



SHIRE OF SHARK BAY

ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday 21 June 2023

6.00 pm

Shark Bay Recreation Centre

MINUTES



D Chapman
Chief Executive Officer

1. Declaration Of Opening

The President declared the Annual Electors meeting open at 6.08 pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Malgana People as the traditional custodians of the land and sea in and around the Shire of Shark Bay.

I pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

3. Attendances And Apologies**ATTENDANCES**

Cr C Cowell	Denham Ward / President
Cr L Bellottie	Denham Ward
Cr E Fenny	Denham Ward
Cr G Ridgley	Useless Loop / Pastoral Ward
Cr M Vankova	Useless Loop / Pastoral Ward – Deputy President
Mr D Chapman	Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Pears	Executive Manager Finance and Administration – Minute Taker
Ms D Wilkes	Executive Manager Community Development
Mr B Galvin	Works Manager
Mr Ron Marquis	Elector
Ms Faye Castling	Elector

APOLOGIES

Cr P Stubberfield	Denham Ward
Cr M Smith	Denham Ward
Mrs R Mettam	Executive Assistant

4. Receiving Of The Annual Report Of The Shire Of Shark Bay For The Year Ending 30 June 2022

Moved Ron Marquis
Seconded Faye Castling

Elector Resolution

That the Annual Report, including the Annual Financial Statements, Presidents Report and Auditors Report of the Shire of Shark Bay for the Year ending 30 June 2022 be received.

CARRIED

5. General Business

Mr Ron Marquis asked if there are any rules that prohibit cars without boat trailers taking up boat trailer parking bays.

Mr Brian Galvin responded that the only rule applied to unattached trailers, but that an enquiry with the Department of Transport would be made.

Cr Fenny stated that the Commercial Operators were concerned that bays were being used and making it difficult to park. Looking to Council to assist and see if a conversation with the Department of Transport could assist in potentially allocating dedicated Commercial User bays as per Monkey Mia. It was made clear that the Monkey Mia parking was Shire owned and managed whereas the Denham parking is Department of Transport infrastructure.

Councillor Ridgley also advised that people are still fishing on the Monkey Mia jetties and catching large cod. In addition, with the tides the fishing lines get caught around the pylons and then are snapped off, creating issues with the turtles. He requested that No Fishing signs need to be added with reasons why no fishing allowed within a radius of the jetty. Refer Fisheries and Department of Transport.

Mrs Faye Castling said she does not understand the role of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in relation to the Marine Park. Cr Fenny advised that the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions oversees air breathing animals and not the marine park, looked after by the Fisheries Department.

The Chief Executive Officer advised we can look at more signage.

Cr Ridgley advised that guest's poor behaviour at a holiday house on Denham Rd was concerning, a complaint was raised with him by a neighbour.

The Chief Executive Officer advising that the Shire was aware of this, and it was to be dealt with as a holiday house renewal item at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Cowell advised that it was an issue that should have been raised with the managing agent, the Chief Executive Officer confirmed that neither the managing agent of the Shire had received any complaints through the first 12 months of their holiday house approval.

Faye Castling queries who monitored that the number of guests in holiday houses complied with their approved number of occupants.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the managing agent/owner need to police this aspect of holiday house approvals.

Ms Castling believes that Shire resources are being used for collection of foreshore public waste bins, as holiday house applicants were using them to dump excess waste.

Ms Castling then asked why approve a limit to the number of occupants in a holiday house (Shire Level) if it cannot be policed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this is a recently introduced policy looking to introduce a level of regulation not previously in place. Whilst there are always going to be challenging aspects of holiday house rentals to police, the policy had succeeded in introducing several safety aspects, a system through which complaints can be lodged and dealt with, and the construction of numerous new hardstand crossovers.

All first time approvals we for an initial period of 12-months, specifically to see if there were any issues prior to an owner applying for and being granted a longer term renewal.

6. Closure Of Meeting

As there was no further business the President closed the Annual Electors meeting at 6.28 pm.
