

Town of
Port Hedland



TOWN OF PORT HEDLAND

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

**WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014 AT
5:30PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MCGREGOR
STREET, PORT HEDLAND**

**“A nationally significant, friendly city, where
people are proud to call home”**

*M.J. (Mal) Osborne
Chief Executive Officer*

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ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:35pm and acknowledged the traditional owners, the Kariyarra people.

ITEM 2 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Elected Members

Mayor Kelly Howlett
Councillor Gloria Jacob
Councillor George Daccache
Councillor Jan Gillingham
Councillor David Hooper
Councillor Lorraine Butson

Officers

Mal Osborne	Chief Executive Officer
Clare Phelan	Director Corporate Services
Eber Butron	Director Planning & Development
Russell Dyer	Director Engineering Services
Grace Waugh	Minute Taker/ Governance Officer

Electors	2
Town of Port Hedland Staff /Electors	5
Media	1

2.2 Apologies

Councillor Troy Melville

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Councillor Julie Hunt (22 October to 25 November 2014)

ITEM 3 ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION

MOVED: CR JACOB

SECONDED: CR HOOPER

That the Town of Port Hedland Annual Report for the 2013/14 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Mr Camilo Blanco

Are motions allowed to be put forward?

Mayor advised in the affirmative. Motions are allowed to be moved during General Business.

4.2 Mr Scott Cornell

Can an update on the marina be provided? There has been a push towards the marina being in the Cooke Point area however I believe it is very impractical.

Mayor advised that no decision has been made as to the location of the marina. Due diligence investigations are underway for the site in Cooke Point and investigations into the Spoilbank site are still being progressed. At the Ordinary Council meeting next Wednesday 26 November 2014 Council will formally accept community members to the Marina Waterfront Reference Group. Nine community members applied and the current recommendation is to appoint all nine applicants to the reference group. There will also be nine representatives from local businesses including the Yacht Club, Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce, South Hedland Business Association and the Port Hedland Fishing Club. The reference group will consider the due diligence reports on the Cooke Point site in January 2015.

There has been a lot of time and effort put into the Spoilbank site with all the required studies. If the Cooke Point site is chosen will all the studies have to be conducted again?

Mayor advised that the Town is ensuring that the Cooke Point site has the same level of studies and due diligence that the Spoilbank site currently has. Both sites still require a number of regulatory approvals including environmental and planning approvals.

When will a decision be made as to the location of the marina?

Mayor advised that Council will form a decision based on guidance from the reference group in February 2015. The Town is talking to the WA Premier and Minister Redman to ensure they are kept up-to-date with the proceedings. The Town is also ensuring key stakeholders are kept informed.

Can the money that has been allocated for the marina be used for either the Cooke Point or Spoilbank site or does the Town have to reapply for the money if the Cooke Point site is chosen?

Mayor advised in the negative. If the marina stays as one as per the Cabinet's decision then the site can change, however if the marina is going to be split across more than one site then it will need to go through cabinet approval. The Town did propose to Minister Redman to have part of the marina at the Spoilbank site and part at the Cooke Point site however he was not in favour of that proposal.

4.3 Mr Camilo Blanco

If the Cabinet submission changes from the Spoilbank site to the Cooke Point site will the funding have to be reapplied for?

Mayor advised that the WA Premier has advised that the submission will not have to go through Cabinet again and that the current proposal will stand.

Chief Executive Officer said the Town has been advised that the funding is at risk if the Town pushes ahead for the marina to go at the Spoilbank site. The Town is trying to work with the State government and other stakeholders in considering how the project can move ahead with the best outcome for Port Hedland. The Town will need government sign off on the final location whether it is Cabinet or Ministerial sign off as there is still Crown land and other issues involved outside of just building a marina. The Annual General Meeting of Electors is not the ideal meeting to get into the discussion of the details of the marina as that is why the Marina Waterfront Reference Group has been formed. The reference group will work towards a plan A for the marina, and to ensure the funding is retained for Port Hedland a plan B will also need to be in place.

Could the marina be built at the Spoilbank site right now? Does the Town have all the necessary approvals?

Mayor advised in the negative. The Town does not have all the approvals or all the funds. To construct just the marina will cost \$72 million which the Town does not have. The Town still needs to go through environmental and planning statutory approvals.

The Town does not have accommodation approvals for the Spoilbank site but it does have all the other approvals.

Mayor advised in the negative.

Chief Executive Officer advised that the current Town Planning Scheme allows for the use of a marina without the other ancillary uses which could be approved. There are no formal approvals, development applications, construction design guidelines or environmental approvals that have been obtained to do anything on the Spoilbank site.

So there are no approvals to do anything at the Spoilbank?

Mayor advised in the affirmative. The funding agreement with the State and with the Town's money has milestones and the Town will not be receiving money for the marina until 2016/17. The sea wall itself is an imperative part of the project and is a significant proportion of the \$72 million.

4.4 Mr Scott Cornell

On the beautification of various areas in South Hedland; there are plants that have been put in the ground and 12 months later they are dead and replaced with cracker dust. I do not know who payd for the planting initially; but who maintains the plants? There are some areas that have done really well but other areas, like near the South Hedland post office, have died. Subterranean reticulation has been installed but as there is calcified water in Hedland the pinholes fill up with calcium.

Director Engineering Services advised that Netafim is currently being trialled in the South Hedland post office area due to the amount of vandalism that is occurring with the sprinklers. The Netafim product does work however there is a solution that has to be run through the system due to the calcium build up. The process of running the solution through the system was not transferred over to who was responsible for the area, which is why it failed. The Town would like to returf that area but needs a resolution as to how it can be watered without having to constantly replace the sprinklers. McDonald's pay a contractor to maintain the area in front of McDonald's and they also have a number of vandalism issues. The Netafim system is currently being used in Sutherland Street and that grass is fine.

4.5 Mr Camilo Blanco

How many members of the public are here? Are there only two?

Mayor advised that everyone in the gallery is considered a member of the public and all are on the electoral roll expect one person who is here in their work capacity.

ITEM 5 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:53pm.