



Town of Port Hedland

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

HELD ON

TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2008

AT 7:30 PM

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

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*Matthew Scott
Acting 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

Mayor Stan Martin (Chairman) declared the meeting open at 7:30 pm and acknowledged the traditional owners, the Kariyarra people.

ITEM 2 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**2.1 Attendance**

Ms Anna Slater
Ms Michelle Hammond
Mr Ron Morley
Ms Lorna O'Hagan
Ms Jenella Voitkevich
Mr Camillo Blanco
Mr Paul Riebel
Mr Scott McDonell
Mr Chris Whalley

Mayor Stan Martin
Cr A A Carter
Cr G D Bussell
Cr S J Coates
Cr G J Daccache
Cr A A Gear
Cr J M Gillingham
Cr K A Howlett

Mr Matthew Scott Acting Chief Executive Officer/Director Corporate Services
Mr Terry Sargent Director Regulatory and Community Services
Mr Russell Dyer Acting Director of Engineering Services/Manager Engineering Services
Ms Tricia Hebbard Governance Administration Officer

2.2 Apologies

Cr J E Ford
Mr Terry Dodds Director Engineering Services
Mr Chris Adams Chief Executive Officer

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 26 March 2008.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors for the 2007/08 financial year and held on Wednesday 26 March 2008 have been circulated.

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

Moved: Cr A A Gear

Seconded: Cr J M Gillingham

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 26 March 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 7/0

3.2 Matters Arising

Customer Service Policy

Customer Service Policy will be raised at a subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council.

3.2.1 Response for Previous Questions – On Notice

3.2.1.1 Miss Kelly Howlett – Old Four Mile Tip Site Progress

No further response required.

3.2.1.2 Miss Zabia Chmielewski – Revegetation of Sutherland Street Nodes

In Miss Zabia Chiemelski's absence, Cr Grant Bussell asked if Zabia was referring to the vegetation and dirt along Sutherland Street more so than the \$300,000 funding allocated for Sutherland Street nodes?

Acting Director of Engineering Services advised that some areas have been slashed to maintain the grass and increase visibility of snakes, etc. along this section of Sutherland Street.

Cr Kelly Howlett asked if there would be a problem with prams mobility through the dirt if vegetation wasn't to be put in?

Acting Director of Engineering Services advised this question will be taken on notice; a report to Council will be prepared for the next Meeting of Council.

3.2.1.3 *Cr Arthur Gear – Disabled Parking Bays*

No further response required.

3.2.1.4 *Ms Julie Hunt – Anderson Street Carriageway*

No further response required.

ITEM 4 ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Port Hedland Annual Report 2007/08 adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 25 February 2009, has been circulated.

4.1 *Mayors Report*

Mayor Stan Martin read aloud the Mayor's Report.

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

That the Mayor's report be taken as read.

4.2 *Chief Executive Officer's Report*

Acting Chief Executive Officer read aloud the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

AGM Decision/Staff Recommendation

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be taken as read.

AGM Decision

Moved: Cr A A Carter

Seconded: Cr A A Gear

That the the Town of Port Hedland Annual Report for the 2007/08 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 17/0

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 *Ron Morley*

Does the Council have a Shire Engineer? As I reside at the Masonic Village close to the Port Hedland Shopping Centre and as I am getting older I believe it could be a problem for anyone in a wheelchair or on crutches or pushing a pram that wishes to walk to the shops along the footpath on McGregor Street, as the intersection at the end across from the shops (McGregor St and Anderson St) floods over in rainfall quite deeply?

Acting Director of Engineering Services advised that this part of the footpath and road is a low point and the only option is to continue works on drainage access, but it will still flood in excessive rainfall unless future works are programmed to raise the intersection to fit in with existing roads around the low lying area.

Further to the roadway starting to subside, the footpath into the Shopping Centre stops into a small sized car park bay; as this is always blocked by a car, leaving no access to walk around cars parked close together; and the Shopping Centre Manager has been notified of this issue, can Council write a letter to the Shopping Centre Manager to ask for bollards to be put across this small car parking bay to allow access at the end of the foot path?

