



Shire of
Chapman Valley
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CONFIRMED MINUTES

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS NABAWA
6.00PM**

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Of the outcome of the application or request of the decision made by the Shire of Chapman Valley.

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Maurice Battilana
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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ELECTORS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS NABAWA ON
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.07PM**

Order of Business:

1.0 Declaration of Opening / Announcements of Visitors

The Chairman, Cr Collingwood declared the meeting open at 6.07pm.

2.0 Record of Attendance

2.1 Present

a. Councillors

Member	Ward
Cr John Collingwood (President)	North East Ward
Cr Anthony Farrell (Deputy President)	North East Ward
Cr Pauline Forrester	North East Ward
Cr Trevor Royce	North East Ward
Cr Kirrilee Warr	North East Ward
Cr Peter Humphrey	South West Ward
Cr Veronica Wood	South West Ward
Cr Ian Maluish	South West Ward

b. Staff

Officer	Position
Mr Maurice Battilana	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Simon Lancaster	Manager of Planning
Mrs Karen McKay	Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

c. Visitors

Name	Name
Mrs Sue Collingwood	Mr Daniel Pendlebury
Ms Linda Saunders	Mrs Tina Pendlebury
Mr Tom Davies	Mrs Brooke Bennett
Mrs Tana Davies	

2.2 Apologies

Name	
Mr Maurice Webb	Mrs Dezi Webb

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 2013.

<p>MOVED: CR FARRELL SECONDED: CR HUMPHREY</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 6 February 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED Voting 8/0 Minute Reference AEM 02/14 - 1</p>

4.0 Receiving of Annual Report 2012/2013

Mr. Tom Davies questioned the financial viability of the Shire, given the Long Term Financial Plan has revealed the Shire is reliant on the continuation of the Roads to Recovery grant program to sustain the Shire road works program.

The replies from Elected Members & Staff acknowledged the Shire did have some financial challenges ahead it is thankful the Long Term Financial Plan has identified these. Council has always strived for operational efficiencies and will continue to do this with a clearer understanding of the long term financial forecast.

It was also clarified that in excess of 80% of local government authorities are in similar (or worse) positions.

The CEO referred to the Ratios listed in the Audit/Management Reports as a clear indication of the Shire's financial position and the recommendations associated with these Reports are there to assist Council.

<p>MOVED: CR FORRESTER SECONDED: MR DAVIES</p> <p>That the 2012/2013 Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements, Audit Report, Presidents Report and Chief Executive Officer Report be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED Voting 8/0 Minute Reference AEM 02/14 - 2</p>
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5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Brooke Bennett – Parkfalls Residents Association

An email was received from Mrs Brooke Bennett with a number of questions regarding Parkfalls Estate. Mr Battilana responded to Mrs Bennett's email prior to the Annual Electors meeting and further discussion was held during the meeting.

When will the roadworks at the David Road/Eliza Shaw end of the Estate be started?

Will be contracted out and we are currently receiving quotes from contractors to undertake this work.

I have heard the comment that it will not be started until East Bowes Rd is completed. When will this be?

Not true.

Is it really appropriate to have a safety hazard such as this corner putting lives at risk due to a lack of council resources?

The risk was assessed by our Engineers and no comment was made on this being a traffic hazard only that the alignment could be improved.

Should the council not have the resources should the work not be contracted out to someone who does?

As above

I make the point that should there be an accident there in the meantime; the council could be considered culpable in the sense that they have been made aware of a safety issue but have not taken steps to fix it. There have been many more incidents at this corner since my last letter to you requesting it be attended to and it is only a matter of time until someone gets hurt.

I suppose if it is a real concern to all residents we can place 30KM/H speed restriction signs here. However, I reiterate, the engineers have not listed this as a safety issue.

What being done about the shipping containers and people illegally squatting in their sheds etc. on the Estate? (There is a perception in the Estate that some people have been required to follow the rules and do the right thing, others are being allowed flout the rules and do whatever they want. The main grumble I suspect is this inequality and not the visual problems caused by this).

Council staff continues to try and enforce the Council Sea Container Policy. Though, as I am sure you will understand, enforcement is not always easy and is an expensive exercise. We will continue to work with those not complying.

