



SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

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ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Held At

Tuesday 4 December 2018

6:30pm

Council Chambers
39 Bannister Road Boddington

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:

Martin Glynn, Shire President, declared the meeting open at 6:30pm.

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Nyoongar People, and pay my respects to Elders, past and present".

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

2.1.1 Attendance

Cr M. Glynn	Shire President
Cr D Smart	Deputy Shire President
Cr J Hoffman	
Cr S Manez	
Cr W McGrath	
Cr R McSwain	
Cr G Ventris	
Mr C Littlemore	Chief Executive Officer
Mr G Stanley	Director Corporate & Community Services
Mr J Rendell	Manager Financial Services
Mr C Browne	Manager Works & Services
Mr P Haas	Principal Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor

7 visitors

2.1.2 Apologies

Cr Sharan Manez

Mr Greg Marston
Mrs Maxine Marston

2.1.3 Leave of Absence

Nil.

2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:

Nil.

3. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2017/2018

The Annual Report was presented to the meeting by Martin Glynn Shire President.

The Shire President read the President's report and invited the public to make comment.

4. GENERAL MEETING:

Toni Collins: Before I ask my questions, I would like to make sure the recording device is working and that all questions and statements are written in full in the minutes.

Shire President: The minutes are not a verbatim account.

Meeting adjourned 6:35pm to 6:40pm to obtain new memory card for recording.

Toni Collins: Given the substantial concerns in the community re the liquor application why didn't it the liquor application come to a Council meeting to be voted on so the community knew where the Councillors stood on this item or were all Councillors in agreeance with the liquor license application submitted by Bodiga?

Shire President: It is important to understand there were two applications by Bodiga. Council discussed the planning application regarding change of use. Council decided the application for a liquor licence did not need to go to Council.

It is important to understand the objection on grounds of business competition is not relevant. Perhaps it would be better if you ask if any councillors sought to oppose the application? None of the councillors made any submissions.

Toni Collins:
(Turning to the Councillors). Did you oppose the application to the liquor licence?

Each Councillor present, indicated in the negative.

Toni Collins: Will the Shire prepare an Alcohol Harm Minimisation Policy? The Shire of Wyndham / East Kimberley have a good policy. Manjimup and Northam have great policies also

Shire President:A policy would make licensing more stringent, particularly for community groups holding occasional events.

Toni Collins: Don't you think parking will be an issue?

Shire President: It is not expected there will be a need for more parking. The applicant has been required to surface the rear yard of the IGA to allow more parking.

Toni Collins: Why did Councillors vote to make the manager of the caravan park redundant and operate it themselves?

Shire President : Councillors voted on the restructure of the Caravan Park which resulted in the manager being made redundant. The change in the structure of the Caravan Park was recommended by the CEO; the Councillors supported the CEO's decision to restructure the Caravan Park. This restructure simplifies the operation of the Caravan Park.

Toni Collins:What benefits does the Shire think it will bring to our community and to the caravan park visitors?

Shire President:

This restructure simplifies the operation of the Caravan Park. There is a challenge placing someone in the role as manager of the Caravan Park. Not having an on-site manager simplifies matters. In the long term there will be a financial benefit. Certainly the Caravan Park has improved over the past few years and improvements have been attributable to various reasons. There is a half time person (camp host) there. The council does not employ people – the CEO does this. All of this is subject to change at a later date if it is not found to work. Other parks run successfully without an on-site manager.

Peter Allen: When will the foreshore project begin?

Shire President: There are various projects in the Foreshore Development. The testing of the silt in the river should occur in the next few weeks. We are awaiting final quotes from the Landscape Architects regarding the Foreshore Development, then the various tenders can go out. We would expect works to begin by February or March.

Peter Allen: What is the total cost of the Foreshore Development Program?

Shire President: We want to spread the cost of the financial burden over 2 financial years and hope to involve local businesses. We are estimating \$2.2 million. We hope to reduce this amount with local sponsorship or grant applications.

Earl Schreiber: Is this good value for the community.

Shire President: We believe it is worth it to invest in this Foreshore Development. It is worth taking on the commitment for the community.

Earl Schreiber: How will the Shire maintain the Foreshore when the Main Street is so untidy?

Shire President: It will be easier to maintain the landscaping on the foreshore than on the main street as it will be designed to be easier to manage. I appreciate it is challenging to keep on top of the leaves dropping from the trees.

Gabe Roberts: Will anything be done about the colour/designs of the bins? Also regarding signage, there are too many signs – 14 before the bridge at Wessels' property.

Shire President: Regarding the signage, some signs are Shire signs and some are not so stakeholders have to be consulted. Some are mandatory and some certainly can be removed. We decided to replace all the Shire signs with the old Shire logo, and these are due to be replaced after the New Year.

