

SHIRE OF KATANNING

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on
Monday 12 March 2018 in the Pioneer Room,
commencing at 7.30pm.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.34pm.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Presiding Member: Cr Liz Guidera - Shire President

Council Members: Cr John Goodheart - Deputy Shire President
Cr Owen Boxall
Cr Danny McGrath
Cr Alep Mydie
Cr Martin Van Koldenhoven
Cr Serena Sandwell
Cr Kristy D'Aprile
Cr Ernie Menghini

Council Officers: Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Hannagan, Executive Manager Finance & Administration
Paul Webb, Executive Manager Infrastructure & Development
Andrus Budrikis, Executive Manager Property & Assets
Sam Davis, Executive Manager Projects & Community Building
Libby French, Finance Manager
Sophie Justins, Executive Assistant to CEO

Electors: Teresa Flugge
Peggy Sambell
Jim Sambell
Bernadette Bradley
Sue Eastcott
Bill Bembridge
Ernie Maples

Karen Hall
Ainslie Evans
Julie Bucknell
Norman Flugge
Sjanna Sandlova
Colin Lockhart
Tania Wolfe
Matt Collis
Julie Stock
Derek Stock
Julie Stade
Linda Maples
Alan Voice
Lisa Blacklow
Ziagul Sultani
Moh Aeson

Leave of Absence:

Apologies: Melvin Hettner

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Annual Electors Meeting – 20 April 2017 (SEE ATTACHED MINUTES)

MOVED: TERESA FLUGGE

SECONDED: ZIAGUL SULTANI

OC1/18 That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Thursday 20 April 2017 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

CARRIED

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

MOVED: NORMAN FLUGGE

SECONDED: MATTHEW COLLIS

- 1. That the Annual Financial Report for 2016/2017 be received**
- 2. That the Shire President's Report be received.**
- 3. That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.**

CARRIED

Liz Guidera Introduction

This year we have a fairly similar team to last year with the addition of Cr Kristy D'Aprile and Cr Ernie Menghini, with two Councillors retiring last year, welcome to the team. We also have two new Executive Staff Members, Lisa Hannagan Executive Manager Finance and Administration and Paul Webb Executive Manager Infrastructure and Development.

Thank you to our Executive Team and all our staff who have done a wonderful job. Thank you to the Councillors for their work towards the Corporate Planning and Policy Review, this takes a lot of time and thank you for your involvement.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**1. Other Matters****Ernie Maples**

I am the President of the Katanning Bowling Club and wish to raise concerns regarding the relocation. We have had meeting regarding the relocation strategy with the Country Club and I wish to put it to the Council, in August 2016 Cr Craig McKinley identified incentives for the Bowling Club to relocate to the Country Club or the Leisure Centre, moved 7/0. Wondering why nothing was put forward to relocate to the Leisure Centre?

I have also put in motion for the Shire to review at the Leisure Centre but now the discussion is on hold until we have an AGM at the Country Club. One of the first motions that was passed at the committee meeting on Tuesday evening was that the Management committee agreed to provide and facilitate a compensation to the Golf Club to the value of \$200,000 for the co-location of Bowls to the Country Club. I feel like I have had a gun put to my head as I am on that committee and I do not think that the Country Club should be getting money through this project, whether it be for a new shed or tractor as they have asked for. And fees taken off and rates taken off and all sorts of wonderful things. Obviously, they have different plans than just having the Bowling Club as there is not fit, as such, for equipment for the Bowling Green as we need to have water supplied, rollers, sand fill and all sorts of other machinery.

A letter was sent to Shire of Katanning CEO Julian Murphy about the co-location and I do appreciate your return reply. The Shire of Katanning is developing the concept and obtaining costs to locate the bowling green in the car park of the Country Club within a reasonable distance to the club house. This proposal will be provided to the Bowling Club and Country Club in early March for consideration. There was a meeting held with a Shire representative at the Country Club and for some reason I was not invited. I am really concerned that there are some strange things happening and I would like to know what the Council, if they would even vote on it, to go to the Leisure Centre which would go on the gravel area next to the cricket grounds as it is the exact fit to what we need for a 12-rink ring. Wondering if the Council could put this into their meeting?

Julian Murphy

Thank you, Ernie. We appreciate your forthright approach in terms of the position of the Bowling Club. In regards to Cr Craig McKinley, I believe that there was a comment made in previous business case to relocate the Bowling Club to the Country Club but that was a comment made in that regard. In terms of the incentive, there is \$1million on the table to facilitate the relocation that is not coming out of the Bowling Clubs pocket. That is a good incentive in itself, to provide the facility and handover to the Bowling Club to take over. In terms of the Golf Club incentive that is something that went through the Country Clubs meeting and not the Council. There is no commitment from the Council to offer any cash incentives.

Ernie Maples

The incentives have been at the Management Committee Meetings where they have requested \$200,000 and there was a meeting last week where they have a written guarantee of receiving this money.

Julian Murphy

I have seen the minutes of that meeting and there is wording in the minutes surrounding cash incentives but it is not from the Council and certainly not from the project money. Where some facilities might be incorporated into the whole plan including golf course, tee-boxes and whatever else is required to facilitate the bowling club moving there is certainly part of it and potentially a shed which will facilitate the move. Reduction in a contribution from the Country Club to the Golf Club in terms of fees is none of Councils business. Council has not been asked for their opinion at all. We cannot comment on this issue directly although we are aware of it but that would be up to the Country Club to work out how they would fund those kinds of incentives.

Ernie Maples

I believe there is more pencil sharpening on the budget for it which is good news because we as a Bowling Group there is no compromise on a 12-rink ring, not an 8-rink ring which the Country Club are going to propose at their AGM. I am concerned that the Shire is going to see that it is a good thing to put the Bowling Club at the Country Club and not bother looking at the Leisure Centre. It is a better community at the Leisure Centre and why we are being forced to go with a private business or private land is beyond me.

Liz Guidera

My understanding on the whole project since I have been involved in it for 2 and a half years, is that the whole relocation of the Bowling Club to the Country Club was all about sustainable sporting facilities in Katanning. My understanding from Council is that we want to ensure that we have a Golf Club, Tennis Club, Squish Club and a Bowling Club for our community in the long term and the way to do that is assist with the co-location.

Your thoughts regarding the location at the Leisure Centre at the gravel area might be a little naïve in understanding how Council works and as that has not been raised it is certainly something that would not be happening very quickly. We will do everything we can to get the Country Club proposal over the line because that is about sustainable sporting.

We have not spoken about additional licences if the Bowling Club relocated to the Leisure Centre and other things that would take some time.

I think you will find that Cr Craig McKinley was looking at an area at the Leisure Centre not at the Country Club which was quite a while ago. The Country Club committee members who will vote need to think about the Community and not having those sporting services as they are essential for people's recreation. We do have a lot of retirees here and we want to make sure that we can provide for them. That is why we are very strong in supporting them. I think there has been problems with the last proposal which only included 8-rinks but my understanding is that the person who suggested the proposal didn't speak to Bowls and didn't speak with Golf. I understand that is being rectified in the next few days and you will get a different proposal that will go the AGM which will consider your specific requirements.

John Goodheart

I wish to give some clarity on the amount of work that has gone into this exercise and where we are hoping it will go as I am the Secretary at the Country Club. There are a lot of people at the Country Club that are excited about the prospect to invite the Bowling Club to the facility. It is a good cultural fit and a good opportunity to make this work.

We have had a few instances that have been unpalatable where people have tried to figure out how we will fit Bowls at the Country Club. The whole reason why we run into these issues is not because we do not want Bowls at the Country Club, it is because the Country Club is land locked. We have Golf Course on one side, road on another, Tennis Courts on the third side and Squash Courts on the fourth side. Either the Country Club had to be relocated so that we could make space or we have to find one of the sports that would make some room to allow Bowls infrastructure to be put in at the Country Club. This has been the issue at the Country Club since I have been involved for the last 3 and a half years, where do we fit it in?

We have always wanted the 12-rink Bowling green and the reason we wanted it is because we are the Regional Centre (we are a super town) and we want a 12-rink bowling green. Why would we build an 8-rink bowling green when they are available in Tambellup, Broomehill and available everywhere else? We need a facility that is going to be a true Regional representation for Bowls and gives them the future that they are looking for, not just because we want you up there because it will make a difference in some other way, it is a real cultural fit. The type of sports we play at the Country Club;
Golf – one or two people can go out and play golf;
Squash – two people play squash;
Tennis – two people play tennis; and now
Bowls – a couple of people can go down any time and bowl together and have a good time. It does not need to be a carnival or pennants season or if you want to go and practice, you can go down on your own.

It is a total different fit, when you look at the Leisure Centre where you have football teams, basketball teams, soccer teams and all those other types of sport. I think the natural progression of the way things go, as you get older, you move into the secondary

sports, move away from football into squash and tennis and then into golf and bowls. Why not be a member in one location and be able to take up all opportunities under one membership instead of having to be a member in two or three locations. It is going to be financially beneficial to you and you can make a future. Yes, there has been people who have said "is this really what we want?". I think those people are still confused and do not see the long-term benefits. I believe they will change their minds once this happens. If we can get together and present a unified front, I think we can win. The Bowling Club will be happy and the Country Club will be happy, there is no reason why this should not be so.

Ernie Maples

Thank you, John. Regarding the 12-rink, we also need equipment which has not been priced to the budget yet. Obviously, we are not fully aware of what pricing we are going to be needing on the equipment yet but I understand that will be worked out.

John Goodheart

Where we are at with the proposal at this stage, we are doing concept design. If you have ever been through an architectural or engineering course you will know that the concept is where we want to get it up there. Once we get the Country Club and the Bowls Club members to say, 'let's go ahead with this', then we get around a table and discuss what each other need. The funding starts off, Bowls must be right and then what ever is left we can use what we need to do. Let's fix the problem rather than walk away from it. Let's sort out what we want to do so everyone is happy with it. That is what I am proposing as Secretary on the Country Club.

Ernie Maples

Thank you, John. The Golf Club is on a different line, from what you are.

Bernadette Bradley

I am a Golf Club Member and a Bowling Club Member. I would like to know how much longer the Bowling Club can wait and get a story that fits, and won't be changed next week. We are continuously being told different stories of what we are allowed to do.

Ernie Maples

It has also been 5 years in the making, to get to where we are now and we are still at ground zero.

Liz Guidera

The only thing that I will say is that this funding was announced in May 2016. You may have done preliminary talking previously; the timeframe is only two years. I have heard a lot of people saying the same thing, that it has gone on forever, but the real opportunity has only been around for 2 years. Yes, there was a side track from Hockey, then Tennis, trying to find a location was difficult but with the Country Club moving to close the road and locate Bowls right outside the door, as I understand location was an issue, has really changed the game.

Bernadette, what you will find is that the Country Club must commit next week at their AGM. Once they commit, that's it. It will be design, build and play.

Derek Stock

I am speaking on behalf of the Miniature Railway in regard to the All Ages Playground. What is the timeline for the All Ages Playground to be completed?

Will there be more play equipment there, than there already is?

From what I have seen on the proposal on the television presentation is that there doesn't seem to be any extra play equipment. When people visit the All Ages Playground, they come for the equipment, not for the landscaping and trees. From what I see so far is that there is a lot of landscaping and not much equipment.

I am still unsure about relocating the entrance to Albion Street. I still believe that it is better where it is. I believe will drive past and they won't turn in unless there is a lot of signage.

What is going to happen with the Truck and Windmill? There is no drawing of this being located at the All Ages Playground or at the Lions Park. That is our entry statement.

I have been speaking with people regarding how the All Ages Playground will the Miniature Railway and apparently still in concept stage they still do not know how it will be affected. Apparently, the fence will be moved in slightly to accommodate the roads but I still do not know if this will affect us or not.

Liz Guidera

You are right Derek, we are in concept design. The timeline to completion, as at the last Ordinary Council Meeting was April 2019 for the major components.

Is there going to be more play equipment then there is now? Certainly, Councillors hope so. We have gone through the concept design and we have been assured through the whole process that now that we go to design documentation is where the working group will be able to see what kind of equipment is going to be there. We have quite a number of invested Councillors that are looking for good equipment.

Moving the entrance to Albion Street, that really was about making better use of the parking space and having an overflow parking. It is all linked up, coming in a bit further but we do think the design will flow well and there will definitely be signage. Signage is an issue in this town, all the way through, and Council have raised this very early and has been picked up in all of the Master Planning and all of the Project Planning. We need to make sure people can find their way clearly through town.

The Truck and the Windmill, it was raised again once we received the concept design. The Lions Club have written to the Council and said that they were happy for it to go in the Lions Park, that has been the presumption from Council all this time. We were a little bit disappointed not to see it physically in the concept design because at this stage, that is where we believe it will go.

How will the All Ages Playground affect the Miniature Railway? At this stage we are only looking at taking that corner piece of land and that is about the flow of the traffic, only the corner. We acknowledge the amazing job you do as a group of volunteers to provide entertainment for the community and visitors. We hope that improving the whole park

will invigorate the Miniature Railway as well. There will be disruption during the build. We have not received a schedule as yet but once received we are hoping to be able to tell the community exactly what the stages are going to be, how it will affect them and what opportunities we will be able to give them with alternative play areas.

Derek Stock

Before you move the fencing, could you please consult with the Miniature Railway?

Julian Murphy

Between myself and Andrus Budrikis, we will make sure you are informed.

Julie Stock

I have noticed that the temporary fencing around the big slide has been removed. Children can climb up and slide down and really hurt themselves. Can something be done so children cannot climb up the slide?

Liz Guidera

Thank you for bringing that to our attention. We will make sure something is arranged shortly.

Peggy Sambell

There is a rumour going around town regarding the Veterinary Practice extending the building to accommodate large animals. Is that a rumour or is that the truth?

Liz Guidera

The Shire of Katanning has not received a formal application by the Kojonup Vet but what they want to do is treat larger animals out the back of their current Veterinary Practice. There is a lot of development to happen between now and then. We have received correspondence from our current Vet and we hope that we will be able to sit together and work out the way forward for those proposals. Councillors are informed on both sides of what can happen. What we need to do is ensure that we do have Veterinary Services in Katanning for the future so it has presented a good opportunity and I was pleased to receive a letter from Dr Maxwell outlining his possibilities. Council will have an informal discussion and proceed from there.

Peggy Sambell

I wonder if, we as a community and as a town, would fancy the idea of having smelly large animals in the town centre? As a community, will we be presented with an opportunity to say anything about it or is it something that Council have the say?

Julian Murphy

I am not sure where the application process has got to at the moment as it is still going back and forth between the Environmental Health Officer and the applicant. Certainly, no decision has been made yet. From my understanding it will be an extension of the hospital service including a treatment room for larger animals, not holding yards. At this stage it is still in process and for this kind of sensitive application it would be wise for Council to consider public comment before we make a decision.

Jim Sambell

I have an issue with the parking on Koobelya Avenue, including two areas across from either entrance at the Hospital. There is a large area there occupied by the English Oak Trees which I believe are now classified as protected. That area is at interest to my wife and I because we live there. We have now seen the area under the trees has deteriorated, it is basically just gravel as it has been parked on over a period of time. We have seen a threat to the trees themselves as some of them are showing signs of stress. Each morning at least a dozen cars are parking under the trees, they are hospital staff. In some occasions the parked cars block the entrance to our driveway. I understand from my discussion with Julian Murphy that the Council does have the power to restrict parking in the area. If you would please look into this and see if something can be done? I understand there is sufficient parking for the Hospital Staff on their own grounds.

Koobelya Avenue has always been a speed area. Some cars are going to the medical centre and some cars are going to Koobelya. We have cars come up the road to pick up and drop off their children. There are no speed signs, the only speed sign near to Hospital is if you look down Clive Street you will see a little sign by the NBN box saying slow down to 50km per hour. I think there should be signs on both sides of the hospital, large signs that make it clear that there are speed limits. I have spoken with one of the Shire Officers and he said he would come up and have a look around, I said that I would love that to happen.

Liz Guidera

Paul Webb will be the Officer that will go see you and view the issue. We did have a look at restricting parking to the area when the Hospital was under construction but we thought that it would be for a short period of time. We might need to talk to the Hospital about the continuation of parking.

Paul Webb will also have a look at the speed signs while he is there.

Lisa Blacklow

Is there a footpath strategy and connectivity of footpaths from kerb to kerb in the future plans of Katanning? At the moment there are no clear linkages from top to bottom of town, in particularly the rejuvenation of Piesse Lake and All Ages Playground area becomes a natural addition to future budgeting. Need to consider children on scooters, people with prams, people with gophers.

Liz Guidera

Footpaths has certainly been raised within Council and it is on the list. The list is very long, we do recognise that it is important to have connectivity through town and for healthy communities, we do want people to be out and be able to walk and get around. Paul Webb has also got Footpaths on his list of the strategies that are going to come through to Council and we will be dedicated and we will make sure we look out for any funding opportunities and apply for whatever we can.

Julie Stock

Tony is on a gopher and he has great problems going past some of the shops with furniture, signs and all things over the footpath. In fact, I know he uses the road more

than he should but sometimes he can't get through. If something can be done to ask shops to keep their stuff closer to their shop and not all over the footpath?

Liz Guidera

This issue has been taken up previously. This issue is a tricky one as it does add to vibrancy of the community having things on the street and making them welcoming but obviously there needs to be a clear walk way. We will certainly have a chat again.

Teresa Flugge

Fruit fly baits, are we ever going to do that again or not?

Liz Guidera

Probably not. The Shire could not sustain the cost in the past. I think Landcare have previously done some environmental baits and maybe we could work with them to see if we could get something cost effective and assist.

Colin Lockhart

Question on traffic along Arbour Street. When the Shire closed off Clive Street to do the construction works at the roundabout Arbour Street became very busy and it has not let up. People now travel down Arbour Street and they do it very quickly. There is not a sign on Arbour Street to inform that it is a 50km per hour street. I had an instance where I was watering my lawn and a truck went past texting away on his phone and not watching the road which is a problem. Do we make a request for a speed hump?

Liz Guidera

I think that is a truck route through town so I do not think you will get a speed hump through there but we can consider the 50km sign. Because it is a main road through town, out to the Dumbleyung Road that people might assume that you can go 60km. Paul Webb will also add this item to his list.

Generally, it is 50km per hour to build up areas unless signed.

Please remember that you have Councillors here and we are always happy to have a chat and certainly I am happy for people to call me, and they do. I appreciate people bringing issues to me because we cannot be everywhere. Thank you all very much for coming along tonight. It is great because you all care about our community and that is why we are here as well. Thank you everyone and goodnight.

6. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.