



Shire of
Collie

MINUTES

of the

**ANNUAL ELECTORS
MEETING**

held on

Tuesday, 12 April 2022

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held in Council Chambers, 87 Throssell Street Collie, on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 commencing at 6.34pm.

1. **OPENING**

2. **ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

PRESENT:	Sarah Stanley	Councillor (Presiding Member)
	Ian Miffing OAM JP	
	Gary Faries	
	Joe Italiano	
	Brent White	
	John Kearney	
	Wayne Sanford	
	Dennis Gray	
	Tom Reardon	
	Kevin Massara	
	Geoff Wilks	
	Maurice Dhue	
	Alan Wade	
	Mark Paget	
	Tash Mellegers	
	Beth Peters	
	Margaret Godridge	
	Nola Green – Press	
	Matt Young	Director Development Services
	Rick Miller	Director Technical Services (via video conference)
	Hasreen Mandry	Finance Manager
	Liz Heffernan	Acting CEO PA

APOLOGIES:

Stuart Devenish	Shire of Colie CEO
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3. **DISCLAIMER**

All decisions made at the meeting will be considered at the next practicable Ordinary meeting of Council. As such, any decisions made at the meeting could be revoked pursuant to the Local Government Act. Therefore, no person should rely on, or act on, the basis of any advice by an Elected Member or officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring during the course of the meeting. No person should rely on any decisions until formal notification in writing by Council has been received.

4. **ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION**

Cr Stanley provided an outline of the Shire of Collie 2020-2021 Annual Report to Electors.

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5. **DISCUSSION OF 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Nil

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 **QUESTIONS**

Kevin Massara, 131 Atkinson Street, Collie (representing the Coalfields Museum)

The Coalfields Museum and Historical Research Centre committee in 2018-19 put in plans/drawings for the new museum, however this was not progressed due to building costs and logistics relating to the need to store the artifacts during construction. In 2020 the Shire offered an alternative site on Throssell Street near Collie Mower, however the site was not appropriate. In 2020 the Shire discussed an alternative site on the Forestry Products Commission site containing the former Army Drill Hall. What is the Shire doing about acquiring this site from the Forestry Products Commission? Artifacts are coming in daily and the Coalfields Museum and Historical Research Centre needs somewhere to store equipment.

Cr Stanley took this question on notice.

Tom Reardon, 26 Coverley Drive, Collie

Is the Coalfields Museum and Historical Research Centre eligible for the \$100,000 allocated by the Just Transition Working Group for the 125 year celebration?

Cr Stanley advised that the \$100,000 grant amount is being spent by the event organisers but will follow this up.

Maurice Dhue, Buckingham Way, Collie

Wanted a progress update on the indoor heated swimming pool.

Cr Stanley advised that an item was listed on the agenda at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 12 April 2021 directly following the Annual Electors meeting and will be discussed at that point.

Geoff Wilks, 17 Regent Street, Collie (representing the Friends of the River, Environmental Group)

The Abortorium should be cleaned up for 125 year celebration, as it is also a tourist site. Would the Shire like to help the Friends of the River Group to partner with South 32 to tidy up the Atkinson Street Water Tank, Abortorium and the Log in the Timber Park . There are also 3 tables and chairs at the East End Bridge carpark which are under-used, and could be relocated further into town to the park or used on the trails.

Alan Wade, Archer Street, Collie

Asked about the Forestry Products Commission site containing the former Army Drill Hall to be acquired for the Coalfields Museum

Cr Stanley advised that the matter will be followed up.

Wayne Sanford, 10 Lynn Street, Collie

Asked what is the maintenance programme for the Shire to maintain

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declared weeds such as Nardoo along the Collie River at the Venn Street river stop, Roberts Rocks and Preston Road Bridge.

Cr Stanley took this question on notice.

6.2 STATEMENTS

Wayne Sanford, 10 Lynn Street, Collie

Thanked the Shire for conducting a public meeting to discuss the indoor heated swimming pool, and whilst he was unable to attend meeting at Roche Park he noted that only 100 people out of 900 signatures attended the public meeting and this did not represent all ratepayers. Mr Stanford noted that whilst the pool would be good for the community the capital and maintenance cost would burden the Collie ratepayers. Mr Stanford noted that this would be a tough decision for Council and that it was listed on the Agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting.

Alan Wade, Archer Street, Collie

Stated that the Coalfield Museum has seen rapid expansion of items donated for the museum. The Coalfield Museum committee would be actively sourcing funding to develop a new site.

Beth Peters, 3 Bedlington Street, Allanson

Will Council rescind its motion relating to not progressing with an indoor heated swimming pool? How much was the indoor heated swimming pool feasibility study.

Mr Young stated that the 2018 feasibility study was \$41,210.00, although there was a range of other work in relation to detailed designs.

Beth Peters requested if she could obtain a copy of those cost breakdowns.

Margaret Godridge, 25 Ireland Street, Allanson

Asked if the feasibility study considered solar power to heat the indoor pool concept?

Cr Stanley advised that it did consider photovoltaics.

Margaret Godridge asked if the Shire could provide a cost breakdown of all other costs and participants for all sporting groups and activities in Collie.

Cr Stanley took the question on notice.

Maurice Dhue, Buckingham Way, Collie

Solar power has been looked into for the heated pool project and these were considered.

Cr Stanley advised that the Shire has previously considered photovoltaics to offset heating costs.

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6.3 MOTIONS

Wayne Sanford, 10 Lynn Street, Collie

Advised that the dual use footpath between Evan St and Palmer Road on the section formed along Lynn Street (River Walk) is used daily and is in need of repair.

Motion

That Council as part of its normal budget considerations considers the reconstruction or reseal of the dual use footpath between Evan St and Palmer Road on the section formed along Lynn Street.

MOVED Mr Wayne Sanford

SECONDED Mr Kevin Massara

CARRIED 11 For / 0 Against.

7. CLOSE

The Shire President thanked Electors and Staff for their attendance. The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed 7.11pm.