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Minutes

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Meeting

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr S B Pollard declared the meeting open at 5:00pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Council:

Shire President	S B Pollard
Deputy Shire President	T M Little
Councillors	D G Beresford
	J E Williams
	J Proud
	R W Tinetti
	U Rumjantsev
	C R Antonio
	D A Hughes

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	J B Whiteaker
Executive Manager Engineering Services	C D Kleynhans
Executive Manager Development Services	C B Hunt
Executive Manager Community Services	R Rayson
Executive Manager Corporate Services	C Young
Executive Assistant – CEO	A C Maxwell
Coordinator Governance / Administration	C F Greenough at 5:08pm
Manager Planning Services	K Nieuwoudt at 5:05pm
Planning Officer	C Wynn at 5:16pm

Gallery:

Karen Ducat
Genny Budas
Stan Malinowski at 5:10pm
Marco DiTrento, Peppino DiTrento and Maria DiTrento at 5:05pm
Ben Carter at 5:07pm
Five (5) unknown members of the Public at 5:16pm

2.1 APOLOGIES

Councillor C L Davidson

2.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Minute No: AE.54

Moved: Cr Hughes

Seconded: Cr Proud

That the minutes of the Annual Electors General meeting held Wednesday, 16 December 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE 2015/16 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Minute No: AE.55

Moved: Cr Rumjantsev

Seconded: Cr Little

That the Shire of Northam Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016, as presented, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Minute No: AE.56

Moved: Cr Antonio

Seconded: Cr Hughes

That the Shire of Northam Auditor's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Minute No: AE.57

Moved: Cr Rumjantsev

Seconded: Cr Proud

That the President's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2016 as presented, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

RECOMMENDATION

Minute No: AE.58

Moved: Cr Antonio

Seconded: Cr Tinetti

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report, for the year ended 30 June 2016 as presented in the Annual Report, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE

Nil.

Mr K Nieuwoudt, Marco DiTrento, Peppino DiTrento and Maria DiTrento entered and exited the Council Chambers at 5:05pm.

Mr K Nieuwoudt and Ben Carter entered and exited the Council Chambers at 5:07pm.

6.2 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Genny Budas – Northam

Question 1: Why have the Morrell Street Park lights been moved from the centre of the park to now face Chidlow Street? Can these be reinstated in the middle of the Park? (it was clarified that the lights were moved around ten years ago)

Response 1: The Chief Executive Officer advised there are no current plans to improve lighting at the park, however staff will investigate.

Question 2: Why is Morrell Street Park watered every second day?

Response 2: The Executive Manager Engineering Services advised that the parks are on a timer and water additionally if required. Mr Kleynhans further advised that staff will check the system to ensure the timer is operating correctly.

Question 3: What is proposed for Victoria Street Oval?

Response 3: The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is proposing to subdivide the land however it has been determined not to release these lots for sale due to current market conditions.

Question 4: Can the swans freely come and go into the new enclosures once works have been completed? Where is the current location of the swans? It was also queried whether the swan is the icon of Northam and if so, why is it not promoted as the entry statement for the Shire's?

Response 4: The Chief Executive Officer advised that the enclosure has been designed so the swans can freely access and leave the area. The swans are currently located on the river, however the CEO is unsure of their exact location, Council's Ranger's regularly monitor the swans location and wellbeing.

The Shire President advised that it is not promoted as an entry statement as the Shire logo has been developed and is promoted for the entire Shire.

Question 5: What category was the Carols by Candlelight event considered under for funding and can anyone apply for this?

Response 5: The Chief Executive Officer advised that this has been granted through Council's community grants scheme, community events category. Anyone can apply for this funding.

Karen Ducat – Grass Valley

Question 1: Has the railway carriage at the Grand Hotel been approved for a children's cubby house? In addition, has a liquor permit been approved for the premises?

Response 1: The Executive Manager Development Services advised that the question was taken on notice.

Question 2: Who is responsible for the land behind the Northam Hospital and next door to the Wheatbelt Health Centre?

It was raised that this is a fire hazard.

Response 2: The Chief Executive Officer advised that this land would be the responsibility of the Hospital (Department of Health).

Question 3: Is Southern Brook Road completed? Does the Council inspect the Contractors in respect to projects such as this and if so, can Ms Ducat be notified of the issues identified?

Response 3: The Executive Manager Engineering Services advised that Southern Brook Road is completed subject to a final inspection and sign off by staff.

Staff regularly monitor and carry out inspections on projects and raise matters with contractors as required.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that staff will notify Ms

Ducat of any major issues identified from the final inspection of Southern Brook Road.

Stan Malinowski - Northam

Question: Why has the swan enclosure been included as part of the budget for the Minson Avenue drainage improvements?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that the project was combined due to an opportunity being identified to complete this as a broader project. The drainage system was required to increase capacity and issues with sediment build up at the swan enclosure were identified, as a result the projects were joined. A range of funding was utilised for the project.

Ms C Wynn and five (5) unknown members of the Gallery entered the Council Chambers at 5:16pm.

7. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr S B Pollard declared the meeting closed at 5.21pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday, 14 December 2016 have been confirmed as a true and correct record."

_____ President

_____ Date

