



## SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

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## ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES

To Be Held At 6:00PM

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2016

Council Chambers  
39 Bannister Road Boddington

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## **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:**

Martin Glynn, Acting Shire President, declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

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

Cr M Glynn Acting Shire President  
Cr N Crilly  
Cr E Hoek  
Cr D Smart  
Cr T Collins

Mr C Littlemore Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Grant Bartle Director Corporate & Community Services  
Mr J Rendell Manager Financial Services  
Ms T Hodder Acting Executive Assistant

14 members of the public attended the meeting.

### **2.1.2 Apologies**

Nil.

### **2.1.3 Leave of Absence**

Cr John Allert Shire President  
Cr Sharan Manez

## **2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:**

Nil.

## **3. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2016:**

The Annual Report will be presented to the meeting by Cr Martin Glynn.

Cr Glynn read the President's report and invited public to read Annual Report on Shire website.

## **4. GENERAL MEETING:**

Mrs Beverly James asked the following questions:

1. Why Council is leasing a property from the Shire President, when they previously had a house.

Chris Littlemore, CEO responded – Council considered whether to use that house for a staff member; however the staff member did not want a large yard to maintain; in addition, it was an older house with maintenance issues, so Council decided to sell the property.

2. Is Council going to organise tender and not the BCRC? Cr Glynn advised that Councillors will collect information between now and the special meeting on 7 February.

Mrs Caitlin Larson asked the following questions:

1. Why is the Shire taking on responsibility of the BCRC when there are other things to focus on - what would the benefits be for the community?

Cr Glynn suggested people come to Info session on 7 February meeting and then the meeting on 17 January. At the moment no decision has been made.

2. Does council have the financials to take on another business?

CEO responded that council will consider this.

3. Why was the house sold so low- has depreciated her own house? Why rates so high and property values so low?

CEO responded that property prices have decreased, that the sale of the house has not depreciated other properties.

She checked with Landgate and rates will be reassessed in 2019. CEO responded that the rates went up because one of the major properties in town was revalued due to a court appeal in the Pilbarra; this resulted in a substantial drop in rates from the mining camp and so the rest of the community has to make up the severe drop.

4. Will rates go down in 2019?

CEO said the average rates should be less than 5% increase in 2017/18.

Tom Hardie congratulated the shire on several points and raised a few suggestions as follows:

- Dwarda road – well graded by the Shire. Spraying is very important and the unit has been revamped and the results reflect this.
- Swimming pool – in magnificent order. Congratulated Shire.
- Nice fire vehicle unit. Need a standpipe at the dam filling point.
- Congratulated on the acquisition of the Shire Dam.
- Oval and Rodeo all magnificent.
- Tourism – caravan park not utilised enough. Market it better. Urged Councillors to see vintage machinery shed in Wandering.
- Suggests other residents have similar collections. Perhaps a shed could be built and filled up over the years.
- Parking in empty space beside bank- Cr Glynn responded that it is expensive to seal the surfaces and so parking can be problematic.
- Boddington Tyres is in a small place – perhaps lease that empty space?
- Parking is an issue –
- Weir – picnic site – not used enough – will be discussions on improving that area.
- Gold mine – industrial area partially vacant. Suggest discussions with BGM. Perhaps have something in Boddington about how gold is extracted etc.

Suggests Gold Mine should use us more.

- Community Club losing money – the lease is high. The Club needs to ask for support.

Mark Gordon of 64 Hotham Ave asked the following questions:

- BRC is grateful for Council's support.
- How does Council intend to fund the CRC – he understands that the DRD will not fund the Shire? Worried rates would increase.
- believes the DRD will not fund the Shire therefore there would be less opportunities for funding so the Shire would need to fund.

Acting President, Cr Glynn advised that there will be a scope of works early in the year by the shire to provide information to Council if the Shire was to become more in the BCRC role. That CEO is committed to providing detailed information. That a Scope of Works will be provided next year if Shire was to become more involved in the BCRC role.

Tony Francis Fairway Place

Pointed out that the BCRC is a hive of activity and invites Councillors to visit and observe.

Geoff Beaton offered his opinion on the tendering of management of the BCRC and Mr Beaton stated that funding available for the BCRC is available to the Shire.

That out of the Council of 7 people, one can't vote due to financial interest and one is a swing vote. He suggested the Councillors should make the decision about tendering for the BCRC.

Cr Glynn responded that he believes the community should be involved as much as they wish so these opportunities are encouraged, and that Council is informed as much as possible.

Mr Beaton advised that he believes there is a good management team at the Shire there is no succession plan for management of the BCRC.

Acting President Glynn advised that this should not be made personal.

Acting President Glynn advised he would advocate for Shire to submit its tender for the CRC, if that tender is in the best interests of the community.

Acting President Glynn suggested that Mr Beaton not present this issue at this forum as not all the Councillors are present.

Mrs B James asked if a fire officer is assessing properties in shire?

Acting President advised that it must appear confusing to rate payers as various people are assessing properties for fire risk. Peter Cupitt assesses risk on properties

Mrs James asked if the Shire will obtain a report so residents can see the report?

Acting President M Glynn confirmed Mr Cupitt has prepared a list of most high risk properties in the Shire and will work with DFES and Shire to reduce the amount of risk in the Shire. He produces an ongoing assessment. Landowners would like to see assessment of their property.

Chris Littlemore, CEO suggested she call Peter Cupitt and discuss with him.

Acting President, M Glynn advised Mr Cupitt is here to advise landholders of risk and increase awareness; he is funded by DFES.

5. **CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

With no further business to discuss the Acting Shire President, Cr Glynn, closed the meeting at 6:48pm.

These minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 January 2017.

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M GLYNN  
(Acting President)