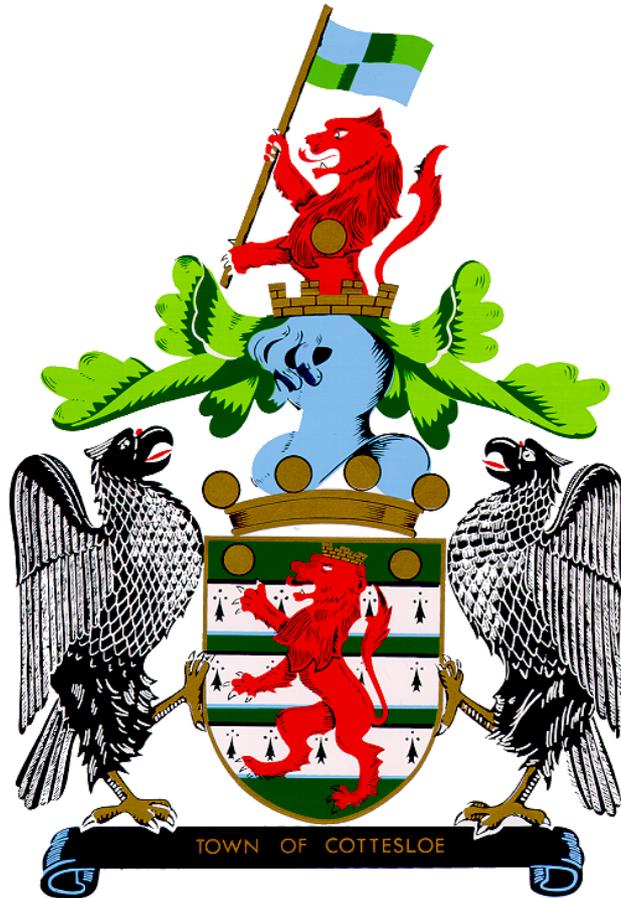


TOWN OF COTTESLOE



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTORS' MEETING

HELD IN THE WAR MEMORIAL TOWN HALL
COTTESLOE CIVIC CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 2009

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(1) MAYOR’S WELCOME

Mayor Morgan declared the Meeting open at 7.00pm and welcomed all present.

PRESENT

Mayor Kevin Morgan
Cr Jack Walsh
Cr Dan Cunningham
Cr Davina Goldthorpe

Mr Carl Askew	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Graham Pattrick	Manager Corporate & Community Services
Mr Geoff Trigg	Manager Engineering Services
Mr Andrew Jackson	Manager Development Services
Ms Krystal Shenton	Executive Officer

Electors:

Ruth Greble	47 John Street, Cottesloe
Peter Jeanes	66 John Street, Cottesloe
Damien Stilwell	73 Napier Street, Cottesloe

(2) SUBMISSION OF APOLOGIES

Cr Jay Birnbrauer
Cr Jo Dawkins
Cr Greg Boland
Cr Patricia Carmichael
Cr Victor Strzina
Cr Rob Rowell
Cr Ian Woodhill

Leave of Absence (previous approved)

Nil

(3) DISCUSSION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Mayor’s Report

The Mayor addressed the following points from his report:

- Local Government Reform – The Council collected feedback from its community consultation and had made a submission to the Minister of Local Government that contemplated a merger with Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park. The Town is anticipating a response in early 2010.
- Local Planning Scheme 3 – In finalizing our local planning scheme, and at the request of the State Government, the Town embarked on Enquiry by Design process in order to finalize its scheme and after a period of 4

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years LPS3 has been lodged with the WAPC in preparation for the approval of the Minister for Planning.

- Library & Community Centre – There has been some concern on the new name for the Library that has recently been highlighted in the media. The branding direction was provided by OakRiffe Communications who advised that the proposed name “Shortened to VCL” had potential to reach into and beyond the local county and engage with new audiences, positioning it as a new way of learning and living. It engages people through use of its initials. Parallels highlight the power of initials/acronyms as inspiring connectors that become part of the local vernacular such as NGV (National Gallery of Victoria), Tribeca in New York, the Met etc...
- Natural Areas Management Plan – Council is moving forward, with its plan for our natural areas.
- Civic Centre Upgrade – which is now completed and the Council is considering over the next few months its future uses.
- The New CEO – Carl Askew started on 5 January 2009.

The Mayor also highlighted the following future priorities for the Council in 2010:

- Completing the LPS3 and associated local policies;
- Adopting a position on the relocation of services and sale of the current Depot site.
- Developing and implementing the Foreshore Improvement Plan.
- Finalizing a draft Structure Plan for Curtin Ave, the railway lands and other government land.
- Climate Change Vulnerability report.
- Completion of the new library.
- Increased use of the Civic Centre.
- The Development of a Community Safety Strategy.
- The development of a comprehensive Asset Management Plan and its linkages with our long term financial plan.
- Consideration of timed parking in the Town Centre.
- The reduction of hotel patron numbers (and associated anti-social behavior) on the beachfront.