Acting Chief Executive Officer confirmed yes. Council will formally advise the Shopping Centre Manager in writing this week to raise these concerns.

5.2 *Anna Slater*

What progress has been made with deep sewerage for residents in part of Port Hedland from St Cecillas to All Seasons Hotel, as it was previously announced it would be 2010, and then brought forward by the State Government to 2009; and now it has been pushed back again?

Director Community and Regulatory Services answered that the Water Corporation has advised Council that it has begun the process of redesigning the sewerage lines on expectation that the population will increase in the West End area. The latest advice from the Water Corporation is that completion of deep sewerage works is planned for 2010. The plans have been viewed and the commencement of upgrades is due soon.

As the town planning studies of Port Hedland only include Redbank for 3.5 years, but Port Hedland Port Authority has plans that extend to 20 years, is there any reason for this difference? What are the proposed plans for Redbank?

Mayor advised that the Land Use Master Plan (LUMP) is inclusive of the Redbank area, and this area will also be addressed as part of the new Town Planning Scheme 6.

What about Land to be released at Redbank?

Mayor advised that there is no land available at Redbank to be released to his knowledge.

Acting Chief Executive Officer that Town Planning Scheme 6 is on schedule and Redbank has been identified in the Land Use Master Plan (LUMP) process as a possible tourism development area, of which has been endorsed by Council and the State Government. Town Planning Scheme 6 will be developed over the next twelve (12) months and this issue will be addressed then.

Council has consulted State Land Services in the past who identified Redbank as having no potential land releases available, as there wasn't any land above the high water mark.

5.3 Councillor Jan Gillingham

As residents often ask questions in relation to rezoning of land – can State Land Services representatives meet with residents?

Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that consultation with residents will be undertaken as part of the development of Town Planning Scheme 6 process.

Mayor added that there will be a number of public consultation opportunities during that process.

5.4 Anna Slater

Can I please have a copy of Town Planning Scheme 6 once available?

Acting Chief Executive Officer confirmed the Town Planning Scheme will be a public document when completed.

5.5 Paul Reibel

Does LandCorp provide plans of subdivisions to Council? If so, someone needs to look at the planning designs for the new Pretty Pool subdivisions because light poles have been placed in the middle of completed footpaths?

Mayor advised that he agreed this is an issue, and Council will discuss the matter with the Pretty Pool subdivision developers before handover to Council is complete.

Isn't it a waste of money to have concrete laid twice, as it is obviously illegal measurements from road for the light poles to be placed where they are?

Manager Infrastructure Development advised the location of streetlight poles were not displayed on any plans shown to Council.

5.6 *Councillor Arthur Gear*

I would like to raise an issue on behalf of residents Rod and Liz Brown who couldn't be here this evening; Council has done some storm water work already in Harper Street, Port Hedland, and Rod and Liz Brown have completed work on their own sink well to reduce flooding outside their residence, however it seems that more work needs to be done, are there any plans for this to occur?

Acting Director Engineering Services confirmed yes. There is more work that needs to be done on low lying areas that flood during heavy rainfall, and these works are depended on when resources are available to investigate solutions to the problem.

5.7 *Scott McDonell*

As the Chairman of the District Health Advisory Council (DHAC) I would like to express an interest to interact more with Council as many issues in the community have additional interests in health; DHAC currently has a working relationship with employees from Council such as Julie Broad and Chris Adams, and we would like to broaden the interest and participation rate from the community on issues that can be represented, is Council able to become involved?

Mayor advised that Council will be happy to work alongside the District Health Advisory Council (DHAC) to ensure Port Hedland is a better place to live in, by addressing any health concerns that arise.

5.8 *Cr Jan Gillingham*

While walking along Sutherland Street, I noticed various lights were not working, even after I have previously reported these same lights to Horizon Power two months ago, can Council do anything further?

Acting Director of Engineering Services advised Council's staff will contact Horizon Power to further investigate the delay.

ITEM 6 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor Stan Martin declared the meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

CONFIRMATION: _____
CHAIRMAN

DATE