



SHIRE OF CRANBROOK Annual Electors Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD IN THE CRANBROOK COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM

1. **Opening / Record of Attendance / Apologies**

The Shire President, Cr Horrocks declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

Attendance

Shire President
Councillors

Cr PL (Phil) Horrocks
Cr ER (Ruth) Bigwood
Cr PM (Peter) Beech
Cr DS (David) Carey
Cr PW (Peter) Slater
Cr JA (Jennifer) Quick
Cr RW (Robert) Johnson
Cr VN (Vanessa) Fiegert
Cr P (Peter) Denton

Chief Executive Officer
Manager of Finance & Administration
Manager of Works

Mr GP (Greg) Blycha
Mrs PA (Trish) Standish
Mr JE (Jeff) Alderton

Members of the Public

Jan Pope, Anne Humble, Mal Humble,
Linden Johnson

Apologies

Nil

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Cr Denton, seconded Cr Johnson that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 9 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3. Receipt of Annual Report

Moved Cr Slater, seconded Cr Beech that the Shire of Cranbrook Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 be received.

CARRIED

4. General Business

Linden Johnson advised that she has been requesting for a 1km section of Yonka Rd to be sealed past her house and sheds for the past 15 years. Mrs Johnson advised it would cost \$80,000 to seal the 1km and it is not even in the five year projected road program.

Mrs Johnson advised that there was now a lot of truck traffic on this section of the road and the dust they were creating was now in their water tanks and they were breathing it in constantly. She advised that the Polymer coating used last year did not work.

Mrs Johnson provided photos to Council together with a printout of the health issues that can arise from the road dust and exhaust fumes from trucks.

The Manager of Works, Mr Jeff Alderton, advised that Council has a policy regarding sealed roads and an inspection could be included in the Council's road inspection planned for next week.

The Shire President, Cr Phil Horrocks asked the Manager of Works which roads had the Polymer treatment this year, to which the Manager of Works responded, Newton Road, Yonka Road, Poorrarecup Road and Solomons Road. Cr Horrocks advised that it had worked quite well on Solomons Road to keep the gravel together.

Cr Bigwood asked Mrs Johnson how many vehicles used the road each day, to which Mrs Johnson responded, there were the chicken farm and piggery trucks and employees as well as the Cunningham employees and farm machinery moving between their properties. She believed that on average there would be eight trucks a week plus extra during the harvest period.

Mrs Jan Pope advised that Yeriminup Road also had many trucks with the piggery there and during harvest and the dust is very bad there as well.

Cr Bigwood stated that there were many other properties in the Shire who have the same issue as Mrs Johnson.

Mrs Jan Pope commended the Council on the community consultation that had been undertaken recently for the Shire's strategic planning. She also commented that she had read the report and it appears that many people share her view that the lack of water for communities is a real issue. She commented that the Shire had done a great job of building infrastructure over the past few years and now it was time to build on the social and economic structure. In order to do this, the Shire needs constant water supply and asked if that was going to be a focus for Council to lobby for improvements.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Greg Blycha advised that Water Corp have approved a water treatment plant to improve the quality of water in Cranbrook. Mr Blycha said he has been advised that it will cost approximately \$1 million per kilometre for the water infrastructure to come to Cranbrook from Kendenup, which is \$18km.

Mr Blycha said that it was difficult for Water Corp to justify that for Cranbrook given the number of connections and the number of other towns competing for the same infrastructure. Water Corp representatives are meeting with Council in the coming months and they will be shown the dams and catchments and how low they are.

Mrs Pope advised they had installed a desalination plant for themselves and believes this may be an option to investigate also.

5. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Horrocks, declared the meeting closed at 5.18pm.