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Annual Electors Meeting

Nearly 200 people attended the Annual Electors Meeting last night. The meeting gave electors an opportunity to raise motions for Council to discuss at a subsequent meeting, a chance to ask questions about the Annual Report 2016/2017 and to ask questions about any other general business. Five motions were raised from the floor as below, all of which were carried.

Motion 1

Moved – Brian Pierce

Seconded – Kaj Nieuwerkerke

The Esperance electors call on our elected representatives to immediately review the Chief Executive Officer's position, his performance and suitability for the position.

Motion 2

Moved – Mark Biven

Seconded – David Johnson

To abandon lot 12 Kirwan-Merrivale Road for a tip and immediately focus on selection of a more appropriate site as per environmental protection authority guidelines.

Motion 3

Moved - Emma Iddison

Seconded – Dianne Fletcher

Council acknowledges that the priority one, two and three water catchment areas, RAMSAR wetlands and the Lake Warden special control areas are environmentally unsuitable for the development of any heavy or hazardous industries, mining operations or chemical plants, therefore Council instructs the Chief Executive Officer to conduct long term strategic environmental planning, using expertise from recognised experts in this field to identify a suitable location for the aforementioned industries.

Motion 4

Moved – Tony Bright

Seconded – Wayne Batchelor

Council publicly acknowledge its responsibilities under the existing conservation order and desist from advocating demolition of the jetty as the only course forward.

Motion 5
Moved – Doug Backhouse
Seconded – Steve O'Donnell

The Shire put a cap on the cost of treated water supplied to various organisations and sporting bodies; be capped at the current rate which is 71 cents per kilo litre for the next four years.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "I would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting. It is important that members of our community have the opportunity to raise topics that are important to them and we certainly saw that in action last night.

"We will discuss the motions put forward, decide what additional information we need to gather and determine when the motions will be addressed, whether that be at a Special Council Meeting, or the February Ordinary Council Meeting."

The Minutes of the meeting will be available on the Shire's website later in the week.

Ends

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