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CITY OF BUSSELTON

MINUTES FOR THE ELECTORS MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2018

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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ELECTORS MEETING OF THE BUSSELTON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SOUTHERN DRIVE, BUSSELTON, ON 3 DECEMBER 2018 AT 5.30PM.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS/DISCLAIMER

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Presiding Member:

Cr Grant Henley Mayor

Members:

Cr John McCallum Deputy Member
Cr Coralie Tarbotton
Cr Ross Paine
Cr Rob Bennett
Cr Robert Reekie
Cr Kelly Hick
Cr Lyndon Miles

Officers:

Mr Mike Archer, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Paul Needham, Director, Planning and Development Services
Mr Tony Nottle, Director, Finance and Corporate Services
Mr Oliver Darby, Director, Engineering and Works Services
Ms Sarah Pierson, Manager, Governance and Corporate Services

Apologies:

Cr Paul Carter
Mrs Naomi Searle, Director, Community and Commercial Services
Miss Kate Dudley, Administration Officer, Governance

Media:

Nil

Public:

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3. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**3.1 Minutes of the General Electors Meeting Held 27 November 2017****RESOLUTION**

C1812/246 Moved Councillor J McCallum, seconded Councillor K Hick

That That the Minutes of the General Electors Meeting held 27 November 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the matters to be discussed at a General Electors' Meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

4.1 Endorsement of the 2017-2018 Financial Report**RESOLUTION**

C1812/247 Moved Councillor C Tarbotton , seconded Jenny Sheen

That the Financial Report for the year end 2018 contained within the 2017-2018 Annual Report be received by the meeting of electors.

CARRIED

4.2 Endorsement of the 2017-2018 Auditors Report**RESOLUTION**

C1812/248 Moved Councillor K Hick, seconded Councillor C Tarbotton

That the Auditors Report on the Summary Financial Statements contained within the 2017-2018 Annual Report be received by the meeting of electors.

CARRIED

4.3 Endorsement of the 2017-2018 Annual Report**RESOLUTION**

C1812/249 Moved Jenny Sheen, seconded Stuart Sibbald

That the City of Busselton Annual Report for 2017-2018 be received by the meeting of electors.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Mr Rob Griffith****Question:**

Mr Griffith raised concerns that Ford Road is a gazetted road and has holes in it. Mr Griffith ask if the road should be maintained and the holes be removed?

Response:

The Director of Engineering and works Services and the Chief Executive Officer responded that Ford Road is not a made road, it is only gazetted road reserve. It would be considered as construction of Ford Road for the City to fill in the holes, the City doesn't have approval for construction. In the 1990's fill was put into the road and the EPA put orders on the then shire for illegal dumping of material in the road reserve.

Question:

Mr Griffith raised concerns over the Kent Street bus parking spot and questioned the need.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that officers will look into the bus parking bay and its use and will raise the issue with PTA if the bay is not being used.

5.2 Mrs Jacquie Happ**Question:**

Mrs Happ thanked the City for funding the arts festival, Hannay Lane and the upcoming Wonder Art and also for the amazing works around the town centres on behalf of Dunsborough and Districts Progress Association. Mrs Happ also commented on the successful bike path from Busselton to Dunsborough and asked if there will be any further action regarding the bike path from Dunsborough to Yallingup.

Response:

The Director of Engineering and Works Services and the Chief Executive Officer advised that the City is in the process of finalising the Busselton Strategic Cycle Network Plan, which lists strategic footpaths including the Dunsborough to Yallingup path. Construction however is dependent on funding as it's an expensive project and has a number of land related issues, line and level issues, private land follow fire breaks and fauna and flora related issues.

5.3 Mr Tony Sharper**Question:**

Mr Sharper thanked the council for supporting the community in the 'PUMA 2 Go' campaign, specifically amending the planning scheme and the efforts in reflecting concerns of the residents. Mr Sharper asked if traffic monitoring could be done on Dunn Bay Road again over holiday season this year to provide 3 years' worth of data?

Response:

The Director of Engineering and Works Services advised that traffic counts could be organised.

5.4 Henderson

Question:

Mr Henderson asked why is it when pathways are realigned they are made less user friendly and less safe for the community, for example on Peel Terrace and the pathway near the Geographe Yacht Club.

Response:

The Director of Engineering and Works Services advised that the Yacht Club Path did have some vegetation thinned out to improve sight lines but were unable to achieve straighter corner without removing peppi trees. Dual use paths are engineered for bike traffic under 20kms and not high speed, which should be on the road. The Director also advised that staff will conduct site inspections on those two sites.

5.5 Mr Robin Flowers

Question:

Mr Flowers expressed his appreciated for what the City has done for the environment and its support in friends of reserves, however it appears that road sides are being neglected, for example arum lillies beginning to look like, and visitors are beginning to think, they are a native flower. Mr Flowers asked if the City have a policy for roadside weed management?

Response:

The Director of Planning and Development Services advised that the City does do vegetation management for fire around this time of year. In relation to weed management more generally, the City is currently preparing an overall strategy. The strategy won't solve the problem but it will help to direct and prioritise resources to manage it. There is an expectation that a draft to be presented to Council via a briefing in February/March next year.

5.6 Ms Trish Flower

Question:

Ms Flower thank Council for support on Hannay Lane and advised that there has been lots of positive feedback to the City's pop up consultation that was held in Dunsborough. In light of the good news regarding the proposed PUMA development Ms Flower asked if there was precedent of the City gifting this type of land to a community organisation or allowing a community organisation to crowd fund to allow the purchase of the land from the City?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there are instances of land being provided to community groups for community use by Council. This is highly commercial and strategic land however and I can't think of any such land being provided to a community group. The plan is for commercial development to occur on strategic land, of which this particular parcel of land is within the Dunsborough town centre.

5.7 Mr Rob Griffiths

Question:

Mr Griffiths raised concerned about the limited parking on the foreshore and the talk of a performing arts centre in that area which will add to the issue.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that idea of building the Busselton Entertainment Arts Centre Hub it in that location was to link the foreshore and future hotel and to take advantage of latent parking after 5.00pm. the CEO advised there were over 600 car bays within a 5 minute walking radius of the location for the new performing art centre.

Question:

Mr Griffiths raised concerns about the position of groynes around Port Geographe. Mr Griffiths asked if the City has considered putting parts of the jetty on top of the rocks so people can fish from there?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the area is not under the control of the City. The City has however, requested works from the Department of Transport and is awaiting reply.

5.8 Mr Tony Sharpe**Question:**

Mr Sharpe raised concerns that the Bush Fire Brigade main shed doesn't serve the most populated area of region and sought to understand how to request assistance in building a new shed in the northern area of the property.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is potentially new commonage location. There is currently no move from the brigade to request an additional shed. The City officers would be willing to discuss further with the brigade.

5.9 Ms Jenny Sheen**Question:**

Ms Sheen congratulated the Council on the excellent construction work completed at the foreshore. Ms Sheen felt that 10 years ago the community was worried the foreshore would disappear.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledge Ms Sheens role in master planning, it's impressive how the foreshore now looks like the plan and the City is very proud of what has been achieved over 8 or 9 years.

Ms Sheen then put a motion.

MOTION

C1812/250 Moved Jenny Sheen, seconded Margaret Strong

That Electors thank the Council in relation to its deliverance of the Busselton foreshore as it is today and the public open space provided.

CARRIED

Question:

Ms Sheen raised concerns about the Queen Elizabeth Drive intersection between Ambergate and Queen being very busy. There have been a number of near misses. Ms Sheen commented that she has previously raised this concern with no response provided by the City.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would take that question on notice and have a look at the situation.

6. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6.27pm

THESE MINUTES CONSISTING OF PAGES 1 TO 7 WERE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2018.

DATE: _____

PRESIDING MEMBER: _____