



Annual Meeting of Electors

Meeting Minutes 5 December 2014

Pursuant to Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995, a General Meeting of Electors is to be held within a local government district once every financial year.

Meeting advertised for public information, as follows:

- Bunbury Mail 'City Focus Column'
Wednesday, 20 and 27 November and 4 December 2014
- Notices posted on notice boards in the City's Customer Service Centre, libraries and internet website.



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Minutes

Minutes of a General Meeting of Electors held pursuant to Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995 in the Function Area of the Council Chambers, City of Bunbury Administration Building, 4 Stephen Street Bunbury on Thursday, 4 December 2014.

Minutes

4 December 2014

1. Welcome by the Mayor

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Record of Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence

Present:

Bunbury City Council Representatives

Mayor Gary Brennan, Presiding
Councillor Jaysen De San Miguel
Councillor Murray Cook
Councillor Sam Morris
Councillor Neville McNeill

Bunbury Electors (8 electors)

Ms Li Leng Ang, U1/101 Clarke Street Bunbury
Mr David Smith, 8 Picton Crescent Bunbury
Mrs Tresslyn Smith, 8 Picton Crescent Bunbury
Ms Sonya Dye, 22 Castle Street Bunbury
Mr Ross Slater, 38 Vickery Crescent Bunbury
Mr John Vukovich, 2/6 Prince Phillip Drive Bunbury
Mr Bernard Bischoff, 15 Forster Street Bunbury
Mr Phil Smith, 23 Dunstan Street Bunbury

Members of the Media

Nil

City of Bunbury Representatives (non-voting)

Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer

Bob Karaszewych, Director Planning and Development Services

Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services

Kobi Halbert, Council Support Officer

Greg Golinski, Manager Governance

Leanne French, Senior Governance and Risk Officer

Apologies

Deputy Mayor Cr Brendan Kelly

Councillor Karen Steele

Councillor Michelle Steck

Councillor James Hayward

Councillor Judy Jones

Councillor David Prosser

Councillor Wendy Giles

Councillor Betty McCleary

Wenda and Malcolm Prichard

Phil Harris, Director Works and Services

3. Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

3.1 Mayor's Report 2013/14

The Mayor referred to the Mayor's report for the financial year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 which is printed in the Annual Report. The Mayor read the report aloud to all present.

3.2 Annual Report 2013/14

At this point the Mayor called for questions from electors concerning the Annual Report.

Mr Ross Slater asked where a copy of the Annual Report 2013/14 could be found. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the Annual Report was available online, but a copy could also be provided to Mr Slater at his request.

No further questions were asked and the following motion was put:

Electors Decision: **Moved: Mr Sam Morris** **Seconded: Mr David Smith**

The Annual Report of the City of Bunbury for the year ending 30 June 2014 be received.

CARRIED

4. Business of the Meeting

4.1 Questions on Notice

The Mayor read aloud the questions received (in writing) prior to the meeting and the responses have been provided by the CEO.

Mr David Smith, 8 Picton Road Bunbury

Question 1: When Lot 70 Winthrop Avenue College Grove is sold, who is entitled to share in the proceeds of sale and what are the proportions?

Response: The Joint Venture partners are both entitled to share in the proceeds, with the City of Bunbury entitled to a one third share, and the State Government entitled to two thirds.

Question 2: How much has Landcorp been paid from the sale of College Grove lots to date and does that fully discharge the liability of the former joint venture to Landcorp?

Response: As Landcorp were the project managers this question should be referred to them. The terminated Deed finalises any liability of the Joint Venture partners.

Question 3: How much was expended on the connection of Somerville Drive to Robertson Drive and who contributed to that expenditure and how much did they contribute and how much is to be reimbursed to each of them and from what sources is that reimbursement to come?

Response: Total expended \$3,661,614
State contribution - \$2.8m (to be repaid)
Regional Road Group contribution - \$691,475
Council contribution - \$166,139

Question 4: What major new projects are being considered for inclusion in the 2015-2016 Council Budget and what is the projected cost of these projects and what are the expected sources of funding to cover these costs?

Response: The budget process has not yet commenced

Question 5: Will Council give consideration to including in the Annual Report in the future a summary of the attendance record of Councillors and the Mayor at:-

- (i) Council meetings.
- (ii) Agenda briefing meetings.
- (iii) Council committees.
- (iv) External meetings where a Councillor or Mayor have been nominated

to represent Council and/or ratepayers.

Response: Possibly

4.2 Questions from Electors at the Meeting

Mr John Vukovich, 2/6 Prince Phillip Drive Bunbury

Question What is the Council's position of the introduction of fluoridation of drinking water in Bunbury?

Response In the time since the new Council was elected in October 2013, Council has not held a formal position on the issue. As Aqwest is the authority of the water supplies to the City, the Mayor advised that we will contact Aqwest to obtain information on their position on fluoridation, and provide this to Mr Vukovich.

Mr Ross Slater, 38 Vickery Crescent Bunbury

Question Is the City's financial situation so dire that we are considering disposing of land at a financial loss, with particular reference to Lot 66 Ocean Drive and Lot 70 Winthrop Ave.

Response: The Mayor advised that the Council's financial position is now reasonably strong, and will continue to improve over the next three budget periods. Whenever Council considers the acquisition or disposal of land, Council obtains both a sworn valuation from an independent group, in addition to a Landgate valuation. This is then considered in line with economic factors affecting the market at the time.

Question: Does Council see the idea of encouraging development through a lease arrangement as a possibility rather than just selling, to guarantee the land remains in City's hands?

Response: This is certainly an idea the Council is exploring, with a good example being the current Memorandum of Understanding with Shanghai Hippo, where the Council is looking at various options including leasing Council-owned land, as well as assisting with identifying private land available for purchase by Shanghai Hippo.

Mr John Vukovich, 2/6 Prince Phillip Drive Bunbury

Question: Is it true that in light of the new regulations for stray cats, it is not against the law for cats to stray?

Response: Under the newly introduced Cat Act, there are a number of requirements in terms of microchipping, and the expectation that cat owners will refrain from letting cats stray regularly from the home. Council will provide further

information on the exact requirements of the Cat Act to Mr Vukovich in writing.

Mr Bernard Bischoff, 15 Forster Street Bunbury

Question: Who is responsible for the old tip site on the east side of Bussell Highway (College Grove) particularly the maintenance of weeds in the area?

Response: As part of the termination of the College grove Joint Venture, this site has been transferred to the Department of Lands for maintenance. The site is in the process of being cleared of weeds now, and will then be maintained by the Department of Lands in compliance with the Contaminated Sites Act 2003.

Mr David Smith, 8 Picton Crescent Bunbury

Question: Is Council aware that there is a vacancy for a City of Bunbury representative on the South West Planning Committee, and can Council advise why this position is vacant?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that he was not aware of the vacancy, and will follow this up and provide a response in writing to Mr Smith.

Question: With regard to the presentation made by the City of Bunbury to the South West Planning Committee regarding the Masters Store, has a decision been communicated to the City of Bunbury yet?

Response: The Mayor advised that Council has not yet been made aware of any decision on this matter.

Mr Ross Slater, 38 Vickery Crescent Bunbury

Question: Can Council address the problem along Ocean Drive where commuters experience delays during peak times as a result of traffic from emergency services, bin trucks and learner truck drivers in particular.

Response: The Director Planning and Development Services advised that rangers are regularly in contact with the training companies about the issue of conducting training during peak times. Staff will make contact again to request that training be conducted outside of peak times.

There were no further questions from the floor.

4.3 Motions from Electors

1. Mr David Smith moved, Mr Phil Smith seconded the following motion:

“That Council do more to counter the effect on the CBD, Bunbury Forum, Parks Centre and Plaza of the Regional Centres Policy adopted in the Greater Bunbury Regional Plan.”

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and was CARRIED

2. Mr David Smith moved, Mr Ross Slater seconded the following motion:

“That Council do more to advance the cause for amalgamations in Bunbury”.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and was CARRIED

3. Mr Bernard Bischoff moved, Mr John Vukovich seconded the following motion:

“Council consider the construction of an attractive bridge over “The Plug” – the area between the Leschenault Inlet and Koombana Bay.”

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and was CARRIED

4. Mr David Smith moved, Mr Phil Smith carried the following motion:

“That this meeting expresses its appreciation of the invaluable work undertaken by the Council and staff for the ratepayers of Bunbury.”

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and was CARRIED

Where appropriate, a report will be presented to a future meeting of Council regarding the motions above, pursuant to Section 5.33 of the Local Government Act.

5. Close Meeting

The meeting was declared closed at 6.41pm.