



Shire of  
**Katanning**  
Heart of the Great Southern

**SHIRE OF KATANNING**

**ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING**

Minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on Tuesday 27 April 2021 in the Council Chambers, 52 Austral Terrace Katanning.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.02 pm.

**2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT**

**Presiding Member:** Cr Liz Guidera - Shire President

**Council Members:** Cr Owen Boxall  
Cr Danny McGrath  
Cr Martin Van Koldenhoven  
Cr Serena Sandwell  
Cr Kristy D'Aprile  
Cr Ernie Menghini

**Council Officers:** Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer  
Denise Gobbart, Executive Manager Corporate and Community  
Sam Bryce, Executive Manager Infrastructure and Assets  
Sue Eastcott, Executive Assistant to CEO

**Electors:** Peter Kerin  
Taryn Human  
Melvin Hettner

**Leave of Absence:** Cr John Goodheart - Deputy Shire President

**Apologies:** Cr Mark Stephens  
Doug Cherry

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****3.1 Annual Electors Meeting – 6 February 2020  
(SEE ATTACHED MINUTES)****MOVED: CR OWEN BOXALL      SECONDED: CR ERNIE MENGHINI****OC56 /21      That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2020 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.****Voting Requirement: Simple Majority****CARRIED****4. ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20****MOVED: CR OWEN BOXALL      SECONDED: CR ERNIE MENGHINI**

- 1.      That the Annual Financial Report for 2019/2020 be received**
- 2.      That the Shire President's Report be received.**
- 3.      That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.**

**CARRIED****5. GENERAL BUSINESS****Peter Kerin Statement**

Mr Kerin thanked President Guidera for the opportunity to make a statement.

Mr Kerin thanked the Shire of Katanning in his role as the President of the Historical Society for the grant that they have been given from the Shire.

Mr Kerin stated they were supposed to acquit it before the money became due, but a request was made to the Chief Executive Officer Julian Murphy to release the grant money in advance and was informed that the money was coming forward. Mr Kerin thanked the Shire in advance for the receipt of the funds.

Mr Kerin stated that the funds will be put to good use, with the assistance of local businesses and local people, he said the Historical Society are getting a lot more out of the \$10,000 than if the Shire had got the works done for the Historical Society.

Mr Kerin noted that they are waiting to have the band hall lined, which is taking some time. He further commented that this evening he met with the local member Rick Wilson to keep him informed of where the Historical Society is, and to possibly open up avenues of grant funding, Mr Kerin noted that Rick Wilson was quite impressed with where they are heading.

Mr Kerin shared that it doesn't look brilliant at this stage, but they do have a plan and ideas on where they want to go and are making inroads, they want to make the old church building a display on the history of Katanning and tell stories on what happened.

Mr Kerin informed the Councilors that they are getting quotes on the old school, the original school building, as the recent rain there were some leakage problems, and they think it could be the case that they need to have major work done there. They are seeking some professional advice to what the situation, as the roof has quite a bow in it. Mr Kerin shared that the Historical Society may be coming back to the Shire with cap in hand, as it is a Shire building, to have a look at doing some significant to it. He also noted that the old Church does have a bit of a leak, but they think that is a matter of some of the members getting up on the roof and sorting it out.

Mr Kerin stated that the grant from the Shire has been very worthwhile and they have been very lucky to have a significant bequest from the late Ainslie Evans which will help them along the way, as well as other grants and community members donating funds.

Mr Kerin shared that he had been getting utterly frustrated with the bin collectors in town with the state of the rubbish bins after the rubbish collection. Mr Kerin stated that up until the last fortnight that if you drove from his house opposite the cemetery into town that the bin lids were not on, they had fallen on to the ground and lay in the gutter looking very untidy.

Mr Kerin commented that he had spoken to office staff and told them that if he even has a broken lid, he is not going to be paying for it because it would not be his doing, he noted that the bins do cost money and that they should be treated with a bit more respect and not thrown around. Mr Kerin did state that the bins here over the last fortnight did look quite good however did think that it was something that if you are paying a contractor to do something like that, they should do it well and need to be pulled into line.

### **Julian Murphy Response**

Mr Murphy stated that the bin issue was absolutely to do with the operators and that the issue has hopefully been resolved now.

## **6. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.