



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES
OF THE ELECTORS' GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON
THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2012
Commencing 9.00 am

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Unconfirmed Minutes of the Electors' General Meeting (s5.27)
 held in the Council Chambers, 37 Gibbons Street, Yalgoo,
 on Thursday 22 November 2012, commencing at 9.00am.

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INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTORS' GENERAL MEETING

- PRESIDING MEMBER** *The Shire President (or Deputy) presides at electors' meetings. If neither is present, then the electors present choose one of the councillors to preside. If no councillor is present, then the electors choose one of themselves to preside. (Local Government Act s5.30)*
- PROCEDURES** *The person presiding determines the procedures that are to be followed. (LG Admin Reg 18 - subject to Regulations 15 and 17)*
- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** *The Annual Report is discussed first, followed by any other general business. (LG Administration Regulation 15)*
- VOTING** *Voting is by simple majority and is non compulsory. Voting is not permitted to be secret and each elector present is entitled to vote. (LG Admin Reg 17)*
- DECISIONS** *When the electors vote on a matter at the electors' meeting (ie: make a decision) then the decision will be considered at a Council Meeting. If the Council makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors' meeting, the reason for the decision must be recorded in the Council minutes. (LGA s5.33)*
- MINUTES** *Minutes of the electors' meeting are available for public inspection before the council meeting at which decisions are first considered. (LGA s5.32)*

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Shire President Terry Iturbide declared the Electors' General meeting open at 9.00am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

MEMBERS	Cr Terry K Iturbide, Shire President Cr VACANT, Deputy Shire President Cr Neil A Grinham Cr Laurence Hodder Cr M Raul Valenzuela Cr Bob Grinham
ELECTORS & OBSERVERS	Patrick Hodder Vic Ware Tamisha Hodder Charmaine Simpson Bevin Rose Stan Willock Valerie Willock Brayden Hodder Bradley Hodder Phyllis Simpson Ron Adams
STAFF	Sharon Daishe, Chief Executive Officer Heather Boyd, Deputy CEO Ron Adams, Project Executive Karen Malloch, Executive Assistant
APOLOGIES	

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION as per Administration Regulations 15

3.1 Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2012

The annual report was made available to the public in accordance with the legislation following adoption by Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION**E2012-1101 Annual Report**

That the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2012, as adopted by Council on 18 October 2012 be received.

Moved: Cr NA Grinham

Seconded: Cr L Hodder

Motion put and carried 5/0

3.2 **General Business**

There were no decisions made by electors at the Electors' General Meeting.

However, electors and observers asked a number of questions, and discussion occurred regarding various Shire projects and matters of interest to the community as summarised below.

Question	Response
What is the Shire doing at the Caravan Park and is the Shire going to build new accommodation there?	The Shire is redeveloping the caravan park including replacing the old donga ablutions with rammed earth ablutions, building a camp kitchen, providing a dump point, adding drive through bays and potentially upgrading the donga accommodation. The Shire has not yet considered new accommodation.
What is happening at the site of the old tennis courts?	<p>The CEO gave a summary of the Yalgoo Community Hub project. This project has a history going back to at least 2006 in response to needs expressed by the community. A model covered sports facility was designed some years ago.</p> <p>The Shire consulted extensively with the community again in 2010 and 2011 including a youth survey, community workshop/forum, Shire survey and door knock, Curtin university survey with focus groups, and a workshop with the community and architects to design a concept for a community and youth centre that would meet the needs that the community had previously identified.</p> <p>The Shire has successfully applied for grants to build Stage 1, the covered sports facility that includes a rage cage, bmx track, playground, skate park and refurbished tennis court. This will be built on the old tennis courts next to the water park.</p> <p>Stage 2, being the community and youth centre, is not yet funded. It will be built behind the community and youth centre.</p>
When will Yalgoo have mobile phone coverage?	Telstra has been awarded funding under the Regional Mobile Telecommunications Project to build a mobile tower in Yalgoo. This was announced in January 2012. Council has given approval for Telstra to build the tower next to the television rebroadcasting station. State departments must now resolve land tenure matters before they will give approval for the tower to be built. The service is likely to be operational by mid 2014.
Has the Shire considered the potential social impacts of mobile phones in Yalgoo, such as will people buy phone credit instead of food?	The Shire has not undertaken formal research on this matter.

