

Minutes of the Shire of Kulin Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 in the Community Resource Centre - Shire of Kulin Administration Offices commencing at 11.31am

1. Attendance

President	Barry West
Councillors	Rodney Duckworth, Michael Lucchesi, Grant Robins, Brad Smoker, Haydn McInnes, Robbie Bowey, Lucia Varone, Brad Taylor
Staff	Cassi-Dee Vandenberg (A/CEO), Nicole Thompson (ESO), Judd Hobson (Manager of Works),
Electors	Jim Sullivan, Ros Howell, Faye Williams, Dot Cook, Clarrie and Pam King, Harold Proud, Peta West
Apologies	Nil

2. Opening Comments & Announcements

The President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 11:31 am.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting 20 December 2017

Moved Harold Proud Seconded Faye Williams that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 20 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Cr Duckworth advised the meeting that funding cuts to our Community Resource Centre were reinstated during the year.

4. Annual Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2018

The annual report for the 2017/18 financial year was presented to the meeting for consideration.

Moved Cr Bowey Seconded Cr McInnes that the Annual Report, including the Auditors report, covering the financial year ending 30 June 2018 be received.

CARRIED

Cr West congratulated Cassi-Dee Vandenberg on her work in preparing the Annual Report, he advised that the Auditor had been impressed by Shire staff.

Jim Sullivan asked if Council use the same audit company, and if so, does the same person complete the audit each year. Cassi-Dee Vandenberg replied that Council is currently in its final year of contract with Byfields. Next year the Auditor General will be responsible for auditing the Shire, however they have contracted Byfields to undertake the work.

5. Questions Without Notice

Harold Proud

- Meetings have been very short lately, perhaps Council could spend time on how to get new business into town. Cr West explained that meeting days are made up of the Council Meeting which is where decisions are made, and prior to that a Concept Forum is held, during which general discussions are held and managers attend and report on all aspects happening in their department for that month.
- Harold is concerned with the decrease in population and requested Council do more to get industry into our town, he requested that our Local Governments main policy should be the creation of employment. Cr West agreed with the above comments, provided some information on the potential solar farm project and reinforced to the meeting that Council is constantly aiming to expand Kulin.

Faye Williams

- Questioned how the solar farm will benefit town. Cr West explained the company, Blue Planet Solar is currently negotiating with electrical companies about supplying into the grid. It is likely that it will be set up set up to supply enough power for town to be stand alone. Hoping to know the full outcome within the next 12 months.

Jim Sullivan

- Is aware that other towns have erected something to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 and asked if Council have any plans to do something? Cr West replied that nothing had been planned, but advised the meeting that an additional flag pole will be erected at the VDZ War Memorial to accommodate the New Zealand flag. Jim believes it would be appropriate for Kulin to have some form of recognition for this.
- Will provide a report on the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group at the Concept Forum.
- Expressed appreciation to Judd Hobson for the roadworks undertaken in his area.

Harold Proud

- Harold seconded Jim's comment of thanks saying that Judd was a chip off the old block. Harold also thanked Judd for cleaning up weeds in the main street. Judd explained a system has been put in place where each week a group of streets are focussed on to be weeded, swept and overall thoroughly maintained.

Pam King

- Acknowledged the good job the works crew did on Sloggett's crossroads.

Shire CEO

- Cr West provided a brief verbal profile of the Shire's new CEO – Garrick Yandle, who commences on 14 January 2019.
- Cr West also took the opportunity to thank past CEO Noel Mason for all the work he did in Kulin.

6. Meeting Closure

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 11.54 and invited all those present to stay for a light lunch.