



MINUTES

**ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
For The Financial Year Ended 30 June 2021
Held at The Cornerstone Function Room,
141 Vincent Street, Beverley
On Tuesday 5 April 2022
Commencing At 10am**

1. Commencement of Meeting

The President, Cr White declared the meeting opened at 10:00am.

The President began by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land, the Ballardong People and paid his respects on behalf of Council to Elders past and present. The President then introduced Councillors and Staff.

The President advised the attendees that this meeting normally occurs in December and that it was only being held now due to delays by the Office of Auditor General.

2. Attendance

Councillors

Cr DC White	President
Cr CJ Lawlor	Deputy President
Cr D Davis	
Cr P Gogol	
Cr S Martin	
Cr J Maxwell	
Cr M Norman	
Cr A Sattler	

Staff

Mr SP Gollan	Chief Executive Officer
Mr SK Marshall	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr SP Vincent	Manager of Works
Ms A Lewis	Executive Assistant

Public

Mrs G Petchell

Mr P Jenkin

Mrs J Rayner

Mrs B Foster

Mr K Murray

Mrs D Ridgway

Mr C Pepper

Rev. P Raymont

3. Apologies

Cr T Seed

Mr S de Beer, Manager of Planning and Development

Mrs A Fleay, Project Manager

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

MAE1/0422

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Gogol

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting for the Financial Year Ended 30th June 2020, held in the Cornerstone Function Room, 141 Vincent Street, Beverley, on Monday 14 June 2021, be confirmed.

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5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

6. Adoption of 2020/2021 Annual Report

MAE2/0422

Moved: Cr Sattler

Seconded: Mrs G Petchell

That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2021, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Annual Report Questions

7.1 Dee Ridgway - What is Caravan Park income vs expenditure and how is it trending?

Revenue = \$50,000 Expenses = \$28,000 Profit = \$22,000 (at 31/3 monthly figures not finalised). Trending well supported by good reputation, accessibility to the Town Centre and COVID travel restrictions. RV Site (Free 48 hour stop over) has had 126 visitors who have completed feedback forms this Financial Year to date.

7.2 Dee Ridgway - Chalet income vs expense to date?

Revenue = \$81,000 Expenses = \$38,000 Profit = \$43,000 (at 31 March 22 monthly figures not finalised).

7.3 Dee Ridgway - Does Council have plans to mitigate the increasing maintenance expenditure required for Edison Mill road?

No plan currently in place. Council has a 10 year road program which is reviewed annually.

7.4 Dee Ridgway - The bin at intersection of Westdale road and Great Southern Highway is clearly being used for more than just the rubbish it was intended for and is often an eyesore because of it. Main roads as the

responsible entity previously wanted to remove the bin and the shire chose for it to remain and undertake the task of emptying the rubbish (which I supported). How much is it costing the shire to remove rubbish from the bin and surrounding area and is it time to remove it?

The bin is emptied 3 times a week (one hour per week), costing approximately \$7,800 per annum.

7.5 Dee Ridgway - How is Council going with its 10 year road programme?

Going well – like all plans there is a degree of flexibility with prioritisation being considered through the annual budget process.

8. General Business

Received written questions:

8.1 Progress on transfer of old nurses quarters and plans for its future?

Progress is very slow dealing with both WACHS and Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to secure land tenure. WACHS does not own the land and negotiation would be with DPLH with the support of WACHS. Notification has been received that an investigation has commenced by DPLH for Shire land tenure and that Native Title and any other interests must be considered. It has almost been two years since the commencement of this action. Council will consider contacting the Minister or our Local Member to assist.

The use of the building is unknown but would be some sort of an extension to an existing health service.

8.2 Seniors House reserve \$162,000 – would Council consider increasing ILU type accommodation in town as part of its housing policy?

The current 10 Year LTFP includes a three stage Aged Housing Development strategy beginning in 2024/25 and ending in 2028/29; planning allowance in 2023/24.

8.3 What is Councils plan for the Avondale Museum collection?

During 2021/22 Council conducted community consultation and the outcome was to look into moving the collection closer to the townsite. A budget allocation has been set for 2022/23 to start investigations. Council are considering moving various items to the vacant block near the Dead Finish Museum. The Historical Society have not been approached or consulted yet on this idea. The CEO and Project Officer have a meeting with the National Trust next month.

Questions from the floor:

8.4 Dee Ridgway – Can we please have an update on Vincent Street, specifically when will the fences be down?

The Chief Executive Officer gave the following update – originally the fences were meant to be down on Monday 4 April 2022. Unfortunately delays were incurred due to COVID isolations and the weather. The road will now be sealed on Saturday 9 April. All going well the water barriers and fencing will come down on Monday 11 April. Kerbing is due to commence on Wednesday 13 April. The footpaths are due to commence 26 April and the installation of streetlight poles 9 May. The final completion date is now 15 August.

The CEO acknowledged and thanked the Men's Shed volunteers for their assistance helping people with their shopping. He expressed his appreciation to local businesses and the community for their continued patience.

The President gave further detail on the delays and changes to the project. He thanked the Shire Planner, Stefan de Beer for his many hours of work and commitment to the project. The President also thanked the community and business owners for their support.

8.5 Morag Whitney – was anything of historical interest found when they dug up the main street?

Apart from the old railway line, we do not believe so.

8.6 Peter Jenkin – the intersection of Forrest Street and Hunt Road was originally engineered for heavy haulage, will it be put back at the same standard?

Yes it will be completed to the Main Roads specifications as a heavy haulage intersection.

8.7 Jenny Rayner – are the Shire using the old painted bin enclosures?

No they are not being used again.

8.8 Jenny Rayner – can the old bin enclosure paintings be kept and displayed somewhere else?

Yes, they have been kept. Any suggestions for their display would be appreciated.

8.9 Chris Pepper – in regard to the Avondale Collection being moved, are the CBH bins still an option?

Unfortunately, no. Rob Dickie from CBH advised they are no longer closing bins. Cr Sattler commented that he was on the Avondale Museum Committee many years ago and the committee of that time worked out the entire collection will not fit in town.

Dee Ridgway commented that the collection is of agricultural significance and moving and managing the collection is probably beyond the realms of the Shire and outside help is needed. If the story of the growth of agriculture since European Settlement could be combined with the Aboriginal Food Project that is being researched it would be of great benefit to everyone.

Steve Gollan commented that Noongar Land Enterprises were unsuccessful in the grant application but will continue to seek other funding.

Rev. Raymont suggested that perhaps the State Museum could takeover the Management of the collection. The room was unaware if this is something the State Museum would consider.

9. Vote of Appreciation

MAE3/0422

Moved: Morag Whitney

Seconded: Dee Ridgway

That a vote of thanks be made to Staff and Councillors to recognise the work they do for the Beverley Community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Closure

The Shire President concluded the meeting by advising that Council has future projects in the wings, pending completion of the main street and outcomes of future grant funding application. Future projects include the Swimming Pool and Avon River Park.

For the immediate future, Council will be concentrating on bridges in the next budget as they require attention and are a major part of our agricultural requirement and network.

The President thanked Staff for the completion of the audit process and relayed that the OAG have assured a timely completion of the next audit.

The Shire President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10:46am

I hereby certify these Minutes as being confirmed in accordance with Section 5.22 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Presiding Member:

Date: