



CONFIRMED MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2020



1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President, Cr Jon Hasson welcomed members of the public and declared the meeting open at 3.00 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED

Attendees:

Cr Jon Hasson	Shire President
Cr Brad West	Deputy Shire President
Cr Stuart Boekeman	Member
Cr Eion Ganzer	Member
Cr Mandy Stephenson	Member
Cr Andrew Tunstill	Member

Staff:

Stuart Taylor	Chief Executive Officer
Alan Hart	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Alana Wigmore	Manager Community Services
Melissa Marcon	Building Services Coordinator
Meredith Lee-Curtis	Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

Visitors:

Elizabeth Heavey
Pam Toster
Roslyn Sutherland
Dawn Vaughan
Ted Vaughan
Kay Parker
Graeme Lehmann

Apologies:

Cr Sue Falconer	Member
Karl Mickle	Manager Works & Services

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Shire President invited members of the public to ask questions.

Dawn Vaughan, President of the Ballidu Arts Society

Question 1:

The Ballidu Heritage Hall needs air-conditioning installed in the Supper Room (not the whole Hall area). Two quotes have been obtained at an approximate cost of \$8,000. Could Council please consider meeting the cost for this.

Answer 1:

The Shire President requested that the 2 quotes be forwarded to the CEO for consideration.

Question 2:

Health inspectors attended the Ballidu Heritage Hall a few weeks ago and reported that the end wall in the kitchen requires the cracks to be filled and painted. Ms Vaughan confirmed that the Arts Society is aware that their Agreement states that it is the responsibility of the lessor to undertake any maintenance, however, as the cracking is part of the Heritage Hall structure, could the Shire undertake the work.

Answer 2:

The Shire President advised that the request would be considered.

Question 3:

Ms Vaughan thanked the Shire on behalf of all ratepayers, for the care and attention to the Parks, however, they would like the Shire to undertake maintenance to the whole town, including weeding and a general tidy up of the streets, fixing broken kerbing and uneven footpath pavers.

Mrs Pam Toster supported Ms Vaughan with her request and offered for the Ballidu Progress Group to collaborate with the Shire to undertake the work.

Answer 3:

The Shire President advised that the request will be forwarded to the Manager Works and Services.

Mrs Roslyn Sutherland:

Question 1:

Can Council do anything about the spread of Patterson's Curse along road verges out west and east.

Answer 1:

The Shire President advised that the request will be forwarded to the Manager Works and Services.

Question 2:

Can Council paint lines on the roads in town, specifically near the entrance to CBH, where tourists have mistakenly entered CBH.

Answer 2:

The Shire President advised that this is in the budget and will be referred to the Manager Works and Services.

Mrs Kay Parker

Question 1:

Mrs Parker advised that she contacted the Manager Works and Services earlier in the year regarding the condition of the road along Fairbanks Street. A red witch's hat was placed next to the side of the road where there is a large hole about 6 months ago. Mrs Parker asked when this will be attended to as the hole is on a bend in the road and is quite dangerous.

Mrs Roslyn Sutherland supported Mrs Parker's query and offered to take the Councillor's on a tour of the town's roads and parks to point out their concerns.

Answer 1:

The Shire President advised that this request will be referred to the Manager Works and Services, however more than likely it will already be on his list of works to undertake. Council will consider Mrs Sutherland's offer of conducting a tour of the town and will advise soon.

The CEO advised that he will attend the roadway (with the witch's hat) later today and will follow up with the Manager Works and Services, and advise Mrs Parker of the outcome.

Mrs Liz Heavey

Question 1:

Mrs Heavey thanked the Works and Services Manager and Stephen Casey for the great job they did mowing the oval for the recent Dog Trials. Could the mowing and tidy-ups please continue throughout the year, and the mowing of the oval please be completed.

Answer 1:

The Shire President thanked Mrs Heavey for her comment and the Manager Works and Services will be advised of her request.

Mr Ted Vaughan

Question 1:

Who is responsible for the Ballidu Cemetery? Could the Cemetery be tidied up, it is an eyesore.

Answer 1:

The CEO advised that the Shire is responsible for the Cemetery. The Shire President advised that the request will be referred to the Manager Works and Services.

Mrs Roslyn Sutherland commented that when she volunteers at the Wongan Hills Visitor Centre, many visitors request the locations of the cemeteries, as they like to visit. Mrs Sutherland commented that she doesn't refer any visitors to the Ballidu Cemetery due to its poor condition of being overgrown and untidy.

Mrs Kay Parker

Question 2:

When entering or exiting the Sports Ground, drivers are required to nudge their vehicle out onto the main road to watch for traffic. Thick vegetation is obstructing the line of sight. Could this be attended to as a safety concern.

Answer 2:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this problem could be attended to soon, as the Department of Main Roads is responsible for this stretch of road and they have a crew in the area undertaking works.

Question 3:

Mrs Parker reported an overhanging tree on the road at the turnoff, to the Manager Works and Services who advised that this is the responsibility of the Department of Main Roads, that he would contact the Department and get back to Mrs Parker with the reference number. Mrs Parker advised that this has not been done.

Answer 3:

The Chief Executive Officer noted Mrs Parker's concern and advised that he will address this with the Manager Works and Services.

Mrs Pam Toster suggested Councillors meet with the Ballidu Progress Group to discuss the townspeople's problems.

The Chief Executive Officer offered for Council's Works Committee to undertake a tour of the town, himself and the Manager Works and Services, and community members.

Mrs Pam Toster thanked the Shire for their ongoing support of the Ballidu Contemporary Arts Centre, which is 30 years old. The Gallery is operating well with group meetings, an art collection and sculptures by WA artists.

Mrs Toster thanked Councillors Hasson and Stephenson for taking the time to attend the recent Ballidu Heritage Centre celebrations, particularly to Cr Hasson for his speech. The Arts Society are very flattered when Councillors attend. It would be appreciated if Councillors who are unable to attend provide their apologies.

Mrs Toster thanked the CRC and particularly Vanessa Deetlefs with the design of the new pamphlets, and thanked the Manager Works and Services, Stephen Casey and the road crew. The wildflowers are fabulous at the moment, and a large number of travellers are travelling along the Ballidu-Bindi Bindi Road. Mrs Toster requested that the weeds be sprayed along this roadway.

Mrs Toster apologised that Soula Veyraidier was unable to attend the meeting today but will attend the October Council meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that with regard to roadside spraying Council is currently considering a policy of replacing spraying with grading. The Shire has been in contact with the Department of Main Roads who have a good program and methodology, by limiting spraying and overspray, which in turn reduces complaints from farmers. The Shire needs to have discussions on what the Department uses and how they do it. The Shire intends to commence trials in some areas, with plant and equipment, using the grader for weed control.

The Shire President thanked the community for their questions.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

The Shire President thanked Mrs Pam Toster and the Ballidu Arts Society for their efforts and a wonderful celebration of the Heritage Centre last weekend.

Mrs Parker expressed disappointment at the poor attendance by Councillors at the Ballidu Heritage Centre celebrations last weekend, and for not providing an RSVP.

5. PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

6. APPLICATION/S FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE / DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cr Eion Ganzer disclosed a financial interest in Item 9.4.2.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2020:

MOTION MOVED: Cr Boekeman SECONDED: Cr Tunstill

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**CARRIED: 6/0
RESOLUTION: 010920**

8. MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil.