



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

**on
Tuesday, 25TH NOVEMBER 2003
7.30pm
City of Albany - Mercer Road Office**

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Signed _____

Date: 26TH November 2003

Andrew Hammond
Chief Executive Officer

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Deputy Mayor Evans declared the meeting open at 7.32pm and extended a welcome to all present.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Attendance:

Councillors

- MJ Evans, JP
- SM Bojcun
- AHM Demarteau
- DJ Wolfe
- DW Wellington
- G Sankey
- JD Williams
- EA Barton
- B Emery
- R Paver
- J Waterman
- I West
- A Hammond

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Corporate &

Community Services

Executive Director Development Services

Executive Director Works & Services

Manager of Finance

Minute Taker

- WP Madigan
- R Fenn
- B Joynes
- S Goodman
- S Day

Approximately 12 members of the public

Nil media representatives

Apologies / Leave of Absence:

Mayor

Councillor

- AE Goode, JP
- P Lionetti

3. OPENING PRAYER

Councillor Demarteau read the opening prayer.

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beauty and peace of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen.”

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

*** A Brady – Albany Ratepayers Association**

Asked if the Ratepayers Association could have a representative on each of the Council Committees.

Chief Executive Officer responded and advised that there are approximately 90 Committees of Council. Research into this request to determine if it would be beneficial would be done.

*** A Simpson – Frederickstown Progress Association**

Mrs Simpson queried the amount of Council absentees from Council meetings. She is concerned that the elected members are not representing the Community.

Chief Executive Officer responded by advising this may have been reported in the media due to the Retail Trading Hours issue and that Councillors have been unable to vote on this issue due to no quorum being present, as some Councillors have a disclosed an interest.

***A Brady**

Mrs Brady responded to the Chief Executive Officer's comments and asked that Councillors make more of an effort in attending meetings as representatives of the Community.

***A Simpson**

Mrs Simpson addressed Council in regard to the number of Committees taken on by Councillors and asked that representation on Committees be spread more evenly between Councillors.

Deputy Mayor responded and said that a review of external Committees and Council representation should be investigated.

***R Kerruish**

Mr Kerruish addressed the Council in regard to the funding of the proposed new Administration Centre and requested a full funding breakdown be made available for the public.

Chief Executive Officer advised that the Council will be able to supply a full funding breakdown once figures had been obtained and tenders sought.

Mr Kerruish also asked if Council would consider the old Gas Works site as a possible site for the new Administration Building.

Deputy Mayor thanked Mr Kerruish for his comments regarding this issue and advised that these would be included within the minutes.

***S Crisp – Frederickstown Progress Association & ratepayer**

Mr Crisp queried the proposed new Cultural and Arts Centre and queried the tenders and funding source.

Chief Executive Officer responded with that no tenders had yet been called for this project. Proposals have been prepared, however, these have numerous escape clauses included incase funding is not made available. Presentation to Parliament for \$12.2m had been made, as are other sources being investigated.

Mr Crisp addressed Council in regard to the absence of the Mayor and her recently denied leave. He asked if Council could address this issue urgently.

Chief Executive Officer advised that this issue is the Mayor's decision.

***A Brady**

Seeking information on the Finger Jetty at Lower Kalgan. Has funding been approved for the upgrade of this facility?

Chief Executive Officer advised that funding had been approved. Financial negotiations to try and reduce the costs are currently taking place.

***A Brady**

Rubbish Tip Passes

How did this come about?

Executive Director Works & Services advised that the tip passes had been developed after several years of consultation and will help encourage recycling and green waste removal.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED A BRADY

SECONDED R WATERMAN

THAT the Annual General Meeting of Electors 2001/02 held on 12th November 2002 to passed as true and accurate records of proceedings.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2002/03 FINANCIAL YEAR

MOVED F CROWLEY

SECONDED T EVERS

THAT the Annual Report for the 2002/03 financial year be accepted.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

On behalf of the Council, Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Hammond extended their sincere congratulations to Hope Sharp for her recognised efforts to the Albany Community.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

M Evans, JP

Deputy Mayor