Regarding the bins, Cr McSwain has been liaising with community clubs and schools – including decals to be placed on the bins. The CEO is considering this.

Gabe Roberts: Is there any reason why there can't be a gift shop at the Visitors Centre?

Shire President: The Visitor Centre was intended to have local products.

Gabe Roberts: Asked about starting up a business.

Shire President: Council is not involved in starting up businesses.

Cr McSwain: Perhaps we could ask South 32 to provide packs of samples of bauxite and alumina for sale at the visitor centre.

Shire President: It would be a good idea to develop a shop. The Visitors Centre was intended to be run by the café; however perhaps the Shire could look at looking at a shop, especially when the foreshore is completed in a couple of years' time. Perhaps you could look at someone to start the nucleus of it.

Gabe Roberts: Are we seeing improvements from the Mine to Mint tours?

Shire President: The impact has been huge. My perception is that Boddington is on the map; people are more aware of Boddington.

Cr Smart: commented that there is a great deal more interest

Gabe Roberts: Is there a Boddington brochure on the bus?

Shire President: Yes.

Gabe Roberts: can the video of Boddington be on the Mint to Mine tours? '

Cr Smart: The BGM video being run currently .

Shire President: Go West could be asked if the Shire video could be run.

Kevin Noonan: There are pickets in the street – can we get more seating?

Shire President: We have discussed placing seating around the trees.

Earl Schreiber: Who do the seats in the main street belong to?

Shire President: It doesn't matter who owns them; if the seats need maintenance, the Shire will do this.

Gabe Roberts: Asked about having the decaling on the bins by school children.

Shire President: responded that he would prefer to the decaling done professionally but the children could submit the ideas.

Toni Collins: I have questions on Notice and will give them to the Shire President.

Shire President: I was not aware that you intended these questions as questions on notice. We can include them in the minutes. I see these questions are regarding the employment of the DCCS and budget for the property on 20 Pollard street.

Questions from Ms Toni Collins:

1. What were the original tender prices for the CEO's new residence from the companies that tendered.
2. I see the retic is being done and it looks like at great cost. How many quotes did the Shire receive for this and what is the total cost?
3. The Shire was up in arms about the 'missing Leeuwin funds' which were put back into the wrong account. This was wrong and has been acknowledged. The funds that were put back into the operating account were used for community events.
4. Why is the Shire up in arms and doing all these investigations and wasting rate payers' money when no investigation is being done in the overspend of the CEO's residence?
5. What is happening with the Shire house on Johnstone street that was used as the CEO residence?

Answers: CEO provided further information after the meeting:

1. Price ranged from \$417,000 to \$469,000.
2. the Council sought one quote from the firm which completed the major retic job at the new independent living units due to the competitiveness of their quote on that job and the quality of the job. Cost was \$3850.
3. This question relates to the operation of the Boddington Community Resource Centre.
4. The Shire is not involved in any investigation at the BCRC. The amount you describe as overspend on the CEO residence was for the shed and fence which were not in the original budget, but which the Council was informed about.
5. It will be placed on the market for sale.

Gabe Roberts: when will we see improvements to the intersections off Albany Highway?

Shire President: Main Roads is going to do some major road work at Crossman , which will include a new turning lane. Improvements will extend from Crane Rise to Crossman Dwarda road.

Gabe Roberts: Where are we at with the entry statements?

Shire President: Our Plan, to deliver Sculpture Town includes delivering are entry statements. You may have noticed some improvements to the bay on the Bannister – Marradong road on the Albany Highway, which was recently tidied up.

We have recently signed a contract with Len Zuks. A major entry statement will placed at that intersection.

Other entry statements will include the area past the truck layby; the proposed rest area in Ranford will be a further entry statement. There will be other roadside sculptures. Some members of the community have been asked to be involved. Len and I went to see some scrap-metal at the Gold Mine. We want visitors to remember Boddington and interact with the sculptures.

I will be providing fortnightly reports, separate reports on the progress of the entry statements, via the Bodd News. The sculptures will be very varied. If the town does not like the sculpture, it will be replaced. The sculptures are not significantly expensive. They are being made of recycled metal.

Signages will come with the entry statements so the old Supertown signs etc can be removed.

You are invited to get involved with these projects - please contact the organisers.

Caitlin Larsen: asked if Cr Smart can drop off Mine to Mint passengers at the Community Markets.

Cr Smart: advised that this may be possible.

Shire President: A shade structure will be installed at Ken Austic Square. The community markets may wish to consider moving the venue of Community Markets from Old School to Ken Austic Square.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

With no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Glynn, closed the meeting at 7:35pm..

These minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 December 2018

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Martin Glynn
(Shire President)