

Minutes of the Shire of Kulin Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2023 in the Shire of Kulin Administration Offices commencing at 12:02pm

1. OPENING COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 12:02pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

President	Grant Robins
Councillors	Brad Smoker, Michael Lucchesi, Jarron Noble, Robbie Bowey, Lucia Varone, Troy Gangell, Clinton Mullan and Barry West
Staff	Alan Leeson (ACEO), Fiona Murphy (DCEO), Nicole Thompson (ESO) Judd Hobson (WM), Taryn Scadding (CSM)
Electors	Hayden McInnes, Margaret Waters, Faye Williams, Ros Howell, Dot Cook, Pam King, Clarrie King
Apologies	Jim & Margaret Sullivan

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING 16 MARCH 2022

Moved Cr Bowey Seconded Cr West that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 16 March 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

The annual report for the 2021/22 financial year was presented to the meeting for consideration.

Moved Cr Smoker Seconded Haydn McInnes that the Annual Report, including the Auditors report, covering the financial year ending 30 June 2022 be received.

CARRIED

Questions from the Annual Report

Haydn McInnes questioned if Note 24 in the Annual Report was for public knowledge. (the note reads: *following the end of the reporting period the Shire sought legal advice regarding a senior employee matter. An estimate of the financial effect of this matter cannot be reliably made at the date of this report*).

President Robins advised a settlement agreement has been reached but it is confidential.

Faye Williams asked if there will be an effect on ratepayers? Acting CEO Alan Lesson explained the figures will form part of next year's financials, but the matter is confidential under the Local Government Act. Council worked with solicitors and are constrained by the deed of agreement.

Haydn McInnes raised concerns regarding the *Review of Representation*, he believes Councillor payments are very small and it is not realistic for the government to consider reducing Councillor numbers.

Acting ACEO Alan Lesson advised Council was not given a choice, needed to agree to the changes or Council could be dissolved. We have confirmed with the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries that the Shire of Kulin's preferred number of elected members is no less than seven. Council will reduce by one member at this year's election and run with eight Councillors through to October 2025 elections.

Wards will also be removed as part of these electoral reforms.

Clarrie King asked if preferential voting would be coming in, Acting CEO Alan Lesson replied that the Department will introduce optional preferential voting.

6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Haydn McInnes

- Johnston Street needs to be looked at, signage on building opposite fuel facility is poor, a lot of caravan park guests walk past this way, is there anything Shire can do about it?
 - This matter has been discussed with our Town Planner Joe Douglas, it is not an easy issue to deal with but we are well aware of it and currently working within our means to do what we can.
 - In relation to improving the surface of Johnston Street, Main Roads WA have been approached a number of times, but they keep putting us back. Any works hot-mix over 7 meters would need to be done by Shire.

Clarrie King

- Can the Museum's rubbish bin please be replaced, it's gone missing?
- Identified an area between Ellson Street and the Corrigin Road that needs a clean-up
- There are also some dead trees at end of Bowey Way – Marg Waters asked if they can be removed
 - Works Manager Judd Hobson will have a look at these area's and approach the Fire Brigade to assist with a clean up around this area and through the park land.

Faye Williams

- Does the Shire have a new maintenance person to take over from Dave Tyson? Yes

Thank you

On behalf of the ratepayers of the Shire of Kulin, Haydn McInnes expressed thanks to the Councillors for a very good year.

7. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 12:18pm and invited all those present to stay for a light lunch.