

Revised Minutes
tabled and
corrected at
Ordinary Council
Meeting 12 April 2005

Shire of Broome

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2005 COMMENCING AT 7:02PM

PRESIDENT:	Cr T W Vinnicombe	Shire President
COUNCILLORS:	Cr V L Wevers	Deputy Shire President
	Cr C R Mitchell	
	Cr P J Mitchell	
	Cr A C Griffiths	
	Cr E R M Foy	(from 7.04pm)
	Cr A K Grosse	(from 7.12pm)
APOLOGIES:	Cr G T Campbell	
OFFICERS:	Ian Bodill	Chief Executive Officer
	Jason Lyon	Director Corporate Services
	Allan Ralph	Director Engineering Services
	Darryl Butcher	Director Development Services
	Suzanne Lollback	Director Community Services
	Jo Durbridge	Community Relations Officer
	Olivia Galipo	Council Secretary
ELECTORS:	Steve Kesich	
	Dave Dureau	

1. ANNUAL REPORT

Moved: Cr C R Mitchell

Seconded: Cr A C Griffiths

That the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30th June 2004 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Speaker One - Mr Steve Kesich

- Mr Steve Kesich asked why the mixed-use zones had been extended and other areas limited and if there were any provisions for further extension?

The Shire President advised that there are plans for a new Town Planning Scheme and that extensions to the current mixed-use zones are something that had been

contemplated. The Director Development Services advised that due to the delay in the moving of the airport there is a lack of the mixed-use area in the Scheme. The Director Development Services advised that due to the delay in the moving of the airport there is a lack of the mixed-use area in the Scheme.

Director Development Services indicated that there have been changes made on the south end of Frederick Street and another area, Hamersley Street, will be put in the Town Planning Scheme.

2. Mr Kesich asked if the Town Planning Scheme would be available for public comment?

The Shire President advised that it would, as a part of the legal requirements.

3. Mr Kesich queried the location of the proposed EDL power station and Gas Storage site.

The Shire President is looking at this more aggressively and the Broome Planning Strategy process will address this, he assured Mr Kesich that Council is vigorously pursuing the relocation and that he was actively involved in putting the process to the respective Ministers

Speaker Two – Mr Dave Dureau

4. Mr Dave Dureau asked if the Minutes of the Broome Steering Committee support the EDL site and did not include other alternative sites?

The Shire President informed Mr Dureau that the Broome Steering Committee report at this moment is still confidential and that conclusion should not be made until such time as the report is completed.

5. New Chief Executive Officer

Moved: Mr Dave Dureau

Seconded: Mr Steve Kesich

That Mr Ian Bodill, Chief Executive Officer be welcomed to the Shire of Broome

CARRIED

6. Is the Shire of Broome reviewing the building restrictions on the 10 metre and two (2) storey limits?

The Shire President that strictly speaking the answer was no, the current position is that the scheme doesn't limit buildings to two storeys, however this is at odds with the planning strategy. Because if the misunderstanding we are looking at reviewing and clarifying the Town Planning Scheme.

7. Is the 10m height now the eave height?

The Shire President advised that this is correct.

8. When was the interpretation, given that this is the case, it is unclear for electors wishing to submit plans.

The Shire President advised that when the Town Planning Scheme was gazetted in December 1999 this provision was included. It is not a case of reinterpreting the scheme, as the wording is clear and unambiguous. However many people are unaware of the wording in the Scheme and this is one of the reasons this part of the Scheme is being reviewed.

9. Will the review be based on a Public Comment or as a part of the upcoming election process as a referendum?

Any Scheme amendment will need to adhere to the Statutory Requirements for advertising. Any other method of public consultation is yet to be determined. The Shire President also stated that it would be inappropriate for a referendum to be held at Election time as it is imperative that the Councillors be elected based on more than a single issue.

10. Why is Council avoiding/ignoring the policy of two (2) storey buildings?

Shire President informed Mr Dureau that Council is applying the as it is written. The Scheme does not put any effective limits on the number of storeys. Council always considers all applications on their merits.

11. Will Council consider putting a moratorium for approval on building applications for three (3) storey buildings?

Moved: Mr Dave Dureau

Seconded: Cr V L Wevers

That Council considers a moratorium on planning approval of buildings of greater than 10m overall height and a moratorium on planning approvals of buildings with more than two (2) storeys.

FOR: 6
AGAINST: 3

CARRIED

12. Why, in the definition is 10metres regarded more than two (2) storeys?

Shire President advised that the wording is 'to a maximum of 10 metres or 2 storeys'

Speaker Three - Cr C R Mitchell

13. If Council adopts the moratorium can the applicant appeal?

The Shire President advised that if the moratorium is adopted, staff will need to seek legal advice.

Speaker Two – Mr Dave Dureau

14. Mr Dureau asked what the current status of the Environmental Strategy is?

The Shire President advised that part of the strategy was completed and asked Director Development to clarify further the response was that Council take the question on notice.

Cr P J Mitchell informed that there was \$20,000 for the Strategy and leading towards adoption of six (6) environment policies, which are related to biodiversity. A consultant will give staff the direction to move forward and it will be included in the draft budget.

The Shire has created a 'State of Environment Report' and adopted six (6) policies related to biodiversity and the environment. The Shire also plans to add to its staff, an Environmental Officer within 18 months.

The Shire President advised Mr Dureau that this question would be taken on notice to seek further clarification.

Speaker Four - Cr A K Grosse

15. Roebuck Bay Marine Park

Amended at Ordinary Council Meeting 12 April 2005

Moved: Cr A K Grosse

Seconded: Cr V L Wevers

That Council forwards previous Council recommendations for the support of the Roebuck Bay Marine Park to the newly-recently re-elected Carol Martin MLA.

CARRIED

Speaker Two – Mr Dave Dureau

16. Mr Dureau asked Cr T W Vinnicombe if he felt it appropriate to apologise for his breach in the Town Planning Scheme?

Cr T W Vinnicombe informed Mr Dureau that he did not feel it would be appropriate as he made a public statement to the media and an apology to Councillors and staff for the awkward position that they had been placed in at a briefing session held not long after the matter was raised, and that breaches were alleged and he did not accept that there had been any actual breaches.

Cr T W Vinnicombe explained that he is now happily occupying his new premises in Macpherson Street.

17. Is Cr Griffiths' disclosure admitting his breach of interest included in the register?

Cr A C Griffiths informed Mr Dureau that he admitted his interest was in the Westpac building which is adjacent to Sheba Lane, the item brought to Council, this is not a matter for Council and the Department of Local Government is looking at the issue.

(At this point Cr A C Griffiths, Cr A K Grosse and Cr C R Mitchell and some members of the gallery departed Chambers)

18. Will Council and Chief Executive Officer consider having future Annual Elector Meetings not long after 30 June, for example in October?

Moved: Mr Dave Dureau

Seconded: Cr E R M Foy

That the Chief Executive Officer investigates the possibility of conducting the Annual Electors Meeting in October.

FOR: 2

AGAINST: 2

MOTION LOST

Cr T W Vinnicombe had the casting vote

3. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.