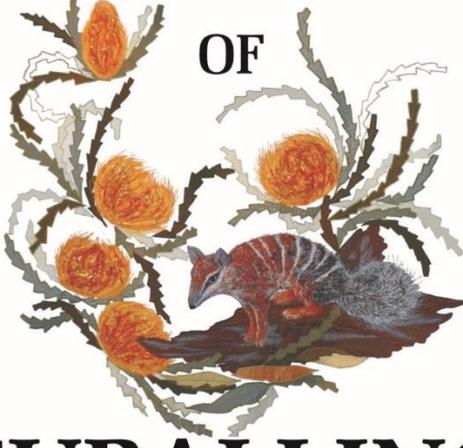


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MINUTES

of the

Annual Electors Meeting

held

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2016

Shire of Cuballing
Council Chambers
Campbell Street, Cuballing

These minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2016.

Signed.....

Cr Mark Conley, Shire President

Thursday 15th December 2016

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1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING:**

The Shire President, Cr Conley, declared the meeting open at 6:32pm.

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

2.1.1 Attendance

Cr Mark Conley
Cr Eliza Dowling
Cr Scott Ballantyne
Cr Tim Haslam
Cr Roger Newman

President
Deputy President

Mr Gary Sherry
Ms Tonya Williams
Mr Bruce Brennan

Chief Executive Officer
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Works Supervisor

Mr John Robertson
Mr Neil Francis

2.1.2 Apologies

Nil

2.1.3 Leave of Absence

Cr Dawson Bradford

3. **ANNUAL REPORT:**

3.1.1 Annual Report 2015/16

The Shire President, Cr Conley, noted that his President's Report was included in the Annual Report 2015/16 document which was available publically and at this meeting.

DECISION:

That the Annual Report of the Shire of Cuballing for the year ended 30th June 2016 be received.

Moved: Cr Dowling

Seconded: Cr Newman

Carried

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

4.1.1 Fence at Lot 28 Austral Street Cuballing

Mr Robertson asked about what the Shire could do in relation to his concerns about people accessing his property from the Cuballing Tavern across the Shire's property at Lot 28 Austral Street. Currently Mr Robertson, who borders the northern edge of Lot 28, has a fence on this boundary, but the Cuballing Tavern, who border the southern edge of Lot 28, do not. Mr Robertson would like a fence on this property boundary.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, advised Mr Robertson that Council did not have statutory power to require the Cuballing Tavern to erect a fence.

Cr Conley advised that Council would investigate possible solutions.

4.1.2 Memorial Park, Cuballing

Mr Robertson asked about drainage at Memorial Park that results in water pooling at the rear of the memorial and impacting negatively on the surrounding gardens. Mr Robertson believed that Memorial Park is an important site in Cuballing and he offered to provide his labour to construct a pergola in Memorial Park if Council provided the materials. Mr Robertson advised that he believes that Memorial Park requires an upgrade.

Cr Conley agreed with Mr Robertson about upgrading Memorial Park. Cr Conley was concerned about the proximity to the rail reserve controlled by Brookfield Rail and complicated requirements for dealing with Brookfield Rail.

4.1.3 Dryandra National Park

Mr Robertson asked about the forthcoming move of the Dryandra Woodlands to a National Park and if Council was aware of what parts of the woodland were becoming National Park and what parts were not.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, advised that this information was available in the Dryandra Woodlands Management Plan that is available on the Department of Parks & Wildlife's website.

4.1.4 Firebreaks

Mr Francis advised of land owners he believed had not installed appropriate fire breaks as required by Council's Fire Break Notice.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, advised that Shire staff are completing their review of firebreaks currently and will be in Mr Francis's region tomorrow. Shire staff were aware of Mr Francis's concerns, but the confusing nature of access to some properties around Popanyinning has impacted on previous inspections.

4.1.5 Phone Headsets for Shire Office Staff

Mr Francis asked if Shire administration staff should be provided with headsets to allow them to use the telephone in a hands-free manner, allowing them to easily use the computer keyboard when they are on the telephone.

Cr Conley advised that this had been discussed with the relevant staff who had indicated that for the majority of their time, the use of computers did not conflict with telephone calls and they would prefer not to use such headset devices.

4.1.6 Popanyinning Standpipe Access

Mr Francis asked if Council's Popanyinning Standpipe could be accessed in the event of a power outage. Mr Francis thought that this could be important in the event of fire where power could be lost or just impact of an extended outage on a hot day on residents.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, advised that the Popanyinning Standpipe was powered by a solar charged battery and was independent of main electricity. In the event of a fire, not only did the Shire's fire trucks have access cards in every truck, each truck also carried a key that would permit manual access to the standpipe, overriding the electronic access.

4.1.7 Council Management and Operation

Mr Robertson offered his opinion that the Shire of Cuballing was running very well and congratulated Councillors and staff for this.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Conley, thanked the members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 6:58pm.