



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS'

Wednesday 7 February 2024, commencing 6.00pm

Council Chambers, 33-37 Macpherson Street, Carnamah

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PROCEDURE

Regulation 18 states that the procedure to be followed at an Annual General Meeting of Electors' is to be determined by the Presiding Person at the meeting. In accordance with clause 5.30 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire President is to preside at the meeting, and has determined the procedure to be followed as below.

All present are required to sign the attendance register upon entry to the Council Chamber, including name and address. Speakers must be electors of the Shire of Carnamah. No audio-visual recordings are to be undertaken without permission from the Shire President.

The order of proceedings will be as follows:

1. Declaration of opening and welcome
2. Record of Attendance, Present and Apologies received
3. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting
4. Reports - Annual Report
5. General Business
6. Closure of meeting

During general business, questions, motions or statements may only relate to the matters that affect the local government and will be accepted at the discretion of the Shire President.

Electors proposing motions to the meeting

Proposed motions should be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting via email to shire@carnamah.wa.gov.au or in writing at the Administration Office in Carnamah.

Motions from the floor may be ruled out of order at the discretion of the Shire President. The Shire President will call for a mover and seconder for a motion. No motion is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one motion shall be received at a time. Upon a motion being proposed, the Shire President will call for speakers to address the meeting. When addressing the meeting, a speaker is to:

- a) State their full name.
- b) Address the meeting through the Shire President.
- c) Limit the question/statement to fact, (not opinion or supposition)

The mover of a motion has the right of reply and closes the debate.

Voting at the meeting

Once a motion has been moved and seconded, the Shire President will ask for a vote on the motion from the electors. Each Elector has one vote, but it's not compulsory. Voting is determined by a show of hands. A simple majority carries the vote.

Decisions made at the meeting

The decisions of this meeting are not binding on the Shire of Carnamah Council. All decisions made at the meeting will be presented to Council for its consideration at its next Ordinary Meeting of Council. Minutes of this meeting will be available on the Shire's website as soon as practicable after the meeting, and before the next Ordinary Council meeting.

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7 FEBRUARY 2024

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr Isbister, Shire President, welcomed everyone in attendance and declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Presiding Person acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community; and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 Present

<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Cr Merle Isbister</i>	<i>Shire President (Presiding Person)</i>
	<i>Cr Dwayne Woollorton</i>	<i>Councillor (Deputy President)</i>
	<i>Cr Barbara Smallwood</i>	<i>Councillor</i>
	<i>Cr Emma Ogilvie</i>	<i>Councillor</i>
<i>Staff</i>	<i>Ian Walsh</i>	<i>Acting Chief Executive Officer</i>
	<i>Joe Hodges</i>	<i>Manager Works and Services</i>
	<i>Adam Fawkes</i>	<i>Records Officer (minute taker)</i>
 <i>Members of the Public</i>		<i>Colleen Bennier</i>
		<i>Lindsay Isbister</i>
		<i>Andrew Bowman Bright</i>
		<i>Lydia Haeusler</i>
		<i>Graham Wall</i>

2.2 Apologies

<i>Robert Paull</i>	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
<i>Rachael Moore</i>	<i>Executive Co-Ordinator</i>
<i>Cr Con Kikeros</i>	<i>Councillor</i>
<i>Cr Luke Risinger</i>	<i>Councillor</i>

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Annual General Meeting of Electors' 21 June 2023

Attachment 1 – [Unconfirmed Minutes](#) Annual General Meeting of Electors' 21 June 2023

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors' held on Wednesday 12 June 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.</i>	
Moved:	<i>Colleen Bennier</i>
Seconded:	<i>Cr Wooltorton</i>
CARRIED	

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 2022/23 Annual Report

Attachment 2 – [2022/2023 Annual Report](#)

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That the 2022/23 Annual Report, including the audited Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023, be received.</i>	
Moved:	<i>Lindsay Isbister</i>
Seconded:	<i>Colleen Bennier</i>
CARRIED	

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Consistent with section 5.27 (3) of the Local Government Act (1995) and regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Electors are invited to raise any general business or motions.

Question:

Colleen asked regarding the availability of housing in Carnamah and the house opposite her house at 30 Robertson Street. Colleen's concerns were based on a business sale that fell through due to no housing availability in town. *Colleen Bennier* was suggested that council should support local businesses with housing.

Response:

Ian Walsh, Acting CEO, mentioned that the house in Robertson Street would be used for the new grader driver and that that repairs were still being undertaken on the property.

Question:

Colleen Bennier enquired regarding the units in Macpherson Street.

Response:

Ian Walsh, Acting CEO, advised that the rear unit was utilised to accommodate council contractors and that the front unit would be available to rent by a local business to help attract and retain staff.

Council will call for expressions of interest from businesses operating in the Carnamah townsite that may be interested in leasing the property for there staff.

Question:

Lydia Haeusler asked if funds had been allocated in the current budget to paint the toilet block at the back of the town hall as per her ealier request.

Response:

Ian Walsh, Acting CEO, advised that due to other priorities no funds had been allocated in this years budget.

Lydia stated that the toilets were not clean and that there has been smear marks on the walls for years.

Joe Hodges, Manager Works and Services, advised that he would inspect the facilities and standard of the cleaning.

Question:

Lydia Haeusler inquired about how the street are kept and that there needs to be regular maintenance of main street leading up to the busy tourist period.

Response:

Shire President, Merle Isister, mentioned that we don't have a street sweeper in the Shire.

Joe Hodges, Manager Works and Services, stated that the Morawa sweeper had broken down so they had to get a contractor from Geraldton. *Joe also advised he had arranged for the streets to be swept 3 to 4 times a year in future.*

Question:

Colleen Bennier inquired about the use of the fogger to control mosquitoes in townsite.

Response:

Ian Walsh, Acting CEO, stated that there were environmental issues related to the use of the fogger and that there were also issues with the operation of the machine. Weather conditions including wind also made regular fogging difficult.

Lydia Haeusler mentioned that a local pest controller uses a safe product.

Ian Walsh, Acting CEO, mentioned there was paraffin available for ratepayers in the office to assist with mosquito control at their houses.

Cr Emma Ogilvie suggested advertising for the paraffin which that is available.

Colleen Bennier asked if she was able to take some paraffin to the Post Office to distribute out to the community.

Ian Walsh Acting CEO, to follow up which may involve ordering more paraffin oil.

Question:

Colleen Bennier stated that she doesn't have any Tourist Information Brochures. *Andrew Bowman Bright* said he had some that he could give her.

Response:

Shire President Cr Merle Isbister mentioned that the Wildflower Country Group was in a bit of limbo at the moment and that some of the issues may relate to this.

Shire President Cr Merle Isbister mentioned that maps should be standardised across the locations and that the Shire will look into this leading up to the tourist season.

6.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Cr Isbister (Shire President) declared the meeting closed at 6:26pm