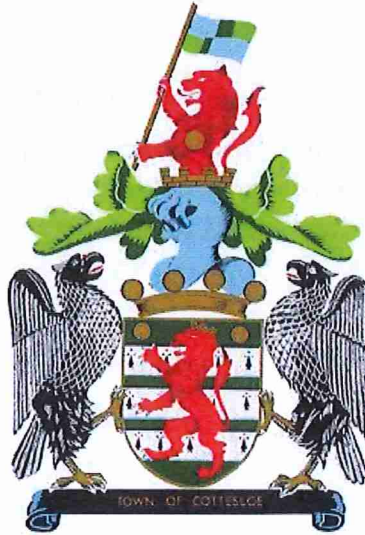


TOWN OF COTTESLOE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

WAR MEMORIAL HALL, COTTESLOE CIVIC CENTRE
109 BROOME STREET, COTTESLOE
6.00 PM, WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023

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MATTHEW SCOTT
Chief Executive Officer

30 May 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

1. Declaration of Meeting Open

The Presiding Member, Mayor Young opened the meeting at 6:02 pm

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

2. Attendance

Elected Members Present

Mayor Young

Cr Sadler

Cr Kirsty Barrett (*from 6:30 pm*)

Cr Chilla Bulbeck (*from 6:53 pm*)

Cr Brad Wylynko

Cr Richard Atkins

Electors Present

Dennis Rumley

Cottesloe Elector

Hilary Rumley

Cottesloe Elector

Gray Porter

Cottesloe Elector

Pammy Goff

Cottesloe Elector

Peter Goff

Cottesloe Elector

Tom Jowett

Cottesloe Elector

Bob Pigeon

Cottesloe Elector

Phil Paterson

Cottesloe Elector

Steve Drake - Brockman

Cottesloe Elector

Greg Bolan

Deputy Chair, Cottesloe Residents & Ratepayers Assoc.

Staff Present

Matthew Scott

Shaun Kan

Freya Ayliffe

Jacquelyne Pilkington

Media

David Cohen

POST Newspapers

Gabrielle Becerra Mellet

PerthNow - Media

3. Apologies

Elected Members

Cr Craig Masarei – Longstanding Professional Engagement

Cr Melissa Harkins – Travelling for work

Cr Paul MacFarlane – Travelling for work

Electors

Ruth Greble

47 John Street, Cottesloe

4. The Mayor's Welcome

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Cr Sadler

Seconded Mayor Young

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 be confirmed.

Carried 5/0

6. Discussion of the 2021/22 Annual Report for the Town of Cottesloe

- a. The Mayor's Message
- b. The Chief Executive Officer's Report
- c. Statutory Reports
- d. Integrated Planning and Reporting
- e. Financial Statements
- f. The Auditor's Report

ATTACHMENT: 2021/22 Annual Report for the Town of Cottesloe

7. Public Question Time (Annual Report)

Mrs Hilary Rumley

Q1. Why has the Town of Cottesloe failed to fully implement its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan [DAP] 2018/2023? Universal beach access was "prioritized" in this plan "in front of Wearne/South Cottesloe"?

R1: The Presiding Member advised that the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan referred to was for the period 2018-2023 and it does provide as an Outcome that beach access should be prioritized, though it does not single out the Wearne development or South Cottesloe specifically, it says it should be

prioritized in “Cottesloe, North Cottesloe and in front of Wearne (South Cottesloe)”. It is a very broad objective. It is one of many outcomes in the plan and involves all beach access throughout Cottesloe. Since the plan was adopted by Council the Town has carried out upgrades on several beach access paths and has undertaken the rationalization of beach access paths throughout the district. Construction of beach access in front of Wearne has come into focus-as a priority only recently, with the occupation of the Curtin Care Facility that has resulted in a large number of residents in an area that was not previously densely occupied. The Town and Council has the unenviable task of trying to meet at times seemingly limited demands for amenities and facilities with very limited resources and when we have an increase in residential population without a corresponding increase in rates income it does become even more challenging to meet the demands of all. It is important that Council set priorities and that demands that are newly created can not automatically be leapfrogged above the demands from other sectors of the community that may have been very long in the waiting.

Q3: In the Annual Report there is mention that one of the main objectives is to continue to improve access and inclusion of aged persons and those with disability. What does the Presiding Member think is happening with regard to the above?

Q4: Another main objective is to provide universal access to all facilities at Cottesloe beach.

R3 & 4: As per the response above to Q1 it is not possible to meet all of the demands from everyone in the community from limited income and we are aware that there is an increase in demand for access in that area and it will be considered by Council.

Mr Greg Boland

Q1: The Annual Report doesn't hold any reference to the Annual Special Electors meeting held February 23, 2022. It was a significant event why was this meeting not reported?

R1: The Presiding Member advised that the Special Elected Meeting that is referred to above was covered at the following Council meeting and was fully reported in Minutes. When balancing what is to go into an Annual Report it's a judgment call as to what should go into the Report. It's difficult to meet the requests of individual electors.

