

# ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

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## Confirmed Minutes

6:00PM

6 February 2023

Nabawa Council  
Chambers

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SHIRE OF CHAPMAN VALLEY

*Jamie Criddle*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

“A thriving  
community,  
making the  
most of our  
coastline,  
ranges and  
rural settings to  
support us to  
grow and  
prosper”



SHIRE OF

**Chapman Valley**

*Love the rural life!*



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Shire of Chapman Valley would like to respectfully acknowledge the Naaguja peoples who are the traditional owners and first people of the land on which we stand.

We would like to pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Naaguja peoples.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Criddle", is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Jamie Criddle**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS

The President, Cr Warr welcomed Electors, Elected Members and Staff declaring the meeting open at 6:00pm.

### 2.0 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on today, the Naaguja people, and we pay our respects to elders both past, present and emerging.

### 3.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

#### 3.1 Attendees

Elected Members	In	Out
Cr Kirrilee Warr (President)	6:00pm	6:24pm
Cr Darrell Forth (Deputy President)	6:00pm	6:24pm
Cr Nicole Batten	6:00pm	6:24pm
Cr Beverley Davidson	6:00pm	6:24pm
Cr Liz Elliott-Lockhart	6:00pm	6:24pm
Cr Catherine Low	6:00pm	6:24pm
Cr Peter Humphrey	6:00pm	6:24pm
Officers		
Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer	6:00pm	6:24pm
Simon Lancaster, Deputy Chief Executive Officer	6:00pm	6:24pm
Dianne Raymond, Manager Finance & Corporate Services	6:00pm	6:24pm
Beau Raymond, Minute Taker	6:00pm	6:24pm
Visitors		
Tony Webb	6:00pm	6:24pm

3.2 Apologies

Cr Royce

**4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

4.1 Response to Previous Public Questions on Notice

Nil

4.2 Public Question Time

Name: Tony Webb

Question:

With the recent announcements surrounding the activation of the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area, what impacts will that have on staff and staffing levels within the Shire and what update can the Shire provide on the project in general.

Response:

An update as it stands at the moment is that the State Government's Industrial Lands Panel has approved the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) land allocation in the latest move to make the greenfield site a globally competitive, multi-product renewable hydrogen industrial precinct. The greenfield Oakajee site is recognised for its world class wind and solar energy potential, which is ideal for the production of renewable hydrogen for domestic and commercial use, advanced manufacturing and export.

In 2021, the State Government committed \$47.5 million to the activation of the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area and is progressing early road infrastructure as a first step towards developing Oakajee into a globally competitive renewable hydrogen precinct.

Noting the significant interest in the opportunity, the Industrial Lands Panel has agreed to allocate land to six proponents subject to negotiations and agreement being reached on key terms with DevelopmentWA as the State's central land development agency.

The six proponents are:

- BP;
- Fortescue Future Industries;
- Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners;
- Green LOHC;
- Kinara Power; and
- Blue Diamond Australia

In terms of what impact it will have on the Shire and Shire staff is unclear at this stage. A lot of the planning work associated with establishing the Oakajee Industrial Estate has already taken place and the Shire continues to work with key state government agencies, in particular Development WA, the Department of Jobs, Science, Tourism & Innovation, Mid West Ports Authority and Main Roads WA along with private proponents in working towards the activation of the Oakajee Industrial Estate. The Shire has been involved in these partnerships for many years and it would be reasonable to suggest that the unfolding project timeframe will be staged.

Name: Tony Webb

Question:

What are the latest on Local Government Act Reform and what impact will it have on the Shire?

Response:

The McGowan Government previously announced it was set to deliver the largest set of sweeping reforms to Local Government in more than 25 years.

Major changes to the Local Government Act and Regulations are promoted as providing for a stronger, more consistent framework for local government across Western Australia. The reform proposals have the intended outcome of delivering significant benefits for residents and ratepayers, small business, industry, elected members and professionals working in the sector.

The package is based on six major themes:

1. Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties;
2. Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity;
3. Greater transparency and accountability;
4. Stronger local democracy and community engagement;
5. Clear roles and responsibilities; and
6. Improved financial management and reporting.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries invited comments from local governments and the wider community to inform implementation of the reforms. The consultation period ran from 10 November 2021 to 25 February 2022. More than 200 submissions were received from local governments (including Chapman Valley), peak bodies, advocacy groups and members of the public.

As part of the first tranche of reforms, Council has already committed to reducing the number of councillors from 8 to 7 at the 2023 October elections.

It is expected that the 130 odd reform changes would be introduced to parliament in early 2023 and be rolled out throughout 2023 & 2024.

**5.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING 8TH FEBRUARY 2022**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Forth**

**SECONDED: Cr Batten**

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held 8 February 2022 be confirmed as true and accurate.

**Voting F8/A0**

**CARRIED**

**Minute Reference: AEM 02/23-01**

**7.0 RECEIVING 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2021/2022 Annual Report including the following were provided with the Annual Electors Meeting Agenda:

- 2021/2022 Annual Financial Statements
- 2021/2022 Audit Report
- President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Batten**

**SECONDED: Cr Elliott-Lockhart**

That the 2021/2022 Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements, Audit Report, Management Report, President's Report and Chief Executive Officer's Report be endorsed as presented without amendments.

**Voting F8/A0**

**CARRIED**

**Minute Reference: AEM 02/23-02**

**8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Humphrey**

**SECONDED: Cr Low**

That Council resolve to hold the 2023/2024 Annual Electors Meeting at the Bill Hemsley Park Community Centre.

**Voting F7/A1  
CARRIED  
Minute Reference: AEM 02/23-03**

*For: Cr Warr, Cr Batten, Cr Davidson, Cr Elliott-Lockhart, Cr Humphrey, Cr Low & T Webb.*

*Against: Cr Forth - Noted that Cr Forth's vote against was made purely on a procedural basis (not the correct forum) rather than not wanting to hold the meeting at the Bill Hemsley Park Community Centre.*

## **9.0 CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member thanked members, ratepayers, visitors and staff for attending and declared the electors meeting closed at 6:24pm.