



Shire of Williams

2017 GENERAL

MEETING OF ELECTORS

MINUTES

For the 2017 General Meeting of Electors to be held in the Shire of Williams Council Chamber on Wednesday, 15th November 2017 commencing at 6.00pm

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SHIRE OF WILLIAMS

I have pleasure in advising that in accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the 2017 General Meeting of Electors will be held in the Shire of Williams Council Chambers on **Wednesday, 15th November 2017**, commencing at 6:00 pm.

Yours sincerely

GEOFF MCKEOWN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10th November 2017

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the General Meeting of Electors is to be held once every financial year to consider the contents of the Annual Report for the previous year, and to consider other general business.

AGENDA

1 OFFICIAL OPENING / WELCOME BY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire President will preside at the General Meeting of Electors in accordance with Section 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Shire President, Cr Cowcher declared the meeting opened at 6.02pm.

2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Attendances

John Cowcher (President)
Jarrad Logie (Deputy President)
Greg Cavanagh
Moya Carne
Gilbert Medlen
Natalie Major
Simon Harding
Robert Baker
Alex Watt
Lyn Baker

Geoff McKeown Chief Executive Officer
Cara Ryan Manager of Finance

Apologies

Jim Epiro

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Attachment 1 - Minutes of the Shire of Williams General Meeting of Electors held on 16th November 2016.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Shire of Williams General Meeting of Electors held on 16th November 2016, as presented, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Resolution

Major/Medlen

That the Minutes of the Shire of Williams General Meeting of Electors held on 16th November 2016, as presented, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 10/0

4 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Attachment 2 - 2016/2017 Shire of Williams Annual Report

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19th October 2017 (Item No. 8.4.2) Council adopted the 2016/2017 Annual Report that included the Annual Financial Report for the 2016/17 financial year.

4.1 Receipt of Annual Report

Officer's Recommendation

That the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2017, as circulated, be received.

Resolution

Medlen/Watt

That the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2017, as circulated, be received.

CARRIED 10/0

5 OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Consistent with Section 5.27(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Electors in attendance at the General Meeting of Electors are invited to raise matters of general business.

- Bob Baker asked about how the construction of the Williams Medical Centre was progressing.
The President responded that the Shire was consulted in the planning stage but has not been involved during the construction phase. The Shire understands that the cottage on the block is to be demolished due to asbestos.

- Bob Baker thanked Geoff McKeown for his support in securing a site for the proposed Williams Men's Shed project. The Men's Shed is currently operating from a shed kindly provided by Ted Gillett until a more suitable location is found. Currently there are 7 to 8 active members, meeting twice a week. A potential site has been identified, being the part of the old CBH site located on Richmond and Brooking Streets. A request for sublease has been initiated, which has been generally agreed to by the Public Transport Authority, Main Roads and CBH. The Toodyay Men's Shed was set up in much the same way and their example is being used to deal with the land tenure issue.
- Greg Cavanagh raised the topic of "gigatowns", where localities are able to access super-fast internet speeds. With more people working from home it would be worth looking into the possibility of the Shire developing this capacity here. The Chief Executive Officer commented on a project being undertaken in communities in the northeast wheatbelt (NEWROC) region, which offers fixed wireless capability to areas where only NBN satellite is available. Natalie Major advised that Leigh Ballard is involved within this space and maybe the Council can approach him to discuss this project in more detail.

6 CLOSURE

With no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.15pm.