



Shire of Northam  
*Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle*

# **Shire of Northam**

## **Minutes**

## **Annual Electors General**

## **Meeting**

**19 January 2022**



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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr C R Antonio declared the meeting open at 5:00pm.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

The Shire President, Cr C R Antonio acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Ballardong and Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar nation and paid our respects to Elders, past present and emerging.

## 3. ATTENDANCE

### Council:

Shire President  
Councillors

C R Antonio  
D Galloway  
R W Tinetti  
A J Mencshelyi  
M I Girak  
D A Hughes  
H Appleton

### Staff:

Acting Chief Executive Officer / Executive  
Manager Corporate Services  
Executive Manager Engineering Services  
Executive Manager Community Services  
Executive Assistant – CEO  
Manager Planning and Environment

C Young  
S Patterson  
J Metcalf  
A C McCall  
J Jurmann

### Gallery:

Public

Jeffrey Pollard at 5:06pm

### 3.1 APOLOGIES

#### Council:

Deputy Shire President

M P Ryan

#### Staff:

Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Manager Development Services

J B Whiteaker  
C B Hunt

#### Public:

Jayne Hammond  
Peter Hammond  
Angus Cooke

### 3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr J E G Williams has been granted leave of absence from 19 January 2022 to 7 March 2022 (inclusive).

### 3.2 ABSENT

Councillor

P Curtis

## 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

*Members should fill in Disclosure of Interest forms for items in which they have a financial, proximity or impartiality interest and forward these to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences.*

*As defined in section 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995, a **financial interest** occurs where a Councillor / Committee Member, or a person with whom the Councillor / Committee Member is closely associated, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the matter. That is, the person stands to make a financial gain or loss from the decision, either now or at some time in the future.*

*As defined in section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995, an **indirect financial interest** includes a reference to a financial relationship between that person and another person who requires a Local Government decision in relation to the matter.*

*As defined in section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995, a person has a **proximity interest** in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.*

*As defined in 34C of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, an **impartiality interest** means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.*

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Minute No: AE.73

Moved: Cr Galloway  
Seconded: Cr Mencshelyi

That the minutes of the Annual Electors General meeting held 27 January 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

## 6. AGENDA ITEMS

### 6.1 RECEIVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE 2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM

### RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

Minute No: AE.74

Moved: Cr Hughes  
Seconded: Cr Appleton

That the Shire of Northam Annual Report for the year 2020/21, incorporating the Annual Financial Statements, Auditor's Report, President's Report and Chief Executive Officers Report be accepted.

CARRIED 7/0

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE

Nil.

Mr Jeffrey Pollard entered the meeting at 5:06pm.

## 7.2 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

**Name** Jeffrey Pollard.

**Summary of Question 1** What was the cost of the Beavis Place Public Open Space and St John Public Open Space and what external financial contribution was provided to Council?

**Summary of Response 1** The Shire President, Cr C R Antonio took the question on notice and advised that a written response will be provided.

**Summary of Question 2** With respect to the recent public notice relating to the amendment of the Bilya Koort Boodja Centre fees and charges, can the Council consider modifying the school group discount from 25 to 20 people. This would accommodate regional schools which often have approximately 20 students per class.

**Summary of Response 2** The Executive Manager Community Services advised that the amended fees and charges are currently undergoing a trial period however this feedback will be taken into consideration.

## 8. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr C R Antonio declared the meeting closed at 5:08pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday, 19 January 2022 have been confirmed as a true and correct record."

 \_\_\_\_\_ President

25/1/2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Date

