



Shire of Northam

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SHIRE OF NORTHAM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

HELD AT

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

16 DECEMBER 2009

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SHIRE OF NORTHAM

Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 16 December 2009 at 7.00 pm

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President, Cr S B Pollard, declared the meeting open at 7:05pm

2. ATTENDANCE

Councillors

(Town Ward)

S B Pollard (President)
R W Tinetti
R M Head
C M D'Ascenzo
D A Hughes

(West Ward)

A W Llewellyn
T M Little

(Central Ward)

T M Letch
U Rumjantsev

(East Ward)

K D Saunders

Staff

Chief Executive Officer
Mgr Planning & Development
Mgr Finance & Admin Services
Mgr Environmental Health & Building
Mgr Works & Services
Secretary

N A Hale
C B Hunt
D Gobbart
P B Steven
I R Bartlett
F L Wheeler

Electors / Residents

Ms Karen Ducat
Mr Derek Host
Ms Sally Hart
Ms Belle Moore
Mr John Proud
Ms Genny Budas

Ms Jenny Host
Ms Annette Gorman
Ms Christine Elaine
Ms Donna Prytulak
Mrs Julie Head (Arrived 7:15pm)

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Peter Hammond & Mrs Jayne Hammond, Mrs Anne Letch,
Mrs Pat Rumjantsev

Moved: Cr A W Llewellyn

Seconded: Cr U Rumjantsev

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
HELD 6 APRIL 2009 SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

Moved: Cr T M Letch

Seconded: Cr A W Llewellyn

**That the Minutes of the Shire of Northam Annual Electors Meeting
held on 6 April 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of
that meeting.**

CARRIED

**5. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE 2008:2009 ANNUAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009
FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

Moved: Cr R M Head

Seconded: Cr K D Saunders

**That the Shire of Northam Annual Financial Statements for the
year ended 30 June 2009, as presented, be received.**

CARRIED

6. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

**Moved: Cr C M D'Ascenzo
Seconded: Cr U Rumjantsev**

That the Shire of Northam Auditor's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2009, be adopted.

CARRIED

7. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

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

That the President's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2009 as presented, be received.

CARRIED

8. RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009 FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

**Moved: Cr R M Head
Seconded: Cr R W Tinetti**

That the Reports by the Chief Executive Officer for the year ended 30 June 2009 as presented in the Annual Report be received and that staff be congratulated on the presentation and content of the report.

CARRIED

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

9.1 Footpaths

Mrs Budas: How does Council prioritise where footpaths are placed? I live in Chidlow Street and have been waiting 46 years for a footpath on any side of the road. During that time, Gordon Street has had 3 makeovers.

Mr Hale: The current works is prioritised on the previous 5 year plan, we are about to enter into a second 5 year roll out to be considered in the 2010/11 budget deliberations.

9.2 West End Precinct Committee

Ms Christine Elaine: When is the Shire going to look at the new steering committee for the West End area and when are members of the committee going to be notified as the committee was disbanded before the October elections.

Mr Hunt: A meeting is planned for early in the new year, those members on the committee will be notified accordingly.

9.3 Works Matters

Mrs Karen Ducat: I believe that a new Works Yard is going to be put in place. Is this correct?

I have had the Department of Environment contact me regarding trees, there is a need to educate Council's outside workers on the way to look are trees, considering what was done on some of the road verges.

Mr Hale: No immediate plan to relocate the Depot but its relocation is included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

9.4 RSL Memorial Hall

Mrs Ducat: The RSL Memorial Hall Committee, which hopefully has been designated especially for Seniors, have written in regarding the male toilets and the need to combine the lighting and extraction fan switch as the smell is terrible, told was too expensive, have not received a formal reply.

Mr Steven: Was not aware of the cost, a formal response will be sent out.

Mr Hale: Is there a justification to wire up two switches? Not aware of any \$ value being put on it.

Ms Belle Moore: Think the switches need to be repaired.

Ms Donna Prytulak: The smell is terrible.

9.5 Recreation Services

Ms Belle Moore: When are we going to have a dedicated Seniors recreation officer. Am willing to fund raise myself if that is what it takes.

Mr Hale: Not aware that such a specific role is required on Shire staff.

We have not been pursuing funding however have supported other groups doing this themselves. There was a request from Wundowie Seniors for water aerobics, we supported that in principle but the local group engaged the instructor.

Mr Hunt: It was the intent that Share and Care would have a person providing such services. Council at this stage is not going to employ a staff member, but we have encouraged Share and Care to consider this option.

Shire President: Do staff run programmes directed to older residents?

Mr Hunt: Shire Recreation Services is currently being reviewed and this will be addressed as part of that process. Seniors activities has been identified as an area where we are not doing so well.

10. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the presiding officer declared the meeting closed at 7:25pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 16 December 2009 have been confirmed as a true and correct record."	
_____	President
_____	Date