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Melville

MINUTES
OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON
29 NOVEMBER 2006

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM MELVILLE CIVIC CENTRE, 10 ALMONDBURY ROAD, BOORAGOON, COMMENCING AT 6.37PM ON WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2006.

1. PRESENT

Mayor K J Jackson

COUNCILLORS

Cr R Aubrey
Cr A Ceniviva
Cr C Halton (entered at 6.56pm)
Cr J Phillips
Cr L M Reynolds
Cr L J Wyatt / Cr M J Barton

WARD

Bull Creek / Leeming
City
Palmyra / Melville / Willagee
Applecross / Mt Pleasant
University
Bicton / Attadale

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Lumsden
Anne McAllister

Craig McClure
Marten Tieleman
Robert Willis

Phil Gale
Kylie Johnson
Tony Loudon
Bob Searle
Keith Weymes

Mark Ridgwell
Tracey Hirst
Warren Thornton
Rebecca Dougall

Electors of the City of Melville

Chief Executive Officer
Director Strategic Community
Development
Director Strategic Urban Planning
Director Customer & Corporate Services
Director Technical & Development
Services
Manager Infrastructure Services
Manager Organisational Development
Manager Operations Services
Manager Financial Services
Manager Planning & Development
Services
Property & Corporate Support
Senior Administration Officer
Civic Functions Officer
Minutes Secretary

17 people

3. APOLOGIES

Cr J R Bennett
Cr H R Everett
Cr P M Phelan
Cr D J Macphail
Cr C W Robartson

University
Applecross / Mt Pleasant
Palmyra / Melville / Willagee
City
Bull Creek / Leeming

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

The Mayor introduced all Elected Members and Senior Staff present at the Meeting.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 [Presentation of 2006/07 Rates Incentive Prizes](#)

On behalf of the City of Melville Her Worship the Mayor, K J Jackson extended sincere congratulations to all of the prize winners.

Mayor K J Jackson also extended appreciation to Westpac Banking Corporation for their continued sponsorship of the scheme.

The Rates Incentive Prize Winners are as follows:

First Prize - \$3,000 Advantage Saver Account from Westpac Banking Corporation
CJ & DR Andrews of Attadale

Six Ward Prizes - Multi Gym Membership valued up to \$690

DJ & MP Ellson, Mt Pleasant

MI & M Giles, Applecross

HC Chan, Bull Creek

JM Kelly & PC Wylie, Winthrop

JG Alder & PR Boniwell, Booragoon

BF & I Doyle, Melville

6.2 [Notice of Annual General Meeting of Electors](#)

The Notice of Meeting was advertised in the West Australian Newspaper on Wednesday 8 November 2006, and in the Melville-Fremantle Community Newspaper on Tuesdays 14 & 21 November 2006 in addition to being displayed on public notice boards at all the City of Melville libraries and the Civic Centre. The notice read:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on Wednesday, 29 November 2006 in the Conference Room of the Civic Centre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon commencing at 6.30 pm.

Order of Business

1. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2006
2. General Business

The Elected Members and Staff welcome your questions regarding the City of Melville, the Annual Report or any matter relating to the Notice of Meeting. A Question Form can be obtained from the City of Melville website www.melville.wa.gov.au or please contact Tracey Hirst on 9364 0269 for alternative arrangements.

In order for complex questions to be answered at the Meeting, questions must be received by 5.00pm on Monday, 27 November 2006.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available for inspection from Friday, 24 November 2006 at the Council Office and all City of Melville Libraries. A copy will also be available on the City of Melville website.

**ERIC LUMSDEN PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

6.3 Manner of Conduct of the Meeting

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register at the entry to the Conference Room.
2. Speakers must be Electors of the City of Melville.
3. The proceedings are being taped for the purpose of production of the minutes and speakers are requested to use the microphones each time they speak.
4. Speakers are asked to clearly give their name and address each time they speak.
5. Upon a motion being proposed, each speaker is to address the Chair.
6. All addresses are to be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Extension of time is permissible only with the agreement of a simple majority of Members present (9.6 of Standing Orders).
7. No persons are to use offensive or objectionable expressions in reference to any Member, employee of the Council, or any other person (8.3 of Standing Orders).

7. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

The Director Customer & Corporate Services, Mr Marten Tieleman advised that the Annual Reports were available on the chairs and advised that a new approach was undertaken this year in order to make the annual report more readable. A full copy of the Financial Statements is available from download from the City of Melville website or a hard copy at the libraries or the City of Melville Civic Centre.

Dr Cecil Walkly of Bicton moved, seconded Mr Martin Press of Kardinya -

THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006 BE ACCEPTED.

The Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared **CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Question 01/06

Mr Bruce James of Applecross

“My question relates to the provision of public toilets at Canning Bridge Station and that this issue should be raised with the appropriate Minister?”

The Director Strategic Urban Planning, Mr Craig McClure responded:

“The situation as we understand it is that there won’t be any public toilets at the Canning Bridge station, and while the Council did suggest that this was necessary, as it would be on all three stations in the City of Melville, we understand that the government has made the decision that it was not possible, or that it was highly expensive and therefore won’t be providing them at Canning Bridge”

Her Worship the Mayor, Katherine J Jackson responded:

“Of course this doesn’t stop the City of Melville or a concerned resident from taking up the issue with the Members of Parliament and certainly know that it would be in your best interest also to approach your local reps so we can get some action on this. We retrospectively put toilet facilities in for our Community and I am quite certain that they are possible of doing this also. So there is probably a need for them to put their thinking caps on once again and have a look at it.”

8.2 Question 02/06

Ms Lorelie Tacoma of Murdoch

“I would like to commend the Council for their action on graffiti this is an ongoing problem and I think that the government and the rules should get a lot stricter on those who are doing the graffiti. One can go to Singapore or Taiwan and there is not one piece of graffiti anywhere so it must be possible but I do commend you on what you are trying to do at present.”

The Director Technical & Development Services, Mr Robert Willis responded:

“Obviously graffiti is of a concern and I will be addressing this issue with Elected Members at a future workshop. It is of concern when you take just over twelve months ago we were spending just over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) a year which has now increased to three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000) for the last financial year. This is on square meterage by contractors. So three times more graffiti is being placed on our infrastructure, this is of concern. We are certainly wanting to be involved with WALGA and the State government and hope that they have some sort of taskforce in place to address this issue in a fresh light. Certainly we are very proactive in our own community and are working with the police which of course have their own problem. We appreciate the comments being made and we certainly need to work with the community on this antisocial behaviour.”

Her Worship the Mayor, Katherine J Jackson responded:

"I have also spoken to the Minister John Koebike and he has had a number of Mayors going to him as a delegation to speak about this particular matter as it is not only the City of Melville which is suffering, it is all of the City of Perth metropolitan area that is having the same issue. Unfortunately Government funding has been pulled from the graffiti taskforce and there has been cost shifting on to the Local Government. The Minister has said that he is trialling a new system with the City of Stirling and we are hoping that he will look at a possible trial of the system we have been talking about amongst ourselves. We are doing something about it, this is not an easy thing to deal with on our own. We are certainly keen to see the government take responsibility where it should and including dealing with those people who are caught appropriately too."

8.3 Question 03/06

Dr Cecil Walkly of Bicton

"I have two questions relating to Point Walter -

"No Identification of the Nurses Memorial, I ask many people when they go to Point Walter, have you visited the nurses memorial which of course relates to the Voila yacht sinking and the massacre of twenty-one (21) nurses on Banka island. I feel we should have a sign post somewhere on Canning Highway pointing out Point Walter and another on along Point Walter Drive pointing to the memorial. There are only two (2) memorials in Western Australia to nurses and ours is one of them and I think it should be given more notoriety and I don't think that is very expensive.

"Maintenance of the Golf Course – I know that there has been a change of the contractors and I am well aware that we have had less rain in the last few months I just don't think the standard of maintenance is the same as when it was handled by Turfmasters for five (5) years. I do know this, that Andrew the chap who is in charge, is trying to work very hard, but as far as I can see he has got less personnel and he certainly hasn't got the same amount of equipment brought in every week by Turfmasters. I think this is just an issue which should be drawn to your attention. I do know that for the golf day which was about a month ago that some extra workers were brought in for a month to try and do something."

The Director Technical & Development Services, Mr Robert Willis responded:

"I probably should just advise that the operational managers Tony Loudon and Phil Gale are in the audience and have taken note of what has just been said.

