

Annual General Electors Meeting

Minutes for Monday 10 February 2014

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MINUTES

1.0 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6.15pm, welcoming Councillors, Staff, the Press and Electors of the Shire.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Councillors

Sue Bilich	(Shire President) (Presiding Member)	North Ward
Margaret Thomas		North Ward
Simon Di Rosso		North Ward
Justin Whitten		South West Ward
Allan Morton		South West Ward
Noreen Townsend		South West Ward
Geoff Stallard		South East Ward
John Giardina		South East Ward
Frank Lindsey		South East Ward
Andrew Waddell JP		North West Ward
Dylan O'Connor		North West Ward
Bob Emery		North West Ward

Members of the Public

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Hella Hackett	Gooseberry Hill
Penny Chidgey	Lesmurdie
Alan Lamplough	Gooseberry Hill
Roma Babuniak	Kalamunda
Nina Flor	Lesmurdie
Fred Flor	Lesmurdie
Brian Sparkes	Kalamunda
Geoff Byers	Wattle Grove
Jack Horner	Wattle Grove
Dick Lovegrove	Wattle Grove
Diane Wilkie	Wattle Grove
Shirleen Whittaker	High Wycombe
Frank Pinner	Kalamunda
Beau Robins	High Wycombe
Rob Vletter	Wattle Grove

Members of Staff

Rhonda Hardy	Chief Executive Officer
Warwick Carter	Director Development Services
Charles Sullivan	Director Infrastructure Services
Gary Ticehurst	Director Corporate Services
Darrell Forrest	Manager Governance
Andrew Fowler-Tutt	Manager Development Services
Donna McPherson	Executive Research Assistant to the CEO
Laurie Brennan	Media Advisor for Shire of Kalamunda
Nicole O'Neil	Public Relations Coordinator
Meri Comber	Governance Officer

Members of the Press 1

2.2 **Apologies**

Nil.

3.0 **PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

There were no questions regarding the Annual Report and a motion was put that it be received.

Motion AGM 01/2014:

That the 2013 Annual Report of the Shire of Kalamunda be received ([Attachment 1](#)).

Moved: **Cr Andrew Waddell**

Seconded: **Cr Bob Emery**

Vote: **CARRIED**

4.0 **ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINEES**

4.1 Diane Wilkie of 112 Victoria Road, Wattle Grove spoke as a representative of the Wattle Grove Development Group.

The Presiding Person asked if she would like to put forward a motion and explained that all Councillors, Rate Payers and Electors present are able to vote for, against or abstain from this motion. Should Councillors agree a report will be prepared by staff and the subject taken to a meeting for Councillors to make a decision.

Motion AGM 02/2014:

That Council:

1. Support the Amendment for the MRS using the provisions of Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 for a minor amendment and rezoning of a specified area of Wattle Grove, which would be bordered by Tonkin Highway, Crystal Brook Road, Victoria Road and Brentwood Road from Rural to Urban Zoning.

Moved: **Diane Wilkie**

Seconded: **Jack Horner**

Vote: **CARRIED (16 votes for the motion, none against)**

4.2 Alan Lamplough from Hermes Road, Gooseberry Hill. Mr Lamplough requested further information regarding the local government amalgamation. He noted that the Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB) in October 2013 received 21 proposals from local governments and subsequently the Minister formally

submitted 12 proposals. Mr Lamplough expressed concerns regarding the process.

The Presiding Person indicated that all the submissions are available on the web; including the Minister's submission which proposes a boundary adjustment for the City of Belmont to encompass the Shire of Kalamunda.

Mr Lamplough suggested the Kalamunda Council carry out a study regarding the benefits and detriments of this proposal to the Shire of Kalamunda.

The Presiding Person indicated that consideration is being given to the best way to stimulate a community debate to ensure the best outcome for Kalamunda Shire. To this end there will be information in local papers in the coming week.

Mr Lamplough said he would like to see the results from the referendum that took place last year. The Presiding Person indicated that the "Vote No" campaign was regarding the Robson Report which referred to an amalgamation between Swan, Mundaring and the Shire of Kalamunda and all results were published at that time. Since the Robson Report, changes have been made indicating that the Shire of Kalamunda will be going with the City of Belmont so this poll is no longer relevant.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the LGAB still has to make a recommendation to the Minister; there are three proposals on the table, one from the City of Belmont, one from the Shire of Kalamunda and one from the Minister of Local Government. The Shire of Kalamunda is asking for a fair and equitable amalgamation. The Minister and the City of Belmont have proposed a boundary adjustment which would mean the City of Belmont Council will take control of everything from July 2015. A campaign will ask the community to make submissions to the LGAB regarding a fair and equitable amalgamation. No final decision has been made and there is still an opportunity to convince the LGAB.

If the LGAB recommends a boundary adjustment then the community poll provisions are not applicable, if the LGAB proposes an amalgamation then the poll provision will stand and there can be a vote.

Mr Lamplough asked for information on the membership of the LGAB, the Chief Executive Officer indicated this is currently a group of eight people, four are local government mayors, two are representatives from the government, one is from the West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and one is from the Local Government Manager's Association (LGMA).

- 4.3 Penny Chidgey, Sanderson Road, Lesmurdie. Ms Chidgey requested that all the information put out by the Shire of Kalamunda be simple and easy to understand. The Presiding Person confirmed that this was their intention.
- 4.4 Cr Andrew Waddell noted a community desire for further information and wondered if a motion to that effect would be forth coming.
- 4.5 Mr Lamplough moved the following and requested that the Shire President invite the Minister of Local Government to the Community Meeting, which she agreed to.

Motion AGM 03/2014:

That Council:

1. Provide more information through a Community Consultation Process including a Community Meeting, so that the Community can become more involved, have input and a greater understanding of the ramifications of the proposed amalgamation/ boundary adjustment with Belmont.

Moved: **Alan Lamplough**

Seconded: **Brian Sparkes**

Vote: **CARRIED (22 votes for the motion, none against)**

- 4.6 Dick Lovegrove, 41 Brentwood Road, Wattle Grove. Mr Lovegrove asked for information on the selection process of the LGAB. The Manager Governance noted there are nominations from:

- LGMA;
- WALGA; and
- Minister for Local Government

Each group will submit a panel of five names from which particular people are selected by the Minister and then appointed by the government as per the *Local Government Act 1995*. These numbers have recently increased from the LGMA and WALGA and include an additional representative from the Minister so they can handle the workload currently before the LGAB with respect to the metropolitan local government reform. The term of office for members of the LGAB is four years.

The Presiding Person confirmed to Mr Lovegrove that this, and other information will be provided on the Shire Website and through social media.

- 4.5 Brian Sparkes, Burnes Road, Kalamunda. Is our Local Member for or against the amalgamation? Is he prepared to fight for Kalamunda? The Presiding Person indicated that she could not speak for our Local Member and suggested Mr Sparkes contact him directly.
- 4.6 Cr Geoff Stallard queried whether the Minister's recommendations for a boundary change would mean that the Kalamunda Shire would not have locally elected members serving them for, up to four months, in the transition period before the next local government election? The Presiding Person confirmed that this was the case.
- 4.7 Cr Frank Lindsey asked if a Commissioner would be appointed to the Shire of Kalamunda to manage its affairs in that possible four month interim period. The Presiding Person confirmed that the Councillors for the area of the current Shire would be dismissed and in the interim period this area would be run by the City of Belmont and their Councillors, there would be no Commissioner appointed.

5.0 CLOSURE

5.1 There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this Council.

Signed: _____
Presiding Member

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2014