



— *City of* —
Melville

MINUTES
OF THE
GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON
28 NOVEMBER 2007

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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 6.35PM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2007.

1. PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor, R A Aubrey

COUNCILLORS

Cr H R Everett (Deputy Mayor)
Cr N Pazolli
Cr D J Macphail, Cr A Ceniviva
Cr R Subramaniam
Cr P M Phelan
Cr C M Halton (Arrived 6.45pm)

Cr G Wieland

WARD

Applecross/Mount Pleasant
Applecross/Mount Pleasant
City
Bull Creek/Leeming
Palmyra/Melville/Willagee
Palmyra/Melville/Willagee

Bicton Attadale

2. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M Tieleman
Ms A Banks-McAllister

Mr R Willis

Mr C McClure
Mr B Searle
Mr K Davis

Mr B Taylor

Ms K Johnson
Mr J Cameron
Mr K Weymes

Mr J Clark

Ms D Tracey
Ms B Mitchell

Electors of the City of Melville

POSITION TITLE

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Director Strategic Community
Services
Director Technical & Development
Services
Director Strategic Urban Planning
Manager Financial Services
Programs Manager Strategic Urban
Planning
Manager Information, Technology &
Support
Manager Organisational Development
Manager Engineering Design
Manager Planning & Development
Services
Governance & Compliance Program
Manager
Business Support Officer
Minute Secretary

9 people

3. APOLOGIES

Cr M J Barton
Cr J R Bennett

Bicton Attadale
University

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr L M Reynolds
Cr C W Robartson

University
Bull Creek/Leeming

5. INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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

6. BUSINESS

6.1. PRESENTATION OF 2007/08 RATES INCENTIVE PRIZES

On behalf of the City of Melville His Worship the Mayor, R A Aubrey extended congratulations to all of the prize winners. Mayor R A Aubrey also extended sincere thanks 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
O & P Shannon, Dalkeith (for property in Bicton) presented by Mr G Pascotto.

Six Ward Prizes - Multi Gym Membership valued up to \$720
G H Kock & R L Houng, Winthrop
Mr S & Mrs M Philbrook, Willagee
Mr J & Mrs A Gibb, Applecross
Mr D Gamble & Ms V Regan, Bullcreek
Ms W Howard, Bicton
Mrs I Hummerston, Applecross

6.2. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

His Worship the Mayor R A Aubrey drew attention to the following notice which had been advertised in the West Australian Newspaper on Wednesday 14 November 2007, and in the Melville-Fremantle Community Newspaper on Tuesdays 13 & 20 November 2007 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, 28 November 2007 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 2007
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 Dorothy Tracy on 9364 0259 for alternative arrangements.

In order for complex questions to be answered at the Meeting, questions must be received by 5.00pm on Monday, 26 November 2007.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available for inspection from Friday, 23 November 2007 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. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
5. Speakers are asked to clearly give their name and address each time they speak.
6. Upon a motion being proposed, each speaker is to address the Chair.
7. 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).
8. 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 2007

His Worship the Mayor R A Aubrey advised that copies of the Annual Report had been circulated and had been available on request from the City of Melville, libraries and the Internet.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

His Worship the Mayor R A Aubrey invited questions from the floor.

8.1 Question 01/07

Dr Cecil Walkley of Bicton

"Has any consideration been give (sic) to publishing Development Applications received by the City? I append copies of the process adopted by the Nedlands and Subiaco local authorities in the Post Newspaper every month. Many thanks."

Response

Manager Planning & Development responded:

All planning approval and building licence applications and decisions are listed on the City of Melville website. The applications are searchable by address, date or application number.

At 6.45pm Cr C Halton entered the meeting.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.2 Question 02/07

"I appreciate that there are vast numbers. I am aware it is on the website but a lot of people don't use the website. A lot of people my age haven't been brought up with computers. I think a vast number of people would like it if you would publish it somewhere. That's just a suggestion. Thank you".

