the Independent Living Units. Is the Shire operating the build now?

CEO advised that KBuilt Constructions are the builders. The Shire owns the materials. Bricklayers are onsite at the moment and Carpenters are due to start next week.

New Shire House

Ray Lewis asked is the new house completed?

CEO advised that the house was completed and the Shire was doing the landscaping.

5 Smith St Residence

Pip Ellis asked was the house at 5 Smith St privately rented or was it a Shire house?

CEO advised that the house was a Shire owned property and as there was two positions advertised at the moment, so it may be required. If not Council would make a decision on whether Council keeps the property or places it on the market.

Short Term Accommodation

Ray Lewis requested an update on the progress of short term accommodation in Wickepin and whether CBH had been asked for their requirements for accommodation?

CEO advised that a concept plan for the Wickepin Caravan Park is in progress and discussions had been held with CBH on their requirements.

RV Site

Ray Lewis stated that there is a lot of caravans staying at the free RV site in town, using the public toilets in the main street.

Cr Russell advised that Wickepin advertised as a RV Friendly town and Council was asked to provide a free RV site and this was done.

Dogs in Hotel

Ray Lewis stated that dogs are continually in hotel dining room. Is that not a concern for the Health Inspector?

CEO advised that the Health Inspector had visited the hotel on numerous times .The hotel had been given warnings that they have complied with. If anyone has a complaint regarding the dogs at the hotel they need to complete a written complaint form at the Shire office. Photographs as evidence would be helpful

Car Bodies

Ray Lewis commented that there were car bodies on various properties in town. What could be done about them?

CEO advised that options regarding car bodies on properties in town will be discussed at Council

Fuel Station power

Ray Lewis suggested that a generator needs to be purchased to run the fuel station in the event of a power outage because of the recent fuel availability during the fires.

CEO advised that Council owns the asset but is operated by Great Southern Fuels. A discussion will be held with Great Southern Fuels to see if there is way to address this problem.

Ross McDougall commented that the whole area was without power.

Cats

Jill Tilbrook asked in regards to cats entering a property and the owner's dog attacks it.

CEO advised that it is not the Owners responsibility if a stray cat enters their property and an incident occurs.

Cockatoos

Ross McDougall asked if anything was happening about the White Cockatoos in town.

Cr Russell & CEO advised that there had been a shoot last night. This had been organised after discussions with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the local police. There will be another shoot in the near future as required.

Kathy Oltham asked if notification could occur when shoots were going to happen

CEO advised that this would not be feasible as, the shoots can only occur if the conditions are right and this is not known beforehand

COVID Notifications

Dave Astbury asked if the Shire gets notification of COVID cases in the area.

Cr Russell advised that Council does not get notification. The Community needs to be vigilant and follow COVID protocols. Wear masks, Vaccinate, Wash hands and sanitise, Use the Safe WA app. If you feel ill – isolate, and take a test.

Narrogin- Kondinin Road

Ray Lewis asked about repairs to the Narrogin Kondinin Road. The road is in a bad state.

Cr Russell advised that the road had been in discussion at the Regional Road Group meeting on the 28th February and was advised by Main Roads that repairs would start happening in the next few weeks.

Cr Russell advised for people to contact Main Roads Northam and their local politicians, Steve Martin, Mia Davis and Peter Rundle on the state of the road

6. Closure

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.