With regard to the nurse's memorial, I have similar concerns and we will be addressing the need to correctly identify this memorial and look at what directional signs we can do. I think you made some suggestions, I don't know about the one on Canning Highway, but certainly some signs down on Point Walter to direct those people is an excellent suggestion.

As far as Point Walter Golf Course, I am a little bit concerned about that, because having just played not so long ago a game of golf with Madam Mayor there, the praises were there about the condition of the golf course. We do have a water problem with our bore which is being actioned at the moment and that may be some of the reason associated with not being as green as you would like to see it. As far as the manpower is concerned, I believe that is in the same order as what Turfmaster had. We have been recruiting and we have some excellent staff down there with Andrew and his team itself. My understanding is that we have got ample equipment, I am certainly prepared to talk with you after the meeting to expand further on your concern.”

Her Worship the Mayor, Katherine J Jackson responded:

“I was down there on the same golf days actually that the City of Melville sponsored and as well as other co-sponsors and certainly the response from other golfers was that the golf course and greens were in excellent condition and far better condition than in the past. They have been working very hard at it and we have got an outstanding response. We would be happy to take on board your comments but we have received very good comments back from the golfers on the courses itself. We are happy to listen if we need to tweak anything.”

** Cr Halton entered the Meeting at 6.56pm.

8.4 Question 04/06

Mr Peter Hughes of Mount Pleasant.

“I really thought I was coming along tonight to listen to a debate, I didn’t really particularly come to speak. I did read in a recent paper comment regarding the underground power project in Mount Pleasant. Whilst in general I support the concept of underground power I was rather concerned to read the comment that the cost has gone from four thousand, six hundred dollars (\$4600) in comparison to Applecross one thousand, two hundred dollars (\$1200). That was in a newspaper report that I read, whether it was accurate or not. Could I have some comment on that please?”

The Director Customer & Corporate Services, Mr Marten Tieleman responded:

“The average cost of the undergrounding of power for each residence in Mount Pleasant will be in the order of four thousand, three hundred dollars (\$4300). That is a six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650) connection fee and a three thousand, six hundred and fifty dollar (\$3650) network fee, the previous underground power projects in Applecross and Mount Pleasant were in the order of two thousand dollars (\$2000) so there has been a substantial cost increase since those projects were complete. The contracts for when those projects were let were some five (5) years ago now. Council has asked Western Power for the reasons behind the cost increases and they have responded and it was included in one of our press releases. There has been a very substantial increase in the cost of materials over one hundred percent (100%) and also in the cost of the contractors over one hundred and thirty percent (130%) those are the reasons provided by Western Power. We are very conscious, as Officers, of the need to try and ameliorate the charge. We will be reporting to Council looking at the various options which we may be able to put in place to try and spread the cost burden over a number of years.”

8.5 Question 05/06

Mr Bruce James of Applecross

“Regarding the cost of power for Applecross, the accurate figures were a total of four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$4500) of which the Council payed one third or one thousand, five hundred dollars (1500). Western Power payed one third and we the ratepayers or the people who were connected pay one third. Those were the figures from when the power was taken when the change over was made from the aerial system to the underground system. I just wanted to correct the records. Other figures have been quoted today, but they were the accurate figures.”

The Director Customer & Corporate Services, Mr Marten Tieleman responded:

“I will accept your memory Mr James on that, you are usually very accurate. The only change has been that the Ratepayers now bear fifty percent (50%) of the cost of each underground power network.”

8.6 Question 06/06

Mr Bruce James of Applecross.

“Some of you will be aware that a few weeks ago early one morning which went on all morning, there was a very strong wind. The result of that was that the Kwinana Freeway towards the Perth end between the Canning Bridge and the Narrows Bridge had been sprayed with water and my attention was drawn to this so I got in my car and drove into Perth to see exactly what it was like and I was very surprised to see the waves breaking and the results coming across the freeway closing one lane and almost closing two (2) lanes. When I came back I had to wash my car down to get rid of the salt. But on the way back, I called in, as I live in Strome Road in Applecross; I called in to the little parking area by the Raffles Apartments. I parked my car, and as I walked down towards the Raffles I notice that the water, although the wind was strong it was nowhere near as strong as it was sheltered by the hill at that stage, but that it was no where near as strong, on the other side towards the Como area. But the river was up level and flush and across the footpath there. I turned around and as I walked back I could not believe the strength of the wind that I was faced with. My mind went back to the report that the Council received and the document it signed with Multiplex when the report was given by Professor Bill Melbourne to say that there should be some trees planted in the vicinity of the northern bank and just around the corner to try and reduce the wind draft.

