



MINUTES

Annual Electors Meeting
Held at Leeman Recreation Centre,
Leeman
7.30 pm Wednesday 18 November 2015

NOTE: These minutes are yet to be confirmed



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Signed on behalf of Council

Leanne Parola
Acting Chief Executive Officer



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1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The President, Cr Girando welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 7.33 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cr M J Girando

President

Cr B A Jack

Deputy President

Cr B R Bothe

Cr R J Clement

Cr V R Oakes

Cr D A Rackemann

Cr G C Sims

Mrs L J Parola

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr K L Bean

Manager of Works & Services

Mr T B Brandy

Manager Regulatory Services

Mrs Maureen Winton

Mr Clem Winton

Mrs Carol Forrest

Mrs Robyn Oakes

Mr Tim Gilbertson

Apologies

Cr E M Cullen

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Rackemann

Seconded: Cr Oakes

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held Wednesday 4 February 2015 at the Coorow District Hall, Coorow, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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well. He further suggested that the northern corner of the existing track be realigned to eliminate the potential for collisions at the car park area.

It was noted that a lot of Green Head residents had indicated they were happy that the Shire was going to carry out the survey and provide more information.

Clem Winton advised that most Green Head residents were not happy with the proposal because it will impact on them by encouraging more motorbikes and dogs on the beaches. He said that the majority are dead against it because they consider the area their bit of paradise.

The President advised that Councillors had been discussing the concept of a 'camp host' and dedicating times for the Ranger to 'police' it. She said that the Shire was trying to find solutions to the concerns raised.

Tim Gilbertson said that at the moment the area was a shambles and that there was no choice – the Shire has to do the project. He said it would help cater for three growing recreational user groups – walkers, cyclers and swimmers who are currently put at risk by the uncontrolled environment.

The President advised that the Shire would do its best to enforce the rules and would be charging a fee to cover the costs of doing so. Tim Gilbertson noted that the Shire has significant costs now in trying to control and rehabilitate the area and that it was reasonable for ratepayers / users to bear some of the costs.

Clem Winton stated that there was no policing in the area now and that people do whatever they want to. He said that nothing gets done by the Police or the Ranger.

The President acknowledged that it was difficult for the Ranger to address some of the issues as he did not have the authority to demand identification and had limited powers.

Clem Winton stated that the sign at South Bay saying no vehicles were allowed on the beach had been knocked down and that there were often yahoos in the carpark.

The Manager Works & Services advised that the sign had been put back up, and was knocked down again that night. He also advised that the same situation had been occurring with the shack track signs – someone knocks them down frequently.

The President noted that the Police do not see local government issues as a priority and that politicians should be lobbied to empower local government staff.

Carol Forrest asked if dogs would be allowed and noted that there were no dog beaches in that area. The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that it had yet to be discussed, and noted that dogs were currently allowed at Billy Goat Bay car park as long as they were kept on a lead.

Clem Winton asked who would police it. The President advised that one of the options being considered was to have a 'camp host' who has received the appropriate training, stay onsite for six weeks. The camp host would collect fees, police the area, clean the facilities etc. It was one of the suggestions discussed by Councillors today which would complement the current Ranger Services.

Tim Gilbertson advised that these types of camp sites are hugely popular and that he didn't think it would be big enough.

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.29 pm.