

Minutes of the Shire of Tammin General Electors meeting held in the Shire of Tammin Lesser Hall, 1 Donnan Street, Tammin, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

Cr Stokes declared the meeting open at 8.00 pm.

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

**Present**

Cr Rodney Stokes, President	Mr Albert Fourie
Cr Louise Caffell, Deputy President	Ms Jayne Haartsen
Cr Michael Greenwood	Mr Dennis Heppell
Cr Stephen Jefferies	Mrs Jan Hocking (8.04pm)
Cr Bernard Stokes	Mr Geoff Hocking (8.04pm)
Cr Margaret Wheeldon	Mr David Martin
Mr Mick Oliver, CEO	Mr Toby McQuistan
Mr Tom Applegate	Mr Geoff Mills
Mr Ray Beasley	Mr Terry O'Dea
Mr Graeme Button	Mrs Julie Oliver
Ms Sue Button	Mrs Gill Ralston (8.12pm)
Mr Gary Caffell	Mr Peter Ralston (8.12pm)
Mrs Carol Crane	

**Apologies**

Mrs Joan Button  
Mr John Dixon  
Mrs Gloria Dixon  
Mrs Danny Martin  
Mr John Wheeldon

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2008 were distributed.

**MIN 215/08 MOTION - Moved T Applegate 2nd J Haartsen**

*That the minutes of the General Electors meeting held on 12 February 2008 as printed, be confirmed.*

CARRIED

Messrs Jan & Geoff Hocking entered the Hall at 8.04pm.

**4. ANNUAL REPORT**

**4.1 President's Report**

The President's Report was distributed.

Cr Stokes presented the President's Report.

**MIN 216/08 MOTION - Moved T O'Dea 2nd C Crane**

*That the President's Report be received.*

CARRIED

#### **4.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer's Report was distributed.

Mr Oliver presented his Report.

#### **MIN 217/08 MOTION - Moved J Haartsen 2nd G Button**

*That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.*

CARRIED

#### **4.4 Auditor's Report**

The Auditor's Report was distributed.

#### **MIN 218/08 MOTION - Moved A Fourie 2nd S Button**

*That the Auditor's Report be received.*

CARRIED

#### **4.3. Annual Financial Statements**

The Annual Financial Report was distributed.

#### **MIN 219/08 MOTION - Moved D Martin 2nd J Haartsen**

*That the Annual Financial Report be received.*

CARRIED

Messrs Gill & Peter Ralston entered the Hall at 8.12pm.

### **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Kadjininy Kep**

Mr D Martin asked whether Council had considered using fish, snails and plants, in conjunction with algacide as an alternative to chlorine in keeping the water clean.

Cr R Stokes indicated he did not believe Council had but would do so.

#### **5.2 Meeting Timing**

Mrs C Crane queried whether it was appropriate to hold the meeting during the busy harvest period.

Cr R Stokes responded indicating that it was best that the meeting be held as soon as possible after the end of the financial year and the receipt of the audit report. This year there was a delay in the Auditor attending.

Mr P Ralston spoke in support of Council's decision.

#### **5.3 Future of The TALEC Building**

Mrs C Crane expressed concern that the vacant building would be vandalised.

Cr R Stokes indicated that Council was working through the issues associated with the future of the building as quickly as possible.

#### **5.4 Drains**

Mrs C Crane queried what action Council was taking regarding the water laying in drains – particularly on the south side of the west railway crossing.

Mr Oliver responded indicating that there had been a water leak in the adjacent control valves which the Water Authority had now attended to.

## **5.5 Vandalism**

Mr T O'Dea queried what action was being taken regarding the vandalism occurring in Tammin by children.

Mr Oliver indicated that Council was to run children's activities during the holidays to provide an alternative and was currently constructing a BMX track for their use. Further, that any unlawful activity should be reported to the Police to allow them the chance to address the problem.

Ms Jayne Haartsen indicated that when the issues were reported to the Police the response was that they did not have the resources to attend.

Cr R Stokes indicated that the matter would be taken up with the Police and they would be invited to attend a Council meeting the date of which would be publicised.

## **5.6 Sheep Sale Yards**

Mr D Martin queried what was the future of the sale yards.

Cr R Stokes responded indicating that following the community survey, which indicated minor support for their removal, Council had considered the matter and resolved that they remain for the time being, considering the minimal cost in retaining them, the minimal return for their disposal and the huge cost in their replacement should that be required.

Mr P Ralston and Mr G Caffell spoke in support of Council's decision.

Mr R Beasley suggested they should be relocated to a more truck friendly site.

## **5.7 Annual Report**

Mr P Ralston commended Council on the preparation and distribution of the Annual Report.

## **5.8 Gardner Reserve**

Mr P Ralston queried what was happening on Gardner Reserve, with water tanks and reticulation.

Cr R Stokes indicated he was unsure – however it was an activity of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

## **5.9 Town Dam**

Cr R Stokes provided an update on the success of the town dam and oval reticulation project and paid compliment to Barry Leslie's foresight.

Mr D Martin noted the Danny Martin had also had the idea to transfer water from the south side of Tammin.

Mr T O'Dea queried whether statistics and monitoring of the dam water levels was being carried out. Mr T Applegate indicated he believed the catchment dam was 9,000m<sup>3</sup> and the storage dam 70,000m<sup>3</sup> in size.

## **5.10 Structural Reform**

Cr R Stokes reported on Council's investigation with SEA-ROC and WE-ROC.

## **5.11 Trades**

Mr P Ralston queried whether Council had any program in place to encourage tradesmen to relocate to Tammin.

Cr R Stokes responded that Council didn't but would respond to any specific proposal.

**6. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, Cr Stokes thanked the community, Councillors and Staff for their support and closed the meeting at 9.02 pm.