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When will the community cricket pitch be restored?	The cricket pitch was removed from the oval at the racetrack in 2010 due to deterioration and damage. Replacement of this facility is an outstanding matter.
One of the barbecues at Community Park is not working	Noted.
Can lighting be installed at the southern rotunda in community park?	The Shire has recently purchased some solar lights to improve community safety lighting. Staff will research whether it is possible to adjust the location of one of the lights.
What is happening about Shamrock Park?	<p>Councillors invited the community to inspect Shamrock Park earlier this year. Council understands that the community wanted to attend but could not because of a funeral in Mullewa.</p> <p>Councillors inspected the park and noted the poor location (across the road from the hall so children have to cross the road), lack of shade and broken, old equipment.</p> <p>The equipment is too old to upgrade (because of the laws about modern safety standards) and the council does not have any money in the budget to replace the equipment at the moment.</p> <p>A new playground will be built next year beside the rage cage at the site of the old tennis courts.</p> <p>There is an old Pioneer park next to the Shire hall and Council thinks this is a better area than Shamrock Park because it is bigger, has more shade and is safer because it is on the same side of the road as the hall. Council is going to apply for funds to upgrade the depot in 2013-2015 and at this time it would be possible to move the access to the depot away from the Shire hall, and re-establish Pioneer Park.</p> <p>Council would like community opinion on this, and there was a survey in a recent edition of the Bulldust. Only one survey has been returned to the Shire so far.</p> <p>Community members are urged to fill out the survey that the Shire put out recently about this park. Surveys are available at the office.</p>
Sometimes the community bus is not available to the community because it has been damaged or is away for repairs and maintenance. What is council going to do about this?	<p>The community bus is currently being repaired after being hit by a kangaroo. Last year it broke down repeatedly.</p> <p>It may be possible to apply for funding to purchase a second bus of the same size. The size of the bus is good because most community members have a licence to drive it. Having two buses would help with the problem of the bus not being available when it is being repaired and maintained.</p>

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What is going to be done about supervision of children at the water playground?	<p>Parents are responsible for supervision of their children at the water park.</p> <p>The Shire has recently employed Pip Parsonson in a new position of Community and Youth Development Coordinator. Community members can talk to Pip about their concerns about community matters such as this.</p> <p>Part of Pip's role will be to help the community to organise activities for youth and children.</p>
Can the Shire let businesses know when the Shire has engaged tradespersons to do work in Yalgoo?	<p>This does occur from time to time, and businesses may like to consider asking other government service providers about this, eg: the Yalgoo Primary School.</p>
Has the Shire received the sporting equipment that he arranged?	<p>This equipment was received and handed into the care of the Centacare Indigenous Parenting Coordinator.</p>
What is happening about the transition to digital TV?	<p>The Shire operates a self-help analogue TV rebroadcasting tower. Analogue will soon be switched off.</p> <p>To continue to have TV reception, each household in Yalgoo will need to register for digital TV. This is called 'opting in'. The government provides a subsidy for part of this. Some pensioners will receive a full subsidy.</p> <p>If you are not eligible for a subsidy, there is a gap of about \$250 per household. The Shire has set aside funds to pay for this gap for private residences in Yalgoo.</p> <p>The Shire will help residents to register for the digital TV. Pip Parsonson is the Shire contact person for this project.</p> <p>Commercial premises are not covered by the Shire subsidy and will need to make their own enquiries.</p> <p>This will not cover purchase of TVs and is limited to one service per household.</p>

A person expressed an opinion that they think the Shire should get Indigenous funding because they believe that other communities have access to money for their indigenous population.

4. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 9.50am.

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting held on _____.

Signed: _____
Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed