

# Shire of Tammin

Minutes of the Shire of Tammin General Electors' meeting held in the Shire of Tammin Lesser Hall, 1 Donnan Street, Tammin, on Wednesday 8 February 2012.

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

Cr Uppill declared the meeting open at 7.02 pm and welcomed Councillors, staff and members of the Tammin Community to the meeting.

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

### **Present**

Cr Scott Uppill, President  
Cr Stephen Jefferies JP, Deputy President  
Cr Rodney Stokes  
Cr Carol Crane  
Cr Dustin McCreery  
Cr Michael Greenwood  
Mr Graham Stanley, CEO  
Mr Tom Applegate  
Mr Graeme Button  
Mr Albert Fourie  
Mr Toby McQuistan  
Ms Rose Crane  
Mr Colin Harrison  
Mrs Mary Harrison  
Ms Sue Button  
Mrs Louise Caffell

### **Apologies**

Mrs Jan Hocking  
Mr Geoff Hocking  
Mr Gary Caffell  
Mrs Michelle Jefferies

## 3. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2010 were distributed.

### **MIN E001/12 MOTION - Moved L Caffell 2nd T Applegate**

*That the minutes of the General Electors meeting held on 10 February 2011 as printed, be confirmed.*

CARRIED

There were no matters raised from the minutes.

## 4. **ANNUAL REPORT**

### 4.1 **President's Report**

The President's Report was distributed.

Cr Uppill spoke to his report as presented in the Annual report and elaborated further on the research and effort that is being put into the preparation of business plans covering the potential amalgamation of the 5 shires in the South East Avon Regional Transition Group of which Tammin is a member. He explained that the Council was ensuring that safeguards were being put in place to ensure that

services and facilities for Tammin will be maintained into the future should an amalgamation proceed. He pointed out that there is a strong belief in Local Government circles that should the Liberal State Government be re-elected there will be amalgamations take place in the city and this will flow on to the country. He spoke about all of the plans that the shire will benefit from that have been produced during this business planning phase including Asset Management Plans, Forward Capital Works Plans and a Community Strategic Plan which has been produced in consultation with the community. The Community Strategic Plan will come before Council, shortly, for endorsement prior to being put out for public comment. Following the consultation the Council will then make any changes deemed necessary prior to final adoption.

The Shire President then expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all staff including the outside staff, office staff and the cleaners and his fellow Councillors and recently retired councillors for their efforts over the past year to help keep Tammin running well.

**MIN E002/12 MOTION - Moved G Button 2nd M Harrison**

*That the President's Report be received.*

CARRIED

**4.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer's Report was distributed.

**MIN E003/11 MOTION - Moved A Fourie 2nd T Applegate**

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

CARRIED

**4.3 Auditor's Report**

The Auditor's Report was distributed. The Shire President congratulated the office staff, in particular Myra Henry and the CEO for the excellent report.

**MIN E004/11 MOTION - Moved L Caffell 2nd S Jefferies**

*That the Auditor's Report be received.*

CARRIED

**4.4. Annual Financial Statements**

The Annual Financial Report was distributed. The Chief Executive Officer elaborated on various aspects of the Annual Financial Report and thanked all staff for the efforts during the past year.

**MIN E005/11 MOTION - Moved A Fourie 2nd David Martin**

*That the Annual Report including the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 be received.*

CARRIED

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 South East Avon Regional Transition Group and Local Government Structural Reform**

As there were no items of general business forthcoming from the public gathered Cr Uppill took the opportunity to speak further on the South East Avon Regional Transition Group of which Tammin is a member along with the Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Quairading and York and of local government structural reform. The

president reported that the group is working together well and all are aiming to ensure that their communities are protected and will continue to receive at least their current level of service if amalgamation proceeds. Community Strategic Plans will be put in place and regularly updated to ensure that the wishes of the community are recognised. Making sure that each community and its facilities and infrastructure are maintained and viable into the future is seen as a priority and prior to any move towards amalgamation each community will be consulted and have its input into future directions.

## **5.2 Strategic Objectives for 2011/12**

Prior to the meeting closing Cr Stokes requested that the President explain to those gathered about the Strategic Objectives of the Shire for 2011/12.

The Shire President the outlined the following:

### New Depot Construction including Land Purchase

Council has purchased Lot 52 Tammin Wyalkatchem Road adjacent to the townsite from Brad Jones and Kate Raston. Approximately 2 hectares of land will be set aside for the construction of a new Shire Depot which will be built in stages but major work will commence this year. The remaining approximate 50 hectares will be made available for lease for cropping and it is hoped that a local community group or sporting club or clubs will take it on for fundraising purposes. This occurs in other towns and Kellerberrin was successful in raising a large amount of funds towards its new recreation centre in the recent harvest. The new depot is important to the ongoing operations of the works department and in the event of an amalgamation taking place it will still be useful to the new Shire as a place to base plant and equipment. If in the longer term it is eventually sold off it will be attractive for a new business to establish itself in.

### Staff Housing

Council believes that good quality staff housing is important to attract and retain qualified employees. It is constructing a new house in 2011-12 and it aims to build a new house every two years and sell off an old house, helping to fund the next new house. By doing this Council will reduce the ongoing maintenance costs of housing, help to raise the standards and appearance of housing in the Tammin townsite and increase the stock of housing in Tammin, thereby attracting new residents to town and helping to make local businesses more viable.

### Road Infrastructure Program

Council has increased its spending on roads by around 22% over the past two years and it is looking to improve the standard of roads within the Shire. It continues to focus on resealing roads when they are due and reconstructing and improving sealed roads where this is needed. It is a very large task that is facing the Shire however it is something that we are concentrating on and endeavouring to get on top of.

### Plant Replacement Program

Good Plant is required to assist with the road infrastructure program and the Council has a program in place to upgrade its plant to minimise maintenance costs and increase efficiencies. A number of old items of plant have been replaced in 2010-11 and more is scheduled for 2011-12. Council will be reducing the changeover periods on plant so that maintenance costs will be reduced and time lost due to breakdowns will be minimised.

### Shire of Tammin Electrical Service

Due to the large number of buildings and other facilities the shire owns it has a large annual expenditure on electrical work. Because of the difficulty in getting that electrical work done and in response to community calls for an electrician to be set up in Tammin Council undertook the planning in 2010-11 to employ its own electrician to undertake Council work and provide a service to the community. An electrician, John Greenwood, was employed in this financial year and has now become available to provide a service to the public. It already looks like this has been a successful move and Council will give consideration to employing other trades that are needed in Tammin such as plumbers and builders.

**6. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, Cr Uppill, thanked all in attendance and invited those present to partake of refreshments provided and closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

**7. Addendum**

Mrs Louise Caffell then asked that an addendum be added to the minutes thanking the Councillors and Staff of the Shire Tammin, on behalf of the public of Tammin, for all of the hard work that they put in to improve Tammin.