

SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT


MINUTES

Annual Electors Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin
Tuesday 17 December 2019
6.00pm



| Common Acronyms Used in this Document | |
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| WEROC | Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils |
| GECZ | Great Eastern Country Zone |
| WALGA | Western Australian Local Government Association |
| CEACA | Central East Aged Care Alliance |
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| DCEO | Deputy CEO |
| EMDS | Executive Manager of Development Services |
| EMES | Executive Manager of Engineering Services |
| EMCS | Executive Manager of Corporate Services |
| EA | Executive Assistant to CEO |
| MRCLC | Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre |
| CWVC | Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre |
| MoU | Memorandum of Understanding |

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1. Official Opening

The President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

2. Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to present questions to the President about matters affecting the Shire of Merredin and its residents.

3. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

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| Cr JR Flockart | President |
| Cr MD Willis | Deputy President |
| Cr AR Butler | |
| Cr MJ McKenzie | |
| Cr PR Patroni | |

Staff:

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| C Brown | A/CEO |
| M Ivanetz | EA to CEO |
| M Hudson | EMEO |

Members of the Gallery: Brad Anderson
John Flockart
Ross Miles

Apologies: K Bartley, DCEO
Heather Lane

Approved Leave of Absence: Cr RA Billing
Cr LN Boehme
Cr RM Manning
Cr PM Van Der Merwe

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 Annual Electors Meeting held on 16 October 2018

[Attachment 4.1A](#)

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Councillor Recommendation / Resolution

Moved: Cr Patroni

Seconded: Cr McKenzie

82493 That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 16 October 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 5/0

5. 2018/19 Annual Report

5.1 Receipt of the 2018/19 Annual Report

[Attachment 5.1A](#)

Voting Requirements



Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation / Resolution

Moved: Cr Willis

Seconded: Cr McKenzie

82494 That the Annual Report, as presented in Attachment 5.1A, for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 be received.

CARRIED 5/0

6. General Business

General Business and questions from the floor as accepted by the Shire President.

Public Questions:

Mr Miles enquired about why the cost of an adult season ticket for the 2019 – 2020 swimming season at Merredin Pool was more expensive than those at Mukinbudin Pool and Northam Pool, and continued to ask why Council was charging this price. The ACEO advised that we are unaware of how Mukinbudin and Northam arrived at their pricing, however the Shire of Merredin work on a user-pay system to determine our pricing.

Mr Miles also questioned what the breakdown was of his home occupation renewal fee of \$73 and how and where it was distributed. This question was taken on notice and will be addressed on the return of the EMDS from annual leave on the 3rd February 2020.

Mr Anderson made comment and questioned as to why he only found out about the Annual Electors meeting at 2.00pm when the newsletter was shared on Facebook as a post. The Council confirmed that the Annual Electors Meeting had been advertised in the Phoenix, in the local Shire Newsletter and e-newsletter, as well as on the Shire of Merredin website with all advertisements displaying the time and date of the Annual Electors Meeting.

Mr Anderson asked about all the vacancies currently in the council. The A/CEO advised that the recruitment process for all vacant positions was being carried out.

7. Closure

There being no further business the President then thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:12pm.

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