

# Minutes of the Shire of Kulin Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 20 December 2023 in the Shire of Kulin Administration Offices commencing at 2:00pm

## 1. OPENING COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 2:00pm.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

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President	Grant Robins
Councillors	Brad Smoker, Michael Lucchesi, Jarron Noble, Robbie Bowey, Troy Gangell, Clinton Mullan, Brad Miller
Staff	Alan Leeson (CEO), Fiona Murphy (EMFS), Nicole Thompson (MESS) Judd Hobson (EWM), Taryn Scadding (EMCS), Belle Brandis (CDO), Cindy Mullan (FO)
Electors	Haydn McInnes, Harold Proud, Freeman Jim Sullivan
Apologies	Nil

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2023

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Moved Cr Bowey Seconded Cr Smoker that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 15 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Nil

## 5. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

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The annual report for the 2022/23 financial year was presented to the meeting for consideration.

Moved Cr Noble Seconded Cr Gangell that the Annual Report, including the Auditors report, covering the financial year ending 30 June 2023 be received.

CARRIED

### Questions from the Annual Report

Nil – CEO invited electors to contact the office should they have any queries.

## 6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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### Future Road Funding

Jim Sullivan questioned the security of road funding in the current political climate. Cr Robins advised at this stage our funding has been maintained (with a slight increase) and the WFSN and Remote Roads Project works are continuing.

CEO informed the meeting that staff will undertake internal modelling next year to obtain a clearer picture of what the future for the Kulin Shire may look like if there was to be significant changes to our road funding.

### Footpaths & Fire Hazards

Harold Proud expressed concern with the height of the survey pegs on the footpath work currently being undertaken, as they are difficult to see and quite dangerous.

New bitumen footpaths are a waste of ratepayers money – course gravel is rough as bags.

Mr Proud commented that he would like to see Councillors getting around the town more so they can see first hand what is happening in Kulin, he is concerned with a potential fire hazard due to overgrown wild oats at back of Water Corp. Cr Robins advised the reserve on the north west side of town will be cleaned up / burnt after summer.

### High Street Road Safety

Haydn McInnes is concerned about road safety on High Street between Johnston & Day Streets –with larger trucks coming through and people/children getting in and out of parked cars to access IGA. Would angle parking be an option? Would like to see something done in the future.

Cr Robins advised that Council have requested Main Roads to install signage directing all heavy vehicles to use the Davies Road/Kulin West Road and not High Street. Signage has not been installed to date.

#### Honour Board

Jim Sullivan had recently written to Council requesting consideration of an honour board acknowledging Shire of Kulin residents who have served in the Australian Defence Forces. Cr Robins advised that the request is currently going through the channels, as we need to ensure the process is right.

Jim requested consideration by given to bitumising the top end of Day St. This part of the road is rough and corrugated and affecting driveway access.

Travel feedback – always positive comments about how neat and tidy the town is. Congratulations to Shire and its people, credit to all.

#### **7. MEETING CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 2:16pm and invited all those present to stay for afternoon tea.