



SHIRE OF KOJONUP

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

12 October 2021

At Sports Complex commencing 6.00pm

1. WELCOME

The Shire President, Cr Benn, declared the meeting open at 6.05pm and alerted the meeting of the procedures for emergencies including evacuation, designated exits and muster points and outline the procedures of the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Kojonup acknowledges the first nations people of Australia as the Traditional custodians of this land and in particular the Keneang people of the Noongar nation upon whose land we meet.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cr John Benn Shire President
Cr Ned Radford
Cr Ronnie Fleay
Cr Kevin Gale
Cr Parminder Singh

STAFF

Grant Thompson	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Anthony Middleton	Manager of Corporate & Community Services (MCCS)
Robert Jehu	Manager Regulatory Services (MRS)
Lorraine Wyatt	Executive Assistant/Human Resources Coordinator (EA/HRC)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

APOLOGIES

Cr Sandra Pedler	
Cr Felicity Webb	
Cr Cindy Wieringa	
Ciara O'Regan	Manager Springhaven (MACS)
Craig McVee	Manager Works and Services (MWS)
Susanne Pritchard	

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Roberta McGuire
Laurie Prandi
Pat Bunny
Robyn Evans
Chris Evans
Roger Bilney

Alan Egerton-Warburton
Richard Fleay
Susanne Bilney
Jill House
Frank House
Kerryn Midde
Frank Pritchard
John Mathwin

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

Moved Frank Pritchard, seconded Cr Radford
That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held 8 December 2020, be accepted.
CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1. Shire President

The Shire President, Cr John Benn, will elaborated further on his report as contained within the Annual Report.

Moved Cr Benn, seconded Jill House
That the Shire President report be received.

CARRIED

4.2. Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Grant Thompson, introduced team members and elaborated further on his report as contained within the Annual Report. In addition, the CEO spoke to the lateness of the 2019/2020 Annual Report advising that the transition to the Office of Auditor General (OAG) had caused delays beyond Councils control, confirming that this is also an issue for other Councils.

The CEO advised confirmed that much has been achieved and that the team should be proud of this however, cautioned that future planning is likely to be impacted by reduced availability of grant funding.

With the focus now being on the future of Kojonup, community members were advised that the Community Strategic Plan would be undergoing extensive review in early 2022.

5. 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

Moved Laurie Prandi, seconded John Mathwin

That the Shire of Kojonup 2019/2020 Annual Report, as circulated, be received.

CARRIED

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/OTHER BUSINESS OF A GENERAL NATURE

6.1. Questions Taken on Notice from Previous Meeting

Nil.

6.2. An Opportunity for Questions, Feedback or Items to be Raised from the Floor

Question submitted on notice from Frank House:

Can council advise the meeting of the income and expenditure for the Saleyards for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years?

The CEO and MCCA addressed the meeting and informed community members of the following:

	2020/2021 Actual	2019/2020 Actual	2018/2019 Actual
Operating Revenue	\$10,000	\$12,654	\$46,968
Operating Expenditure	\$16,638	\$31,392	\$22,057
	(\$6,638)	\$18,738	\$24,911
Capital Expenditure	-	\$14,637	-

Questions from the floor in relation to the included:

Do these figure also include the revenue and expenditure for the Truck Wash?

MCCA advised that the Truck Wash has its own expenditure code, separate to the Saleyards.

What does the expenditure entail, how is the broken down?

Does the Shire charge for the storage of gravel and if not, why not?

MCCS advised that the gravel belonged to the Shire and therefore no charges were applicable.

It was suggested that approximately 14,000 had been through the saleyard in one financial year and community members sought clarification on how much the Shire charge per head for sheep at the Saleyards as it was felt that this volume of sheep was not reflected in the revenue?

MCCS advised that the fees and charges schedule reflects a charge of \$1.85 per head. The CEO subsequently advised that the number of sheep would need be investigated to confirm the accuracy of information provided.

Community members asked if the Saleyards expenditure reflected the cost of the consultant who wrote the report about the “standard” of the facility.

MCCS advised that this was correct.

The Shire President stated that the consultant was brought in to check the yards however the report provided resulted in the Saleyards being condemned as they were non-compliant.

The CEO acknowledged the community frustration however advised that the Saleyards are simply not up to standard and at this point, they will remain closed until this can be addressed. Significant expenditure is required to rectify the issue and such funding is currently not available to Council. This is a requirement of DWER and cannot be ignored. Further investigation regarding resourcing options is being undertaken.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 7.17pm.

8. ATTACHMENTS

Annual Report & Annual Financial Report 2019/2020



Presiding Member

16 AUGUST 2022
Date