

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

Minutes of a Annual Electors' Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 14 December 2011 at 7.00 pm

DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President, Cr S B Pollard, declared the meeting open at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

(Town Ward)

S B Pollard (President)

R W Tinetti

D A Hughes

R M Head

D G Beresford

(West Ward)

T M Little

(Central Ward)

J E Williams

U Rumjantsev

(East Ward)

K D Saunders

Staff

Chief Executive Officer

N A Hale

Exec Mgr Development Services

P B Steven

Exec Mgr Corporate Services

D R Gobbart

Exec Mgr Community Services

C A Martin

Exec Mgr Engineering services

I Bartlett

Project Manager Community Infrastructure

C B Hunt

Electors / Residents

Mr Jim Smith

Mrs Karen Ducat

Mr David Antonio

Mr Doug Morgan

Ms Robyn Larkin

Mrs Belle Moore

Ms Genoefa Budas

Mr John Proud

Mrs Julie Head

Mr Ron Hitchens

Mr Gary Williams

APOLOGIES

Cr A W Llewellyn

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD 9th
FEBRUARY 2011 SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved: Cr U Rumjantsev
Seconded: Cr K D Saunders**

That the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Annual Electors Meeting held on 9 February 2011 be received.

CARRIED

- 1. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE 2010:2011 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved: Cr D A Hughes
Seconded: Cr R M Head**

That the Shire of Northam Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2011, as presented, be received.

CARRIED

- 2. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved: Cr D A Hughes
Seconded: Cr R W Tinetti**

That the Shire of Northam Auditor's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved: Cr R M Head
Seconded: Cr K D Saunders**

That the President's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2011 as presented, be received.

CARRIED

4. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved: Cr U Rumjantsev
Seconded: Cr D A Hughes**

That the Reports by the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Manager Regulatory Services, Executive Manager Development Services, Executive Manager Engineering Services, Executive Manager Corporate Services and Managers of Killara, Library, Recreation and Visitor Services for the year ended 30 June 2011 as presented in the Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS OR OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT OR AS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS PRESENT

5.1 Northam District Number Plate Series

Mr Antonio and Mr D Morgan queried why the N• plates were not being issued.

Mr Neville Hale responded, that the Department of Transport had without prior consultation with the Shire of Northam, earlier this year determined to discontinue the plates in accordance with provisions of

the Local Government Act 1995, Road Traffic (Licensing) Regulations 1975 and costs. A request has been made for this decision to be overturned.

Mr Smith sought Council's support in seeking greater cooperation senior staff and local volunteers, assistance with traffic management requirements event licensing and fees charged.

5.3 Security at Events

Mrs Ducat queried why community groups were required to provide security at events when the Shire of Northam did not. It is an inconsistent approach, between the Shire of Northam events and other events organised by private parties.

Response: Events are assessed on a risk basis and the Shire of Northam does provide security service where required.

That in regards to the 2011 Christmas parade event, the engagement of security staff was not justified on the basis of risk assessment, alcohol free activities and police presence.

5.4 Yongah Hill Detention and Processing Centre

Mr Smith stated the Shire of Northam, needs to push Commonwealth to ensure that security remains a high profile requirement and that the residents of the Northam kept informed.

Cr S B Pollard responded that the Yongah Hill Detention and Processing Community Reference Group has raised this matter with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

5.5 Funding for Over 60's

Mrs Ducat queried funding for Over 60's in the Annual Financial Report.

Ms Denise Gobbart responded that \$550 had been paid to the organisation in November 2010, as a subsidy for a bus tour.

6. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the presiding officer declared the meeting closed at 7:33pm.

“I certify that the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 14 December 2011 have been confirmed as a true and correct record.”

President

Date