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**Shire of Nannup – Annual Meeting of Electors
Meeting held on 14 December 2017**

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1. Attendance and Apologies

The Shire President welcomed members of the public and declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

Attending:

Cr Dean – Shire President
Crs R Mellema, C Buckland, B Longmore, V Hansen, N Steer, P Fraser
and C Stevenson.

Peter Clarke – Chief Executive Officer
Tracie Bishop – Manager Corporate Services
Jon Jones – Manager Infrastructure

Electors Attendance Register

Julie Kay, Rita Stallard, Kerry Firth, Jenny Laughton, Len Gilchrist

Apologies:

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

STEER/LONGMORE

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 21 December 2016 be confirmed as true and correct record.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 2016/2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

R STALLARD/BUCKLAND

That the Shire of Nannup Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2016/17 Financial year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2016/2017 AUDITOR'S REPORT

FRASER/R STALLARD

That Auditor's Report for the 2016/2017 Financial Year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

STEER/R STALLARD

That the Shire President's Report for the 2016/2017 Financial Year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

MELLEMA/LONGMORE

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the 2016/2017 Financial Year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS OR OTHER BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHIRE PRESIDENT OR AS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS PRESENT:-

7.1.1 Other Business – Questions on Notice

Nil

7.1.2 Other Business – Questions from the floor

Rita Stallard

Q1 I hear the Waste Management Facility is to be closed? Is this true?

A1 The Manager Infrastructure responded that this is incorrect; the Waste Management Facility is not to be closed.

Q2 When will we be able to recycle plastic bags in Nannup?

A2 **The Shire President initially sought clarification from Mrs Stallard as to the type of plastic bags that she was referring to. The Manager Infrastructure advised that the soft type single plastic bags that Mrs Stallard was referring to were not able to be recycled in Nannup.**

For clarification, Cr Stevenson responded that this is not a service that is available at the Waste Management Facilities throughout the State however, these types of plastic bags can be deposited at Coles and Woolworths supermarkets and any type of soft bags are accepted at these locations. The State government is banning single use plastic bags as of 1 July 2018.

Q3 Can we investigate the option of having a bin to collect bags in the Shire and have them taken to Coles/Woolworths for recycling?

A3 **The Shire President advised that the Manager of Infrastructure will investigate this further to respond to this question at the January or February 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.**

Q4 I have raised the condition of the "Gussies Mill" Reserve on a number of occasions with Council and question whether there are any plans or funds available to clean up this Reserve.

A4 **The CEO advised that there are no immediate plans for this site however, Council is currently in the process of identifying reserves that have a high risk fire danger as per the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan and will be applying for funding under the State Government's Bushfire Mitigation program. The CEO acknowledged that this is for fire mitigation risks only and not general clean-ups of reserves.**

Q5 Will reserves in general be looked at in this mitigation funding? The Railway Reserve to the mill and areas on East Nannup road are a fire hazard. Can something be done about this?

A5 **The CEO advised that not all Reserves are under the control of the Shire of Nannup however, some of the Reserves referred to are vested in the Shire and they will be included if they are deemed to be of a high risk in the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan.**

Q6 The Recreation Centre Stadium floor was repaired at the eastern end of the court some years ago and the small section repaired appears to be bubbling again and is considered to be dangerous. Also Council addressed some of the sunlight issues last year but the western entrance doors when opened still allows a direct beam of sunlight onto the court which distracts players. Could these two areas be addressed please?

A6 **The Shire President advised that the Manager Infrastructure would further investigate Mrs Stallard's request.**

Cr Steer

A1 At the Annual Electors meeting in 2016 Cr Gilbert questioned the responsibility for maintaining the long grass on the eastern side of the Danjangerup Cottages and what has transpired regarding ongoing maintenance.

A1 **The Chief Executive Officer advised that Alliance Housing is responsible for the Danjangerup Cottages vacant land section but the Catholic Church also has responsibility for the land immediately behind the Church.**

Kerry Firth

Q1 Yesterday I queried the CEO regarding white ant mounds immediately adjacent to my property and the need for these to be sprayed.

A1 **The Manager Infrastructure responded that the white ant mounds referred to were addressed by Council's Pest Control Contractor today and further, the Pest Control Contractor has been instructed to treat all mounds in the immediate area.**

Jenny Laughton

Q1 Shire drainage outside properties on Blackwood River Drive. Grass is long in the verge section and is a fire danger. Is there any intention of mowing this to reduce the fire hazard?

A1 Manager Infrastructure acknowledged that the road verges are managed by shire and ultimately Council is responsible for maintaining them.

Q2 How and when do you intend to do this? There is a dip in the verge so you could not mow with tractor can only be done with a whipper snipper.

A2 Manager Infrastructure responded that a whipper snipper would work but would be too expensive in regard human resources. Currently looking at dedicated machinery to undertake this type of work in the future, however there are financial issues associated with this.

Q3 If restricted financially what can be done in interim?
Is there an onus on property owners to look after this?

A3 Inevitably there are road verges that will not get completed each year due to the number of roads within the Shire and that some landowners would address this matter themselves if they felt it was a fire danger. The Manager Infrastructure indicated that if Ms Laughton contacted the Office he would be happy to visit the site and possibly suggest a remedy to this issue.

Len Gilchrist

Q1 Has the Fire Break Inspector completed a fire break inspection as yet?

A1 The Chief Executive Officer responded that Council's Contractor is currently undertaking inspections for fire break compliance as per the Shire of Nannup's Fire Break Order. Landholders not complying will receive a warning and then if this is not adhered to then infringements will be issued.

The Shire President advised that Rural landholders are not required to construct firebreaks but Plantation owners and Special Rural landholders are required to meet the Fire Break Order requirements.

8. Meeting Closure

There being no further business to discuss the Shire President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.29pm.