



SHIRE OF
MERREDIN
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

MINUTES

Annual Electors Meeting

Held in Council Chambers
Corner King & Barrack Street's, Merredin
Tuesday, 20 July 2021
Commencing 6.00pm



Common Acronyms Used in this Document	
CBP	Corporate Business Plan
CEACA	Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre
DCEO	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
EA	Executive Assistant to CEO
EMCS	Executive Manager of Corporate Services
EMDS	Executive Manager of Development Services
EMES	Executive Manager of Engineering Services
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services
LPS	Local Planning Scheme
MCO	Media and Communications Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan
T/CEO	Temporary Chief Executive Officer
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils



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1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid her respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. The President then welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 6pm.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr JR Flockart	President
Cr MD Willis	Deputy President
Cr LN Boehme	
Cr RA Billing	
Cr AR Butler	
Cr RM Manning	
Cr MJ McKenzie	
Cr PR Patroni	
Cr PM Van Der Merwe	

Staff:

M Dacombe	T/CEO
A Prnich	DCEO
G Garside	EMCS
P Zenni	EMDS
A Brice	EA

Members of the Public:

Mr Paul Boehme, Ms Michelle Gethin, Mr John Flockart, Mr Brad Anderson, Mr Luke Growden, Mr Mark Crees, Ms Yvonne Gray and Mr David Morley

Apologies:

Mr Ross Miles

Approved Leave of Absence:

Cr MD Willis (Deputy President)
Cr RA Billing

3. Public Question Time

- 3.1 Question Submission received by Mr Ross Miles
Attachment 3.1A

T/CEO noted that Mr Ross Miles was unable to attend the meeting and the answer to his question will be answered in the minutes.

1. A written response to Mr Miles questions about his home occupation status is being prepared. EMDS has attempted to contact Mr Miles to discuss his concerns and requests.
2. Mr Miles' request for a third flagpole at the Administration will be considered through the budget process and Mr Miles' advised.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 4.1 Annual Electors Meeting held on 17 December 2019
Attachment 4.1A

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Willis **Seconded:** Cr Van Der Merwe

82770 That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 17 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 9/0

5. 2019/20 Annual Report

- 5.1 Receipt of the 2019/20 Annual Report
Attachment 5.1A

Voting Requirements

- Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Resolution

Moved: Cr Boehme **Seconded:** Cr Billing

82771 That the Annual Report, as presented in Attachment 5.1A, for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 be received.

CARRIED 9/0

6. General Business

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

Mr Luke Growden: Did the Nukarni Clubroom Lease go to Council? A group of community members lost access to the rooms with the T/CEO: *The Nukarni Clubrooms are not being leased. It is being utilised by a community group for an arts program on a short-term basis. Any long-term use needs to be approved by the Shire and an MoU or lease would need to be in place.*

Ms Michelle Gethin: Requested that the sports be consulted prior to the contract renewal with Belgravia Leisure.

Mr Luke Growden: Raised the matter of CEO recruitment.
Asked about the CEO recruitment process and how long the Shire can operate with a Temporary CEO?

*Shire President: The first recruitment process was postponed due to COVID-19. The following process was unsuccessful.
We are now in our third process, and are still working through this. The matter of CEO recruitment is strictly confidential and no information can be revealed. The community will be advised when there is news.*

Mr Luke Growden: In regards to the T/CEO, is it constitutional as to how long they can stay on?

Shire President: After 12 months we had to enter into a new contract which was approved by Council.

Cr Ross Billing on behalf of a community member: Noted that they would like somewhere to rest outside IGA.

T/CEO: I would encourage them to write a letter to Council as we are going through the budget process. However, we will take it onboard.

Mr Mark Crees: How is our road maintenance program going? I have approached two Councillors and as to date, nothing has happened at Crees Road.

CEO: I am not aware of that particular request. The grading program is currently behind, and the main reason for that was the need to have the construction teams on funded projects such as Merredin-Naremben Road, as we had trouble getting contractors in to finish those jobs on-time. Once the weather improves and now that the teams have wrapped up those projects, we are working through the program to catch up.

We don't have an Executive Manager Engineering Services currently, but we are in the process of recruiting. We have been working on a better process internally to manage requests from the community, which is managed through the CEO's office.

Mr Crees noted his frustration that the issue is still unresolved as Crees Road is a school bus run and the request was made on the 18th March.

Mr Luke Growden: Commented that he never received a response from the Snap Send Solve he submitted.

T/CEO: Advised the Shire has been working on improving the Snap Send Solve process and it is now managed through the CEO's office.

Mr Luke Growden: Advised that the ongoing issues with Rutter Road have not been actioned. This has been raised with a couple of the previous works managers and submitted via Snap Send Solve.

Shire President: We will make sure we push that forward for you.

Mr Mark Crees: How are we progressing with the readable water meters? Is there only one being installed?

T/CEO took this on notice and will respond to Mr Crees and include it in the minutes. One standpipe with a card reader has been installed at Hubeck Road.

Ms Yvonne Gray: The process of entering into MoUs with the Shire seem to be long and drawn out.

T/CEO: There are several MoUs being worked on at the present time.

7. Closure

There being no further business, the President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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