

SHIRE OF MOORA
MINUTES OF THE ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOORA
8 APRIL 2020

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** Due to COVID-19 and restrictions around public gatherings the meeting was conducted as a webinar / videoconference.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.35pm and welcomed those participating by videoconference to Council's first electors meeting run by electronic format.

1.2 DISCLAIMER READING

No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.

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

KM Seymour	-	Shire President / Presiding Member
TL Lefroy	-	Deputy Shire President
TG Humphry	-	Councillor
PF Nixon	-	Councillor
EI Hamilton	-	Councillor
SJ Gilbert	-	Councillor
JM Thomas	-	Councillor - <i>via videoconference</i>
DV Clydesdale-Gebert	-	Councillor - <i>via videoconference</i>
MR Holliday	-	Councillor - <i>via videoconference</i>
AJ Leeson	-	Chief Executive Officer
KP Viskovich	-	Administration Officer
JL Greay	-	Manager Engineering Services - <i>via videoconference</i>
NM Beard	-	Manager Community Development - <i>via videoconference</i>
MM Murray	-	Executive Support Officer - <i>via videoconference</i>

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Mrs Mavis Blowers - *via videoconference*

APOLOGIES

Nil

PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION

41/20 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Lefroy that Council grant permission to Cr Julie Thomas, Cr Denise Clydesdale-Gebert, Cr Marcus Holliday, Mr John Greay, Mrs Nicole Beard, Mrs Michelle Murray and Mrs Mavis Blowers to attend the Annual Meeting of Electors via electronic means (Videoconference - Microsoft Teams application).

CARRIED 9/0

3. **PRESENTING & RECEIVING OF THE 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

RESOLUTION

41/20 Moved Cr Humphry, seconded Cr Gilbert that the 2018/2019 Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2019 comprising of the;

- **Shire President's Report for the 2018/2019 year**
- **Chief Executive Officer's Report for the 2018/2019 year**
- **Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report for the 2018/2019 year**
- **2018/2019 Report on the Strategic Community Plan**
- **Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2019**
- **Independent Audit Report Year Ended 30 June 2019**

be received.

CARRIED 9/0

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

The CEO read aloud two questions received from Mrs Mavis Blowers;

1. Why is it taking so long to appoint a DCEO? and is that the reason for the jump in Other Accounting fees? (Surely the absence of a DCEO for months on end prevents the Council from running at full capacity and perhaps reflects in some of the Auditor comments).

The CEO responded advising it is proving very difficult to recruit executive staff in rural/regional areas at this current time. The Shire is reviewing its recruitment strategy and working hard to appoint an appropriately qualified and skilled person. The question relating to increase in accounting fees will be taken on notice.

2. Under Goal 3 - Outcomes 3.3 - A safe and reliable transport system - surely this is more than just the standard of roads, bridges and footpaths?
My reasoning about this really is my question - we need a bus service with driver to transport residents to Perth, more specifically Midland or Joondalup, for the type of medical services not carried out in Moora but which require an appointment in Perth. With this aging population, the need is probably increasing daily, with more and more no longer able to drive, or drive distances. This needs to be investigated to see if a specific day or days each week can be set for this to tie in with the various services required, and whether it is to be funded by PATS etc. This could also encourage further population relocating to Moora which would assist with local businesses and sustainability of the town - more people requiring local services - means more opportunities for younger population, both as employees and business operators. (... "a growing, caring community" ...)

The CEO responded advising that the concerns of Mrs Blowers would be noted and referenced for future consideration when the Community Strategic Plan is next reviewed.

4.2 **OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER**

Cr Denise Clydesdale-Gebert

- Entry Statements

Cr Clydesdale enquired as to the status of the new entry statements

The CEO responded advising that the three new entry statements have been constructed and now just need to be erected.

- Midlands Road – coming in from Walebing
- Midlands Road – coming in from Watheroo
- Dandaragan Road – coming in from Dandaragan

This should happen over the coming weeks.

- Swimming Pool Hours

Cr Clydesdale enquired as to possible extension of pool hours at the Moora pool in 2020/2021 and the possibility of having another employee / relief manager.

CEO responded advising this would be a 2020/2021 budget consideration for Council.

- Digital Notice Board

Cr Clydesdale enquired as to the status of the new electronic notice board.

CEO responded advising that quotes have been sourced and are being reviewed.

Cr Steve Gilbert

Enquired as to what the plans were for the entry statements done by Richard Apel in Moora.

CEO responded advising the entry statements/artwork created by Richard Apel would be relocated and there would be two more entry statements made by Natalie Tonkin in keeping with the new theme.

Cr Lyn Hamilton

Sport & Recreation Plan – how long before it will be put out for Community comment?

CEO responded; the plan will be advertised in the next few weeks.

5. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Shire President thanked Mrs Blowers for her attendance and input, and declared the meeting closed at 5.44pm.

CONFIRMED

PRESIDING MEMBER