Other Reports

Chief Executive Officer, Carl Askew, acknowledged Stephen Tindale and Laurie Vicary who were the CEO and Acting CEO for the first half of the financial year 2008/2009. He commented on his experiences having moved into the position whilst the Administration was still temporarily located in the Civic Centre War Memorial Hall, and the relocation to the newly refurbished offices downstairs. Carl highlighted the major projects during the year including the LPS3/EbD, the Waste Contract, the Civic Centre Refurbishment and the new library (anticipated to be finished in late 2010). In addition the Local Government Structural Reform Agenda has had a significant impact on the operations of the Administration. A response is anticipated from the Minister in early 2010.

Carl moved on to state that the Auditors had completed Cottesloe's governance, compliance and financial health check and despite the impacts

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of the global financial crisis and its challenges, had given the Town a clean bill of health.

Mr Askew closed with the comment that it was great to be in Cottesloe.

On a motion moved by the Mayor, seconded by Ruth Greble, the Mayor's Report, Officers Reports, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report listed in the Annual Report were all received and carried.

Carried

(4) GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Mayor opened the meeting to General Business and questions from the floor.

Peter Jeanes

Q: Mr Jeanes enquired as to the discrepancy listed against "other expenditure" of approx \$500,000 between budget and actual?

A: Mayor Morgan referred the question to Mr. Patrick who took the question on notice. A response will be emailed to those present when a more detailed assessment of the accounts had been made.

Q: The expenditure on Equipment, Property and Plant has almost doubled from \$3.5m to \$6.4m?

A: Mayor Morgan referred the question to Mr. Patrick who advised that the Civic Centre upgrade accounted for the extra \$3m.

Q: Cash and equivalent are down by \$1.2m, why?

A: Mr. Patrick advised that there was a block sold by the Town, a reclaimed sump, and those funds were used to partly fund Civic Centre Refurbishment.

Q: How much has the Town borrowed for the new library and what is the interest rate?

A: Mr. Patrick stated that the loan was \$4.6m and that the interest rate was approx. 6.5%, the Town was able to fix it before the rise.

Q: Has a cost analysis been done on the Meter Eye to recoup the cost of \$300,000 to install it ?

A: Mr. Patrick stated that infringements were up significantly and the new parking Local Law had increased the amount per fine. The estimated repayment period on the capital outlay was about three years.

Q: What is being done to keep the rates down to CPI?

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A: Mayor Morgan answered by saying that the recent increase of 8% was a reflection of local government cost factors, not consumer pricing, the Library project and increased state government charges. The second installment for the library will occur in the 2010/11 financial year.

Ruth Greble

Q: There is still a major concern with traffic congestion along Curtin Ave and with higher density areas. This has also caused an increased noise issue. One solution is bike paths networks. What is being done to combat these issues?

A: The Mayor advised that the issues associated with Curtin Ave and the rail line were well known to the Council and they are working through a process to finalise a long term solution, including lobbying the state government to support the required changes.

Q: When there is building works there is always a lot of noise. Can there be a warning notice given to the neighbors of these areas?

A: Deputy Mayor Jack Walsh suggested that Ruth Greble move a motion that Council consider ways to encourage developers to advise the neighbours of potential noise within the Development Approval process. Mr. Jackson confirmed that there was potential scope within the DA process to consider this kind of motion.

MOTION TO COUNCIL

Moved Ruth Greble; seconded Peter Jeanes

That Council consider possible options to provide forewarning to neighbours of pre-programmed works that are likely to cause excessive noise levels.

Carried 2/0

Q: The Town of Cottesloe should prioritize the bicycle pathways as a measure to reduce congestion of vehicles. Does the Town have any plans to do this? And who can I speak to about ensuring something is done?

A: The Mayor referred the question to Mr Trigg, Manager of Engineering Services who stated that the Town did have a bike plan and a 5 year bicycle program to improve cycle paths, including between the foreshore to the town centre. Bike paths along Curtin Ave are the responsibility of the state government and will not occur until the long term solution for the rail line and Curtin Avenue are determined.

Q: What is the latest to be done to improve the condition of the public toilets at Indiana's?

A: The Mayor stated that the responsibility to clean the toilets was the Managers of the Indiana Teahouse. Improvements had recently been made, but the Town was keen to negotiate the removal of this

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responsibility from the current lease to the managers and for Council to take responsibility for them.

Ms Greble moved a vote of thanks for the quality of the reports and financial statements presented which was seconded by the Mayor and carried unanimously by the meeting.

(5) CLOSURE

Mayor Morgan moved his appreciation and thanks to the Councillors and staff of Cottesloe for their hard work, commitment and efforts over the last year. This was seconded by the Deputy Mayor and carried unanimously.

The Mayor extended his appreciation to all those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7:45 pm.