Q3: Is the report going to be corrected if there are errors in it?

R3: The Presiding Member advised that if an error is identified it will be corrected.

Mr Tom Jowett

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Q1: Income in advance 2022 is \$344,675 could we account for the components of that?

Q2: Sundry creditors have increased by \$1.15m as a liability it appears it has gone up from \$825,000 to \$1.987m could we discuss the increase of \$1.1m and how that breaks down?

These questions were taken on notice

Mr Greg Boland

Pg 9 CEO Report

Q2: There is a reference to the number of development applications approved in 2021/2022 with 165 with a value of \$249,333 maybe this is the State Government limiting Councils to approving maybe pergolas and front fences as it seems to be \$1,500 per application. It clearly seems to be an error.

R2: The Director Development and Regulatory Services advised the figure of \$249,333 is not the total value of the developments in Cottesloe, it is the fees that the Town has received from the development applications.

ELECTOR MOTION

Moved Cr Sadler

Seconded Mr Paterson

That the Meeting receives the 2021/2022 Annual Report for the Town of Cottesloe noting the query by Elector Greg Boland regarding development applications and clarifying as necessary.

Carried 8/1 Against

8. Public Question Time (General Business)

Mr Greg Boland

Q1: Why is the AGM of Electors being held so late?

R1: The CEO advised that due to a disagreement between the Town's Auditors and the consultant engaged to revalue infrastructure assets, it took longer than expected for the Audit to be completed, delaying the adoption of the Annual Report by Council, and therefore the calling of the Annual Meeting of Electors.

Mr Tom Jowett

Q1: In the interest of resident value for money, can you please account for the CEO's salary in financial years 2021, 2022, and 2023?

- R1: The Presiding Member advised the information is in each Annual Report [pg 11 for 2021/22]. The Cottesloe residents and ratepayers receive excellent value. CEOs in Local Government are underpaid for the work that they do and Mr Scott is by no means an exception to that. CEO Salaries are based on State regulated Bands.
- Q2: What was the motivating factor behind the March extension of useful lives of the Towns assets?
- R2: The CEO advised that the consultants engaged by the Town to value infrastructure had looked at the history of our infrastructure and compared the effective condition of the assets verses the age of the assets. From this analysis the consultant determined that a change in useful life was necessary in some classes of infrastructure.
- Q3: How many of the 15 motions from last year's Annual General Meeting of Electors were passed or actioned by Council?
- R3: The Presiding Member advised that she is not certain of the exact number of motions, but advised Council does not pass motions put forward by Electors. Under the Local Government Act Council is required consider any motion passed at an Elector Members and determine what action, if any, needs to be taken. This is covered in full in the Officer's Report and the Minutes of the Council meeting that immediately followed the Annual Electors meeting.
- Q4: According to this month's Council Minutes we reportedly received a \$68,000 grant from the Department of Transport for a bike path. When was the grant received and what is the nature of the grant.
- R4: This question was responded to in the April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes and the responses were forwarded to the member of the public who asked the questions as they were taken on notice.

Mrs Pammy Goff

- Q1: There is a lack of maintenance in the beach area over the last few years, this being steps, tree roots, the rough surface of the carpark etc. When will the Town start maintaining these areas? Please do not answer this with you are waiting on money!
- R1: The Presiding Member advised the issue of the maintenance of the beach can be raised in the budget deliberations for the setting of next year's budget.

Mrs Hilary Rumley

- Q2: Please explain why the DCCS said in an email of 14 April 2023 that "an improved beach access path at this location [is] not in the Town's forward planning documents" when it has clearly been given high priority by Council in both the DAIP and the Beach Access Path Plan?

R2: The Presiding Member did not respond to the is question, as it was similar in nature to previous questions from Mrs Rumley, put during discussion on the Annual Report, and which the Presiding Member had already answered.

Mr Pigeon

Q1: Has there been a cut back for the maintenance of the beach in terms of what's going on which has taken place recently?

R1: The CEO advised that it is a guiding principle of the Town's budget to maintain current services so there has been no implied or direct cutback in maintenance. The Town is a coastal community and coastal communities are starting to bare the changes to the environment and that may have an impact on the community's perception, however, there certainly has not been a reduction in funding for maintenance on the beach.

Mrs Pammy Goff

Q1: There used to be someone that did the maintenance but there no longer seems to be one. Am I right?

R1: The CEO was advised that there is a Town Maintenance Team responsible for maintaining the Foreshore.

Q2: There is a part-time lady who cleans the beach regularly but have not seen any others.

R2: The CEO advised there was dedicated resource associated with the maintenance of the foreshore.

9. Public Statement Time

The Annual General Meeting of Electors being held late

Mr Greg Boland spoke of his concerns regarding the lateness of the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

ELECTOR MOTION

Mover Mr Greg Boland Seconder Mr Tom Jowett

Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act, the Town of Cottesloe resolves to hold the Annual General Meeting of Electors no later than 31 December each year.

Carried 7/0

10. Closure of the Meeting

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 7:01pm.