My mind goes back to experience I had some years ago when I rode in a hot air balloon when I rode in the vicinity of Northam. After being up in the air for an hour, at one stage of the game we came down and we were going across a paddock and the bottom of the balloon basket was only about two metres (2m) off the ground. At the far side of the paddock there was a road coming down the hill with a large number of gum trees, very tall gum trees. As we approached this I said to the pilot, and they do call them pilots in the balloons, I said to the pilot its about time we put a bit more gas in this to get up over otherwise we will be into the trees. And his comment to me was no Bruce, just watch what happens and wait. And as we got to the trees the balloon went up over and down, we stayed at the same level on the other side. And it drew my attention to the fact that's what the trees would do. It was very obvious there that the trees would keep the updraft and then hence this is the reason that Professor Melbourne said we needed a large number of trees along the northern embankment of the Raffles Apartments,

I do believe the Council needs to be very careful in changing that rule and I know there are problems and it has been discussed at the Melville Amenity Preservation group and I have a letter three quarter drafted to the Council to draw your attention to this fact. If you do remove the trees, if the trees are removed to the extent that they are of very little effect, there will be very little wind movement and the draft situation there will be very great. I believe as an Engineer, because of my experience with confined spaces and wind and fluids being put into restricted spaces, we all know that the velocity increases greatly. And the other day when I was there, children coming off the bus or of the train walking and elderly people there would have been blown about and I believe some of them could be damaged. If there are no trees to go if there are very few trees to go, my suggestion to the Council is that some other form of entrance format I don't know on the western end of the footpath be put to also deflect the wind so that we don't have this very high velocity of wind. There would be much higher velocity of wind at other stages, I just happened to be there at that stage. My recommendation is that you should consider it and I believe that a monitor system should be put in to record over the next two (2) or three (3) years what are the variations in the wind velocities there. The fact that that building has gone up has changed the whole complex of the wind on that foreshore."

The Manager Infrastructure Services, Mr Phil Gale responded.

"The current situation is that Multiplex today got their final approval from Swan River trust about two (2) weeks ago. There was perhaps what Mr James was referring to some problems with some trees was referring to the fact that the residents in the Raffles had put some appeal in against the landscaping which was primarily to do with the trees which were in the development on the north and eastern side. As this stage the landscaping is not complete because they hadn't had final approval from the Swan River Trust and as I said that only came through about a week and a half ago. I'm not able to say at this stage, because I have not had the final word from Multiplex, but at this stage their landscape plans are as adopted and approved by the Council for about seventeen (17) trees I think lined around that property, but the residents were appealing against it.

**** Mark Ridgwell departed the Meeting at 7.06pm.**

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Eric Lumsden responded:

“In addition to Mr Gales comments, I would just like to point out Mr James that the Council is not the overall authority for that development in terms of that location, it was the Swan River Trust who is the managing authority, As Mr Gale correctly outlined, there was an appeal by the residents. That appeal has been heard by the relevant Minister and I know that the Trust took a very strong line on the need for trees I can tell you that as I spoke to the CEO himself on that matter. The Minister determined the appeal which retained the landscape as Mr Gale has responded. I don’t know the specific provisions of the Ministers decision as yet, the decision goes to Multiplex with a copy to the Council.”

The Manager Infrastructure Services, Mr Phil Gale responded.

“Madam Mayor, that was the decision that came through and says that stands as and it wasn’t the decision that refers directly to the trees or the appeal, it just said here’s your approval for the landscaping as approved by Council.”

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Eric Lumsden responded:

“Ok well in terms of that information I have just been given basically, what the Minister has just determined is that the Councils recommendation stands as per the landscaping plan, there is no modification to it, Thank you.”

Dr Cecil Walkly of Bicton moved, seconded Mr Bruce James of Applecross

THAT ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS BE THANKED FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB THEY HAVE DONE THIS YEAR.

The Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared **CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

There being no further business, The Worship the Mayor, Katherine J Jackson, declared the Meeting closed at 7.12pm.