



SHIRE OF YORK

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors
Held in Council Chambers, York Town Hall, York on
Monday, 9th January, 2012 at 5.00pm

OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Boyle, Shire President; Cr Scott, Deputy Shire President;
Cr Hooper, Cr Smythe, Cr Lawrance

STAFF

R Hooper, G Maziuk

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Cr Duperouzel

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

There were 6 people in the Gallery at the commencement of the meeting

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Receiving of the 2010/11 Annual Report

Moved: Cr Hooper

Seconded: Cr Lawrance

"That the Shire of York 2010/11 Annual Report be received".

CARRIED

Cr Hooper thanked staff and the previous elected members, Randell and Walters, for their efforts and contributions on behalf of the community.

Cr Lawrance stated that Council endeavours to act positively and pro-actively on behalf of the community and congratulated staff on the financial administration of the Shire.

Cr Scott congratulated the previous President, Cr Hooper, and staff on the fantastic response following the January 2011 storm event.

Cr Boyle stated that while there had been some negative comments on the new Recreation and Convention Centre it was a great decision to set up York with high quality facilities. Council has been pro-active in obtaining external funding to reduce the impact on ratepayers and will continue to attract grants for community benefit.

Council will go forward in a careful and diligent manner with no decisions being made lightly.

While there are a lot of expectations and demands for facilities and services Council can and will only act in a responsible manner to minimise the financial impacts on the community with rating being kept as low as possible.

Receiving of the Auditor's Report for 2010/11

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Lawrance

"That the Auditor's Report of the 2010/11 financial year be received"

CARRIED

Receiving of the Shire President's Report for 2010/11

Moved: Cr Hooper

Seconded: Ms J Rae

"That the 2010/11 Shire President's Report be received"

CARRIED

Cr Boyle highlighted aspects of the 2010/11 President's Report and recognised the contributions of the previous President Cr Hooper.

OTHER BUSINESS

Annual Electors Meeting

Request for information to be made available to the public earlier particularly with the office being closed between Christmas and New Year.

Footpaths

Request for the poor quality footpaths to be upgraded and for new footpaths to be put in place particularly to service the Panmure Road area.

The meeting was advised of footpath work in Radnor Road this year and the issues associated with constructing a footpath on Cowan Road.

Road Verges

Council was congratulated on the high quality of verge spraying and weed control on Shire roads.

Report of Afghan Thistle on Goldfields Road which needs to be eradicated.

York Townsite

Concern was expressed at the lack of community pride by some landowners and the following suggestions were made:

- Shire to offer street trees for verges
- Businesses to clean the footpath outside their premises

The meeting was advised of action by the York Chamber of Commerce on Tidy Towns, the National Clean Up day in March and the Adopt-A-Spot activities by Canning Rotary Club.

Medical Services

Request for Council to review the subsidies and contributions provided to Medical Services in York due to the termination of on-call services to the Hospital.

The meeting was advised of ongoing meetings with health authorities to ensure good health cover in York.

- Audio/Visual equipment now operates at the Hospital for external assessment and support
- Proposal for a helipad at the Hospital
- York Hospital is under no threat of closure
- Plan to upgrade emergency facilities

It is highly unlikely that 24/7 doctors on-call at the Hospital will resume however high quality emergency treatment is still guaranteed at the York District Hospital.

Health Services are endeavouring to provide on site training for Hospital staff rather than this being done in Perth.

Public Transport

Comments were made on the lack of a same day return service by public transport to allow people to attend appointments and to conduct business.

Members of the public were encouraged to write directly to the Government Ministers who are the decision makers on these issues.

Structural Reform

One comment was made for York to remain as a single Local Government entity and not be part of the structural reform process.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Shire President thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm.