Minutes of the Shire of Kulin Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2020 in the Shire of Kulin Council Chambers commencing at 12.06pm

1. Opening Comments & Announcements

The President welcomed all present and those joining the meeting remotely through Webex and declared the meeting open at 12.06pm.

The President asked for each person to confirm that they are connected and in attendance, with the following attendees so confirmed:

1. Attendance

President Barry West

Councillors Grant Robins Rodney Duckworth, Brad Taylor, Jarron Noble, Brad Smoker, Grant

Robins (from 12.13pm)

Staff Garrick Yandle (CEO) Cassi-Dee Vandenberg (DCEO), Nicole Thompson (ESO),

Judd Hobson (Manager of Works),

Webex Connection:

Councillors Robbie Bowey, Lucia Varone Electors Jim Sullivan (Shire Freeman)

Apologies Haydn McInnes, Clarrie & Pam King, Cr Michael Lucchesi

3. Confirmation of Minutes - Meeting 19 December 2018

Moved Cr Duckworth Seconded Cr Smoker that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 19 December 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Question from Jim Sullivan – does the money held in Trust, earn interest and does this go into Shires general revenue?

DCEO explained that the account is a genuine trust bank account which has no fees or interest earned. It is not appropriate for a Local Government to have the interest deposited in their general operating account and there have been Local Governments which have been made an example of for doing so.

5. Annual Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2019

President West commented that the audit process had been very testing this year due to ongoing hassles due to the auditor generals' involvement which has caused delays with the timing of the Annual Electors Meeting.

The annual report for the 2018/19 financial year was presented to the meeting for consideration. Well done to Cassi and staff for the work done in completing the audit.

Moved Cr Smoker Seconded Cr Taylor that the Annual Report, including the Auditors report, covering the financial year ending 30 June 2019 be received.

CARRIED

5. Questions Without Notice

Clarrie & Pam King (via phone message)

Commended Council on the footpaths around Ellson Street and advised they have no concerns with Council and believe things are going well.

Jim Sullivan

- Suggested Council consider putting a pipe in the drain outside the medical centre, directly opposite the entrance to allow easier access for older people.
 - Can be considered with budget deliberations 2020/21

- Would the Shire be interested in doing something with the land west of town, just before the main road, that it owned by Harold Proud? Could be discussed with Wheatbelt NRM about creating a Wollemia Pine plantation (native to Australia). This would be a good tourist attraction in the future.
 - Cr West to discuss with Harold Proud
- Does the Shire still own the piece of land opposite Haydn McInnes' shed in Day St?
 - Yes, it is leased to the Kulin Museum Group.

President West expressed thanks to Jim Sullivan for his interest and making the effort to join the meeting. He encouraged anyone with questions during the year to please approach Councillors or staff to answer any questions they may have.

6. Meeting Closure

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 12.22pm