



MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016

GNOWANGERUP COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
Commencing at 7.00pm

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Gnowangerup will be held on Wednesday 10 February 2016 at the Gnowangerup Community Resource Centre, commencing at 7 pm

SHELLEY PIKE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1. OPENING

Shire President Keith House welcomed Councillors, Staff and visitors and opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**2.1 ATTENDANCE**

Keith House	Shire President
Fiona Gaze	Deputy Shire President
Bronwyn Gaze	
Lex Martin	
Richard House	
Frank Hmeljak	
Sue Lance	
Ben Moore	
Shelley Hmeljak	
Shelley Pike	Chief Executive Officer
Vincent Fordham Lamont	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Abbey Sergeant	Executive Assistant
Carol Shaddick	Senior Finance Officer
Anrie Van Zyl	Corporate Support Officer
Yvette Wheatcroft	Manager of Works
John Skinner	Project Officer Leading Hand

Malcom Peucker, Melaine Peucker and Graeme Jones

2.2 APOLOGIES

Ken Pech, Jan Savage, Barry Savage & Ron Beeck

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**3.1 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2015**

Moved: Cr Lex Martin

Seconded: Cr Fiona Gaze

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 10 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

4. SHIRE PRESIDENTS PRESENTATION

Keith House presented his power point presentation.

5. CONTENTS OF THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

5.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT 2014-2015

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Bronwyn Gaze

Seconded: Cr Sue Lance

That the Presidents report for 2014-2015 be received and the contents noted

CARRIED

5.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT 2014-2015

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Sue Lance

Seconded: Cr Frank Hmeljak

That the Chief Executive Officer's report for 2014-2015 be received and the contents noted

CARRIED

5.3 THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2014-2015

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Lex Martin

Seconded: Cr Shelley Hmeljak

That the Annual Financial Statement for 2014-2015 be received

CARRIED

6. QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

6.1 Gavin Beeck, Heavy Haulage routes in Gnowangerup Town

I am writing to you to request urgent action in regard to Heavy Vehicle access within the Gnowangerup Townsite, in particular the Light Industrial Area.

As you are no doubt aware, there are a limited number of routes within the Gnowangerup townsite that give access to vehicles longer than 19m. My understanding is that several roads have been removed during Main Roads last revision period (May 15), where some locally approved roads were not recognised under the new Road access scheme, hence denying access to several businesses in the centre of town and nearly the entire Light Industrial area.

Current issues include:

- Aylmore St between Corbett St and Yougenup Rd is excluded from all allowed Routes meaning trucks entering from Tambellup must turn North or South onto Corbett St when travelling through town.
- We/Becks Transport can now only access our yard/workshop via the front entrance, being off Corbett St.
- Gnowangerup Fuel Supplies can no longer access their depot off Quinn St, exiting onto Formby St.
- Gnowangerup Fuel Supplies Retail Fuel Bowsers are not accessible to any vehicles over 19m.
- Gnowangerup Shire, Duraquip/Hiretrans, Groves Logistics, Browns, Auspan/Formspan, and John Davis now have no/limited access to their yards despite having access in prior years.
- Browns currently have no access to their yard on Whitehead Rd as well as general freight carriers to Landmark, Gnowangerup Hotel and IGA currently have limited access with nowhere to turn around if accessing via Garnett Rd.
- The full length of Walsh Rd is not approved, resulting in trucks having to travel through town, instead of bypassing it when heading north and access to CBH via Garnett Rd or Bell St.
- No access to Stutley St, denying access to Gnowangerup Building Supplies and Ratten and Slaters new yard.
- Access to Farmworks is somewhat limited in that while heavy vehicles can unload at the premises they cannot turn around or continue on and return to the Gnowangerup Rd via Black Rd

I have spoken to the other transport operators in town and we would like to see that all is done by the shire to ensure that access to these roads is restored/made available as quickly as possible, to ensure we can continue to operate our businesses efficiently and as we have done in the past. I have attached a list of the roads that we feel need immediate access to at least RAV 4 level, ideally RAV 7.

I have made direct contact with Main Roads on several occasions to see if anything had been approved and they are now suggesting that I seek to have the roads added

myself. I have attached a copy of the “Application and Road Owner Endorsement to Add or Amend a Road on the Restricted Access Vehicle Network” for you discussion and hopefully completion.

We look forward to working together with the Shire to restore and improve access to our growing community.

Shire President Keith House

Thank you for the very detailed letter, it is unfortunate that the Shire can no longer provide special permits for access. We understand this issue has become quiet real with a number of business being fined when using roads to access business to load and unload. We are required to following the Main roads guidelines and understand the impact this is having.

This issue has been raised at a regional level where clarification on the policies and procedures was requested. The issue was raised with the Minister for Transport today who took the information on board and agreed that the intent was not to restrict daily business.

It was made clear by the Minister that a letter outlining the issues would be looked upon favourably. At the moment we are seeking an interim resolution to allow business to proceed as normal.

6.2 Helen Harris, Gnowangerup Heritage Group Inc

The current road named after the Ball family leads to Cadalellup Well and should be named as such, which is evident from the historical records. As this road has not been gazetted we trust that this can be rectified without any associated problems.

Shire President Keith House

This was presented to council at the February Ordinary Council meeting as an agenda item. The process of consultation and having the road gazetted is to take place.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Graeme Jones

You stated a \$2million dollar surplus in your presentation?

Shire President Keith House

A part of the surplus was the \$600 000 we received. During budget deliberations we were told we would not receive this grant and then during the financial year the grant was received, otherwise creating a large portion of the surplus.

CEO Shelley Pike

The surplus simply means we did not finish the works program for that year and are carrying the money over as it hasn't been spent however it is otherwise accounted for. Originally the Shire of Gnowangerup went into the 14/15 budget with a deficit and with this in mind a number of cut backs were made to bring the budget back.

7.2 Graeme Jones

\$150 Million dollars in assets, does this include commercial land?

CEO Shelley Pike

No only what we own, please note this also includes the airport which is valued at \$29 million dollars.

7.3 Ron Beek

The Heavy Haulage routes are affecting a lot of local business including the Shire.

CEO Shelley Pike

After meeting with the Minister for Transport today we hope to have this issue resolved as soon as possible

7.4 Ron Beek

The fines are hefty and have been up and above \$1000

CEO Shelley Pike

The Minister was very sympathetic and expressed that the legislation was never meant to disrupt daily business. He has a background in the private sector and understands the impact this is having on business.

Shire President Keith House

We are hoping for an interim result for business and are working as quickly as possible. We are meeting with Main Roads again on Friday and it has been made clear that they are not willing to move on the issue however will try our best.

8. CLOSURE

Keith House closed the meeting at 8:00pm

FOOTNOTES*Voting:*

- *Each elector present at the meeting is entitled to one vote on each matter to be Decided, but does not have to vote.*
- *All decisions are to be made by a simple majority vote.*
- *Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.*

Definition of the Elector

An elector is defined in the Local Government Act 1995. An elector is a person who is eligible to vote in an election of the Shire of Gnowangerup. For the purpose of meeting of electors, the definition of an elector is to include ratepayers.

Procedures at Electors Meetings

The procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.