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Shire of Nannup – Annual Meeting of Electors Meeting held on Thursday 30 January 2020

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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:

Shire President - Cr Dean

Councillors: C Buckland, C Brown, P Fraser and C Stevenson.

David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer

Tracie Bishop – Manager Corporate Services

Jon Jones – Manager Infrastructure

Apologies:

Cr R Mellema, Cr V Hansen, Cr V Corlett.

Electors Attendance Register:

Peter Russell, Bob Longmore, Julie Kay, Rita Stallard, Len Gilchrist, Marie Jeffrey and Paul Jeffrey.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

R STALLARD/B LONGMORE

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 19 December 2018 be confirmed as true and correct record.

CARRIED

Rita Stallard – East Nannup Road

Q 1 Following on from last year's Electors Meeting Minutes; what happened to the donkey (burner)?

A 1 Shire President advised that the "donkey burner" is still located at the Council depot. The Nannup Historical Society was asked if they would like to move into the old community kindergarten building and establish a display with the donkey burner featured along with other items. This offer was declined. There are no plans to re-locate it at the Recreation Centre.

Q 2 Also following up from last year; how is the recycling education program at the tip progressing? Is it true that Cleanaway dump all the recycling in a big hole in the ground; that it doesn't actually get recycled as claimed

A 2 Manager Infrastructure responded that in the approximately seventeen months since Shire of Nannup have been operating the waste management site the recycling program and continuing education of residents has continued and expanded. The Shire employee at the Waste Management Facility is a great educational tool in himself and will often advise individuals on where to put their waste and recycling at the tip. Cleanaway have great resources and information online, as does the Shire. Individuals can also phone the Shire at any time and get information. Council is also currently developing a reward system for residents to encourage their recycling.
Mrs Stallard's question that queries Cleanaway's disposal of recyclable material in to a hole in the ground will be taken on notice.

Mr Bob Longmore

Q 1 Are there any plans for the Shire of Nannup to participate in a container deposit scheme?

A 1 Manager Infrastructure responded that this was currently being investigated. I have met with a representative from the scheme and the premise sounds promising.

Mr Len Gilchrist

Mr Gilchrist asked questions regarding the Nannup Music Club Inc. that have been answered previously by Council. Shire President advised Mr Gilchrist his questions will be taken on notice and if they are relevant to Council business they will be responded to.

3. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

CR BUCKLAND/PAUL JEFFREY

That the Shire of Nannup Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2017/18 Financial year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

**4. RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE SHIRE OF NANNUP
R STALLARD/B LONGMORE**

That Auditor's Report for the 2018/2019 Financial Year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF THE SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

P JEFFREY/CR BUCKLAND

That the Shire President's Report for the 2018/2019 Financial Year be received and adopted.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

CR BROWN/CR BUCKLAND

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the 2018/2019 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

Paul Jeffrey – 35 Credence Ridge

Q 1 Do Councillors think lack of attendance by ratepayers here tonight might be due to a lack of advertising & the time of the meeting? Can someone tell me what advertising has been done?

A 1 Shire President apologised and agreed that on appearances a perceived lack of advertising needed to be addressed. Shire President responded that he wasn't aware there was a lack of advertising however he had also not been able to find the information on the website. Shire President observed that he had been the presiding member for approximately ten

years and that the number of rate payers at this meeting was a great turn out in his opinion. The Shire President responded that Council can certainly look at changing the time. Shire President also noted that the revised Local Government Act may remove the statutory requirement to have Annual Electors Meetings. Chief Executive Officer apologised for the confusion. Chief Executive Officer responded that public notice of the Annual Electors Meeting was published on the Shire website; front door of administration building, noticeboard at Shire administration building, social media (Facebook). Chief Executive Officer advised he would investigate the issue raised.

Q 2 South West Food Bowl committee applied for funds in July 2019 through the Shire of Nannup Community Grants Program. In August we received notification that we would receive \$3000 in funds. In good faith we committed these funds to various projects. Some four months later we received notification that there had been a mistake and the amount would only be \$1000. Is there any recourse that you would recommend or will the Shire honour its initial commitment of \$3000?

A 2 Chief Executive Officer responded that he was aware of the situation and it was a case of unfortunate human error. Mr Taylor advised that the amount of \$1000 was allocated during budget deliberations. Mr Taylor advised Mr Jeffrey to put write a request to Council and Council could look to review the decision.

Peter Russell

Q 1 In the Council Audit Committee Meetings dated 18 December 2019 there is a suggestion of a 25% rate rise. Is this something that is seriously being considered?

A 1 Shire President responded that a 25% increase in rates will not happen. The 25% referred to is how much rates would have to be increased to achieve this ratio. These ratios are established as a guide for local governments and the reference to this ratio in the Annual Report is to highlight that it is an unreasonable expectation for Council to achieve.

The Chief Executive Officer added to this explanation, explaining that the ratio was calculated by removing any grant funding and then assessing how much of own source income was available for the expenses incurred for a financial year. As with most rural councils that do not have the opportunity of any 'own source revenue' other than rates and a small fees and charges base this then makes this ratio produce a negative outcome. As a general rule, only those large Councils that have street parking and other commercial ventures within their own source income are able to reach the benchmark for this ratio.

Within the Minutes referred to in the question, there was reference to the raising of rates to this degree being unsustainable and not something that Council would pursue.

Q 2 Is the gazettal of Gracilis Road progressing? I haven't seen any works being performed there yet.

A 2 Shire President responded that the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions in Bunbury rejected our initial request to gazette Gracilis Road. Shire President said that he and the Chief Executive Officer met with the Minister for Environment, Hon. Stephen Dawson in December 2019 about various issues; one being the dedication of Gracilis Road. The Shire President stated that the meeting with the Minister for Environment was encouraging and that he is hopeful for a positive resolution.

Rita Stallard – East Nannup Road

Q 1 Does Council have any plans for the Bowling Club in the future?

A 1 Shire President responded that the lease of the bowling club expires 30 June 2020. If the current committee apply to renew the lease, then discussion will commence to negotiate a satisfactory lease for all parties.

Len Gilchrist

Q 1 I heard an announcement on the radio yesterday about the Shire of Nannup receiving \$250000 in funding. Where did that money come from?

A 1 Manager Infrastructure replied that without more information he couldn't say with certainty what funds the ABC radio was referring to. Manager Infrastructure said it could possibly be a Federal grant for roads.

Patricia Fraser

Q 1 Were any other groups notified incorrectly about their Community Grant amount?

A 1 Chief Executive Officer replied not that he was aware.

Cheryle Brown

Q 1 What was the Shires' contribution and what did they do to address the Folly Fire experienced recently in the Shire of Nannup?

A 1 Chief Executive Officer responded that the Shire staff were involved in the initial efforts to combat the fire and in the clean up after wards. There will be financial implications for the Shire of Nannup however DBCA and DFES will be contributing to some of the larger expenses such as contractors with heavy vehicles.

Len Gilchrist

Q 1 If a person has a lot of trees around their house; they have been told by the Council to trim their trees and they don't; a fire happens and their house burns down. Who is liable for the cost of the house?

A 1 Shire President responded that the home owner would be responsible; or the home owner's insurance company.

8. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss the Shire President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.51pm.