

# Minutes of the Annual Electors meeting held at the Kulin Freebairn Recreation Centre on Wednesday 16 October 2013 commencing at 8.04pm.

## 1. Present

President	Jim Sullivan
Deputy President	Barry West
Councillors	Haydn McInnes, Rodney Duckworth, Rob O'Brien, Brad Taylor, Mathew Ledwith and Anthony Dearlove.
Staff	Greg Hadlow (CEO), Len Hobson (Manager of Works), Nicole Thompson (ESO)
Electors	Clarrie King, Pam King, Dot Cook, Faye Williams, Geoff Hodgson, Grant Robins, Harold Proud
Apologies	Cr Rob Pittard

## 2. Opening Comments & Announcements

The President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 8.04pm.

The meeting paused to observe a minutes silence following the recent passing of Shire Freeman John Wilson to recognise his contribution to the Kulin Shire and community.

## 3. Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting 21 November 2012

Moved Clarrie King Seconded Brad Taylor that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 21 November 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4. Annual Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2012

The annual report for the 2012/13 financial year has been available to electors for the past two weeks.

The President made comment on the following matters:

- Local Government Elections – congratulations to elected Councillors and good luck to Grant Robins & Rebecca Meikle in the upcoming election for the Town Ward
- Amalgamations ongoing – Forum of Country Local Government Councillors has been set up to do a review and get a consensus of which direction to head. Jim Sullivan has nominated to be involved in this process.
- Fuel Facility is now operating – some teething problems but recent good reports.
- Camp Kulin – this is a boon to Kulin, helps numerous children and boosts Kulin's profile.
- Resource Centre and Streetscape Works are proceeding well.
- Thanks to Councillors and staff for their efforts and support – busy and hardworking group.
- Thank you to the people of the district for their support over the past 12 months.

Moved Haydn McInnes Seconded Clarrie King that the Annual Report covering the financial year ending 30 June 2013 be received.

**CARRIED**

## 5. Questions Without Notice

### 5.1 Transport Services Report

- Clarrie King asked if the double white line on new section of the Corrigin Rd near Don Davies Rd has been extended too far onto the intersection?

Len Hobson replied that it is to Main Roads specifications, but he will raise the question with MRWA.

### 5.2 Black Spot Funding

Clarrie King asked if black spot funding is still available for roadworks? The 'S' bend on Yealering Road near Prater Road is a dangerous situation.

CEO replied that no applications for black spot funding have been applied for due to the current projects being undertaken – there is a high existing workload. This section of road will be listed to have a look at in the future.

### 5.3 Tier 3 Railway Lines

Geoff Hodgson attended WAFF meeting today addressed by CBH Manager re: Tier 3 railway lines. He asked that Council give consideration to lobby politicians to retain these lines.

Moved Geoff Hodgson Seconded Clarrie King that Council support the retention of Tier 3 Railway Lines in Kulin and lobby relevant politicians and Government Departments as deemed necessary.

**CARRIED**

#### 5.4 Fuel Facility

Faye Williams questioned the time taken to fix the recent breakdown at the fuel facility – was this a one off? CEO replied that it was a combination of factors and just bad luck with timing issues.

Geoff Hodgson commented that the price is right and he is impressed with the facility.

Barry West advised the meeting that Council is able to use its buying power by purchasing fuel through the facility and is pleased that lower price benefits can be passed onto ratepayers.

#### 5.5 Foreign Investment

Geoff Hodgson queried if local government or regional Councils have had discussion on foreign investment?

President replied there had been nothing at the moment but will follow up and see.

#### 5.6 Resource Centre Roof

Faye Williams asked if the top section of the Resource Centre roof will be replaced or repainted.

CEO advised that the section not replaced will be repainted rather than resheeted.

#### 5.7 Caravan Park

Pam King enquired how the caravan park is going in the centre of town.

President advised that the shift has been quite successful and people are happy with it.

CEO said that since then Kulin has become an RV town and people can park in the designated location for free it is difficult to compare use with the old park.

Rob O'Brien commented that Joy Adams has said all sites were booked for Kulin Bush Races for 2014.

#### 5.8 Storm Water Re-use Project

Clarrie King asked if the heaps of earth opposite Elson St would be moved?

CEO advised that yes they would as part of the Storm Water Re-use Project. This project originated from the drought in 2010, after the oval died we were able to access funds for this project.

Geoff Hodgson commented that it was pleasing to see the old water catchment being upgraded.

Clarrie Kings commented on the magnificent wildflowers growing on the road verge along the catchment and requested that these not be sprayed.

#### 5.9 Works Manager Profile

The President congratulated Len Hobson on his profile published recently in the Local Government Focus Paper.

#### 5.10 Anthony Dearlove

The President thanked Anthony Dearlove for his time and efforts during his time on Council.

### **6. Meeting Closure**

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.