

Shire of Exmouth

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ELECTORS

MINUTES



11 February 2020

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the Minutes and Attachments of the Annual Electors Meeting held on the 11 February 2020 are a true and accurate record of the proceedings contained therein.


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Matthew Niikkula
Shire President


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Dated

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ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Our Vision	To be a prosperous and sustainable community living in harmony with our natural environment.
Our Purpose	To responsibly provide governance for the whole community in the best interest of current and future generations.
Our Strategic Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversify and grow our economy in a manner that provides year round employment opportunities• To protect and value our unique natural and built environment as we grow our economy.• To be a vibrant, passionate and safe community valuing our natural environment and unique heritage• To provide open transparent, accountable leadership working in collaboration with our community.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.01pm.

The Shire President acknowledged the aboriginal people both past and present, as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

The Shire President advised the gallery in adhering to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Exmouth Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015, it is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and asked the gallery to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

He advised the gallery the meeting will be recorded for the Executive Secretary for the purpose of compiling an accurate record of the minutes only; and the recording will be erased once they are confirmed.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor M (Matthew) Niikkula	Shire President
Councillor B (Ben) Dixon	Deputy Shire President
Councillor G (Gary) Mounsey	
Councillor H (Heather) Lake	
Mr C Woods	Chief Executive Officer

Mr M Richardson Executive Manager Development Services
Mr M Bird Executive Manager Commercial and Community
Mr G Coetzee Executive Manager Corporate Services

LEAVE Councillor A (Anne) McCarrol

APOLOGIES Councillor M (Mark) Lucas
Ms Head Minute Clerk

GALLERY Bill Ruby
Dinny Ruby

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Exmouth held on 7 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ITEM 3

Res No: 01-0220

MOVED: Cr Dixon
SECONDED: Cr Lake

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Exmouth held on 7 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 4/0

4. RECEIVAL OF THE 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT

That the Electors' of the Shire of Exmouth receive the 2018/2019 Annual Report as adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 December 2019, incorporating the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer report, Annual Financial report and Auditors report.

RESOLUTION

ITEM 3

Res No: 02-0220

MOVED: Dinny Ruby
SECONDED: Bill Ruby

That the Electors' of the Shire of Exmouth receive the 2018/2019 Annual Report as adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 December 2019, incorporating the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer report, Annual Financial report and Auditors report.

CARRIED 2/0

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Shire President read the following report to the gallery:

"The 2018/19 Financial year was one that highlighted Council's continued desire to deliver on the objectives of our Strategic Community Plan – Exmouth 2030.

This Plan, formulated through an in-depth community consultation process, and when coupled with the Shire's Corporate Business Plan form the basis of councils' direction and decision making.

The Annual report that was adopted by council at our December meeting and has just been received by the electors of the Shire of Exmouth highlights the many achievements that have been made on behalf, and for the good of our community.

Focusing on the mantra that "We live here because we love here", Council has concentrated on directing efforts towards improving the overall satisfaction of the most important part of our town.... The members of our tight knit and resilient community.

We undertook our first "Community Perception Survey" to better understand the expectations and priorities of our locals, then built a budget and amended policies to reflect these wishes and start delivering outcomes.

Council once again highlighted and acknowledged the imperative part that our sporting clubs and community groups play in strengthening the social fabric of our community. A new grants scheme was adopted, which allowed us to deliver nearly \$80,000 in support of our clubs, groups and events throughout the year.

We maintained our goal of continuous improvement to existing infrastructure and are particularly proud that over 100 new trees were planted, enhancing an ever improving and much complimented streetscape, over 950m2 of footpaths were repaired and the main road into town was upgraded and widened to incorporate a dedicated cycle lane.

Whilst it goes without saying that we need our town to be at it's prime, looking it's best in time for our all important tourist season, to us, there is a need to have it looking the best we can ALL year round, not just to wow the visitors to our region, but to nurture and grow that sense of community pride in those of us here all year round. The locals, The Lifeblood, OUR Community.

This council will continue to remember who we are here to serve, and are proud of the faith you placed in us to achieve the goals and aspirations of Exmouth. We believe there are many exciting times ahead and are looking forward to building on the strong foundations we have laid so far to realise our Community Vision:

To be a prosperous and sustainable community living in harmony with our natural environment"

The Chief Executive Officer provided the gallery with a summary of some of the achievements against the Corporate Business Plan themes as detailed in the Annual Report 2018/19:

Economic – Diversify and grow our economy in a manner that provides year-round employment opportunities.

- *The Shire influenced the establishment of the Tantabiddi Taskforce with the Departments of Transport and Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions to address the inadequacy of the Tantabiddi Boat Launching Facility and Yardie Creek Rd maintenance.*
- *The Shire has also been working closely with Tourism WA, The Gascoyne Development Commission and Qantas to address the abandonment rate of cruise ships and affordability of airfares. To this end discounted peak season airfares were trailed at \$169 one way during peak periods with 90% uptake and the state has initiated feasibility reports and business case development for port infrastructure to address cruise shipping issues in Exmouth.*
- *The Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre continued to develop and attract increased numbers of visitors whilst also providing local Exmouth ratepayers with a world-class experience at no cost.*
- *We proudly hosted the International Whaleshark Conference in May last year.*

Environmental – To Protect and value our unique natural and built environment as we grow our economy.

- *Completed Murat Road upgrades; road widening, intersection design, shared bike/pedestrian path, lighting and flood mitigation*
- *Delivered the new Local Planning Scheme No.4 which supersedes previous Town Planning Scheme No.3 from September 1999.*
- *Developed partnerships with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attraction as we jointly manage and care for the Jurabi and Bundegi Coastal Parks.*
- *Developed relationships with the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Committee to ensure the World Heritage Area continues to be able to sustain our economy.*

Social – To be a vibrant, passionate and safe community valuing our natural environment and unique heritage.

- *The shire developed new funding streams for clubs and community groups whilst also developing a community Volunteer and Sporting Awards event to recognize and honour outstanding achievements by community groups and volunteers.*
- *Developed new policy that provides assistance to clubs seeking external funding and ensuring our self-supporting loan fund is available for clubs to access and grow.*
- *Staff also improved funding and support for local events and we enabled the Ningaloo Opera experience when we hosted the WA Opera under the stars at the Ningaloo Centre.*

Leadership – To provide open and transparent and accountable leadership working with our community.

- *The staff and Council continue to strive for excellence in relation to compliance and have set ourselves very high standards in relation to financial and governance compliance and this has been formally recognised by the Department of Local Government”.*

The Shire President opened Public Question time:

Question by Bill Ruby

Mr Ruby made an enquiry regarding recent placements into Exmouth by the Department of Housing.

Response:

- Department of Housing advised no significant change to allocation of houses; treated on first in first serve basis;
- Random situation;
- No support agencies services in town; Indigenous support, Police support, Counselling, Centrelink support services;
- WAPOL has responded to recent crime in town and will continue to do so;
- WAPOL have met with families in town to discuss;
- Do not have housing stock for further placements coming to town;
- No structure or plan for further placements coming to town;
- Crime rate has been documented; and
- Council/ WAPOL to meet with Department Housing in March to address community concerns.

A question was taken on notice from Mesha Mounsey in relation to a mosquito issue in the town site.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President thanked the gallery for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.20pm.