Manager Planning & Development responded:

Planning and Development receives about 700 applications a month, so there's a vast number of decisions that have to roll through that particular part of the organisation. We do list on the web, of course, applications received, applications determined, and the decision that was made relevant to each of those applications. We have been doing it for some time so it's one of the quiet things I suppose the City's actually achieved. That's the reason they are not published in any other form. Thank you.

His Worship the Mayor R A Aubrey responded:

I have also been reminded that Internet facilities are available at City of Melville libraries.

8.3 Question 03/07

"I would first like to congratulate the people responsible for preparing this Annual Report.

I am pleased to notice the fact now you are getting your bird hollows back at Point Walter. I've noticed an increase in the number of Port Lincoln parrots and they were being eliminated or they weren't able to breed for the last few years because of the number of bees there. The number of parrots has increased considerably at Point Walter in the past year. The only alternative answer is there is so much development going on they are being pushed there.

The other thing I would like to ask, is that on page 18 of your Report – "RSL stone memorial". Can someone tell me about that?

And while someone is thinking about it I would like to convey the thanks of an Enid Home, of Albany, and many other ex-nurses for what has been done to the Violet Barton Memorial in Point Walter where your signposting has made it much more evident where it is and more people are visiting it and it is very appreciated. I brought it up last year and I thank all the officers for what they've done".

His Worship the Mayor, R A Aubrey responded:

Regarding the Foss/Point Walter Public Open Space installation of seating lighting, water-wise garden beds, and an RSL stone memorial (works to be completed in 2007-2008), Mr P Gale would be the person to answer that but he is at a conference at this time but the Deputy Mayor would like to address that issue.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr H R Everett responded:

Several months ago the RSL, at their hall in Foss Street, had constructed - and it was opened - the little memorial garden just over the road from the RSL hall. There was a ceremony performed by an Army Chaplain who came and blessed the proceedings. There were the usual prayers and the usual "Lest we forget" and that little monument - that little garden - is now just over the road and is available for public memory. Hopefully it will remain free of graffiti and other vandalism which unfortunately goes on when little monuments like that are erected.

8.4 Question 04/07

"What's happening about underground power in what has been known as west Bicton? It started there a few years ago, came to an end and then you started in Mt Pleasant but west Bicton - well the rest of Bicton - has been ignored despite that cyclone. Thank you".

Director of Technical & Development Services, Mr R Willis responded:

It is certainly a good question. The Council has a whole program for the whole City itself. Applications are submitted to the government and the panel is based on a priority basis. It is associated with infrastructure and difficulties that Western Power have with respect to reliability of service and continuation. I would hope that the area you are talking about is the next priority, hence the reason you see a need for it. Certainly the Council is aware of it. Unfortunately the program, while it hasn't been stopped, has been slowed down due to funds being spread over a longer period of time and that's slowed down the program itself. But be assured this Council is committed to the program of rolling out the underground power. We see some significant benefits in less pruning associated with the Western Power poles, more reliable service and those benefits I know you are aware of, and obviously the amenity of the area is enhanced. So we are very conscious of your question and the need for it and hope that this is in essence, a response to your question.

8.5 Question 05/07

"What is the situation with the golf course at Point Walter? I had assumed, and I think we were told last year, that it was now being run by the Council directly and now I see here the golf course has been leased and the responsibility for maintaining it is by some group. Can someone give me a bit more information about that?"

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr M Tieleman responded:

Maintenance of the greens and the whole of the Point Walter precinct has been taken over by Council. We have our dedicated Works Crew in that area who undertake that work, to a very high standard I might add. The actual management, running of the Pro Shop and the management of play at the golf course, is run by Belgravia Leisure Management who run a number of golf courses throughout Australia, predominantly in the eastern states. They won that contract through tender. So Belgravia Leisure Management are the managers of Pro Shop, the Function Room and the play.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.6 Question 06/07

"I understand now that the golf course actual maintenance is being done by the City of Melville, and they're just running the other thing. Well then I should congratulate the City of Melville because they have planted a tremendous number of trees and bushes in the last year".

His Worship the Mayor R A Aubrey thanked Dr Walkley for his feedback.

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor, R A Aubrey declared the Meeting closed at 6.55pm