



Town of Port Hedland

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2011

COMMENCING AT 7PM

**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE,
McGREGOR STREET, PORT HEDLAND**

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*Paul Martin
Chief Executive Officer*

COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance social, environmental and economic well-being through leadership and working in partnership with the Community.

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ITEM 1 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 7pm and acknowledged the traditional owners, the Kariyarra people.

ITEM 2 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Kim Kirkman
Judith Enright
Sam Akif
Julie Hunt
Chris Whalley
Peter Pope

Mayor Kelly A Howlett
Councillor Arnold A Carter
Councillor Stan R Martin
Councillor George J Daccache
Councillor Jan M Gillingham
Councillor Michael (Bill) Dziombak

Mr Paul Martin	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Suma George	Manager Finance
Mr Russell Dyer	Director Engineering Services
Mr Gordon MacMile	Director Community Development
Mr Leonard Long	Manager Planning
Ms Debra Summers	Manager Organisational Development
Ms Louise Roux	Administration Officer Governance

2.2 Apologies

Nil.

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Councillor Steve J Coates
Councillor David W Hooper

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 24 February 2010

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

Moved: Cr A A Carter

Seconded: Cr G J Daccache

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Tuesday 24 February 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 6/0

3.2 Matters Arising

Nil.

3.2.1 Response for Previous Question – On Notice

Nil.

ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Mayors Report

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

Moved: Cr A A Carter

Seconded: Cr G J Daccache

That the Town of Port Hedland Mayor's Report for the 201009/10 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 6/0

NOTE: Mayor advised members of the public that they have the right to move and second a motion put forward during the Annual General Electors meeting.

4.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

Moved: Cr A A Carter

Seconded: Cr M Dziombak

That the Town of Port Hedland Chief Executive Officer's Report for the 2009/10 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 6/0

4.3 Annual Report

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

Moved: Cr A A Carter

Seconded: Cr M Dziombak

That the Town of Port Hedland Annual Report for the 2009/10 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 6/0

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Julie Hunt**

In 1972 when South Hedland was created the ambulance service was moved from Port Hedland to service the South Hedland people. Now that the hospital has also been moved to South Hedland is the ambulance service going to be moved or based in the Port Hedland locality in the future or is there going to be some emergency service provided for Port Hedland?

Mayor advised that there isn't any provision of this service from Council but this issue will be raised with the relevant agencies.

Councillor Gillingham also advised that she has recently spoken to ambulance officers who have informed her that another ambulance will be coming on board shortly and that there should be some extra space available for them and they would appreciate if Council contacted them with regard to this matter.

Is signage for tourists towing caravans into the downtown area in Port Hedland going to be upgraded to direct tourists to the safe route to town? Anderson Street is a much safer option than driving down the blind corner close to the Port Hedland end of town.

Chief Executive Officer advised that this information will be passed on to the Visitors Centre to get better signage options.

Do the footpaths in the downtown area of Port Hedland get washed/swept regularly?

Chief Executive Officer advised that Council has a footpath sweeper that goes through Port and South Hedland (main street included) on a set program. There have been a few mechanical problems but these have now been fixed. The machine does not wash but it does sweep.

5.2 Chris Whalley

Could Council give an update on work being done by the water corporation regarding the exploration of water for the Town of Port Hedland?

Chief Executive Officer advised that the Town has recently had a briefing with the Water Corporation who has submitted an application to the Department of Water to take out of the Yule and the De Grey rivers underground reservoirs an extra 19 gigalitres of water.

This means that a significant number of changes to the current infrastructure need to be made to get this water from the reservoirs, into Port Hedland and then distribute it through the area. Chief Executive Officer also advised that he has written to the Department of Water to urge them to fast track the application and is expecting a response soon.

Does Council have any indication from the State Government as to when or if any new power facilities to generate energy for the town are to be introduced?

Chief Executive Officer advised that he is aware that a lot of discussions have taken place around an additional power station in South Hedland. He understands that final feasibility studies are currently being carried out and that the power station will be a combination of gas and diesel generation. Chief Executive Officer expects an announcement from the State Government soon about this matter.

Does Council know when the proper naming of the Multi Purpose Recreation Centre and South Hedland Oval will take place? Will members of the public be allowed to offer suggestions?

Chief Executive Officer advised that Council resolved that during the construction phase of the Multi Purpose Recreation Centre it will conduct a process to get suggestions from the community about the name of the centre. The construction process will commence soon in July 2011 and it is scheduled to be completed by May 2012.

5.3 Councillor Jan M Gillingham

Councillor J M Gillingham advised that she has received an email about the 70km/hour signage near airport and she would like to find out whether the 70km/hour area has been extended?

Chief Executive Officer advised that the Department of Main Roads has extended the 70km/hour limit to a larger area around the airport and that new signage should be erected shortly to ensure safety.

Councillor Gillingham enquired whether the 60km/hour sign just before the Cooke Point Drive roundabout has been reinstated? This matter has previously been raised at Council meetings.

Director Engineering advised that this matter has already been reported to the Department of Main Roads who is responsible for the installation of all street signs.

ITEM 6 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

CONFIRMATION: _____
MAYOR

DATE