



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES
ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Pingrup Sporting Complex
Gaby Street PINGRUP

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Commencement: 7:00pm

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member, Cr Kate Johnston, declared the Annual Electors Meeting held on 12 February 2025 open at 7:01pm.

2. ATTENDENCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Elected Members Present

Cr Kate Johnston	President (Presiding Member)
Cr Darren Gray	Deputy President
Cr Suma Reid	Councillor
Cr Greg Hobley	Councillor
Cr Scott Crosby	Councillor
Cr Dustin Harris	Councillor

Staff Members Present

Christie Smith	Chief Executive Officer
David Bentley	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Gary Mathewson	Manager Infrastructure

Apologies

Nil.

Electors

Tim Borgward
Taryn Borgward
Ros Shiner
Hannah Shiner
Joceline Dudgeon

Leave of Absence

Nil.

Observers

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVING OF MINUTES / BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Annual Electors Meeting Held 14 February 2024

OFFICER / MEETING RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Suma Reid / Seconded Cr Greg Hobley

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held at the Council Chambers, Nyabing on Wednesday 14 February 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4.1 Receival of Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements for Year Ending 30 June 2024

OFFICER / MEETING RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Scott Crosby / Seconded Cr Dustin Harris

That the 2023/24 Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements for Year Ending 30 June 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Taryn Borgward

The Annual Report is not formatted very nicely. Is it sent anywhere?

The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that it is placed on the Shire's website.

Tim Borgward

Back at the Centenary, there was a letter to the Shire about Lake Bryde. There was a matter to be written to the DBCA. Do we know what has happened?

The **President** advised that she was made aware of a matter from Parks and Wildlife in response to a letter sent by Peter Clarke, then Acting Chief Executive Officer. The reserves are managed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and not the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and when contacted for comment, the current reserve purpose under the management order is for water supply not tourism or recreation.

Tim Borgward

A meeting with former Chief Executive Officer Peter Bentley suggested that it would be a ski park.

The **President** advised that the reserve is managed by DWER not DBCA and it is only for water supply. We aren't able to build facilities as it isn't part of the purpose.

Taryn Borgward

I lodged a complaint about a barking dog and did not receive a response from the Shire Ranger and there was no response.

The **Chief Executive Officer** took the question on notice and would follow the matter up.

Taryn Borgward

The Ranger isn't around enough. Is it possible for the Ranger to be around more often?

The **President** advised that she felt the Ranger is around more often.

Taryn Borgward

This particular dog was tied up for ten days and there was no response from the Ranger. I would have thought a phone call would have happened.

The **President** advised that the Shire will follow that up as indicated in previous responses.

Joceline Dudgeon

In relation to barking is there a simpler way to lodge complaints? We already had video footage. It seemed like a big process when the matter was raised.

The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that we need to have a paper trail to lodge these complaints but that doesn't mean we can't get the Ranger out straight way. We need to have it on paper to action.

Joceline Dudgeon

Is it possible to get an email returned to show what is lodged? I wasn't sure it was received.

The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that the Shire will look into that.

Tim Borgward

Can we catch cats?

The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that people have caught cats in the past and the ranger has taken them away.

Tim Borgward

Is it possible for Christie or David to spend a couple of hours out at the CRC or the like for Pingrup locals to talk to the Shire?

The **Chief Executive Officer** advised that this is not something that Council have given a direction on.

Taryn Borgward

Would the Shire President consider coming over to Pingrup for a couple of hours and make herself available?

The **President** advised that she doesn't do this in Nyabing either. She is always contactable by phone or email and is happy to talk. As with everyone she is also time poor with volunteer roles, family and a business to run.

Tim Borgward

It's easy for people to go up to Christie in the Pub in Nyabing to chat about shire issues.

The **Chief Executive Officer** responded by saying that she does not allow it as this is her personal time and directs them to contact the office.

The **President** advised when Christie is at the pub this is her personal time and should not be expected to deal with shire issues.

Tim Borgward

I'm trying to encourage people this side of the shire to contact the shire more.

Cr Scott Crosby said that the Council and Shire representatives are here now and attendance is low. We have council meetings here and no one comes long. We've tried to change time and days and it's on the community WhatsApp.

Joceline Dudgeon

Are Council meetings open to the public?

The **President** advised that all Council Meetings are open to the public and members of the public can attend at any time.

Joceline Dudgeon

Could we have Council meetings on Zoom?

The **Deputy Chief Executive Officer** advised that we are now required to record Council Meetings and put them on the website. In relation to electronic meetings, theoretically a local government could do it, however public participation would not be allowed.

Taryn Borgward

The town looks nice thank you very much. Suma did a nice post on the trail lights. Is the town going to be maintained to this standard?

The **Manager Infrastructure** advised that we are putting a program in place to address ongoing maintenance around the townsites.

6. MEETING CLOSED

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 7:19pm.