When will the weed spraying program commence in the estate? Do we even have any actual program to keep on top of it or is it only done in response to complaints?

There is an ongoing weed spraying process yet no specific policy as there are no declared weeds in the Shire which require attention (legally). However, Council does focus on specific weeds and the Parkfalls verge areas have had as much attention (if not more) as other areas within the Shire.

Despite queries back in December, we are yet to be notified when the Weed Spraying will commence for Walkaway Burr etc. in the Estate. I have had many complaints from residents that the Burr is taking over and spreading onto their properties. The only answer I have had was 13/12/13 from Maurice which was a copy of an Email from Earl "Parkfalls. Plans are to spray this once more in the near future as soon as heat and wind permit" Anything more specific I can take back to the members?

Walkaway Burr is not a declared plant and therefore there is no obligation upon Council to control this plant. However, Council does allocate resources to this. We cannot do this in isolation and (as you will know) this particular plant is prevalent throughout the Estate on private land as well as Shire controlled land.

Finally:

Does the Council plan on dealing with the Association in a respectful manner and recognise that we pay rates and have a right to ask questions and make requests?

I suppose this works both ways Brooke. I cannot recall any disrespectful emails coming from my office or staff during my time here. Perhaps you can provide me with such evidence and I will follow-up on these.

Linda Saunders - 311 Eliza Shaw Drive, White Peak, 6532

Correspondence was received from Linda Saunders 4 February 2014 and Linda read this to the meeting with the following questions included:

Is the Council aware of the safety issues arising and the changing needs that have occurred in Parkfalls through its growth and changed development?

Council thanks Mrs Saunders for her question and the Shire will review this issue, which could include the Shire surveying all landowners within the Parkfalls Estate inviting comment upon the potential reduction of the speed limit in the area.

Is there an opportunity to modify the horse trails to include paths?

The Shire will review this issue, which could include consideration of gravelling of selected bridle paths.

Are Council ready to rectify poor safety planning and decision making from the past?

Council does not share the opinion that there has been poor safety planning and decision making from the past.

Will there be funding allocated in 2014 to complete the 2009 plan and road side verges?

The formulation of the draft budget for the 2014/2015 year will commence in the coming months, and it is intended that the road network in the Parkfalls Estate will be viewed as part of Council's annual road inspection that comprises the budget preparatory process. A final decision on which items will be funded in the 2014/2015 budget cannot understandably be provided at this time.

Will the Shire allocate human resources, time and funding to renegotiate a plan for 2014/15?

The question refers to the Shire of Chapman Valley 'Local Bicycle Plan 2011-2015' and it would be reasonable to expect that review of this document will take place in the 2014/2015 year.

What reason was there for the exclusion of our estate?

The 'Local Bicycle Plan 2011-2015' makes a number of recommendations, particularly where school children are crossing and in proximity to heavy vehicle alignments within residential townsites, it is reasonable that these items should be addressed as a matter of priority in the initial period. With the completion of these actions a review of the document can assess other potential safety issues.

Will the shire investigate the need for bike paths and submit a plan that includes our estates?

The previous questions have been concerned with the provision of paths in the Parkfalls Estate in providing a 'safe community'; this is not a level of service that is evident in other rural-residential communities within the region. It should be noted that the provision of services that exceed those normally associated with a rural residential community will require additional funding, and may require the introduction of a special area rate to enable such additional levels of service to be funded.

Tina Pendlebury - Parkfalls

Mrs Tina Pendlebury asked in an email is there a bike plan for the Parkfalls area?

At this stage there is no Bike/Footpath Plan for the Parkfalls area, nor were there any such requirements in the initial subdivision application and subsequent approval and development.

The Parkfalls Estate was developed along the equestrian theme with areas linked via Bridle Paths, not verge paths.

Finally, similar estates to Parkfalls (e.g. Eastlyn, Deepdale, and Waggrakine) do not have bike/footpaths as this was also the nature of these types of subdivisions.

6.0 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked members, ratepayers, visitors and staff for attending and declared the electors meeting closed at 7.25pm