

Minutes of the Shire of Kulin Annual Electors Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2025 in the Shire of Kulin Depot Crib Room commencing at 5:30pm

1. OPENING COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 5:32pm.

The President gave a summary of Shire achievements during the 2023/24 financial year and projects & initiatives underway in 2024/25. In 2025 the Shire will be developing a new Community Strategic Plan and welcome input from community members.

2. ATTENDANCE

President	Grant Robins
Councillors	Brad Smoker, Troy Gangell, Jarron Noble, Clinton Mullan, Brad Miller, Michael Lucchesi
Staff	Alan Leeson (CEO), Fiona Murphy (EMFS), Cassi Lewis (EMGR) Judd Hobson (EWM), Taryn Scadding (EMCS),
Electors	Hayden McInnes; Jim Sullivan; Clarrie King; Margaret Waters; Faye Williams; Harold Proud
Apologies	Councillor Robbie Bowey

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING 20 DECEMBER 2023

Moved Hadyn McInnes Seconded Cr Lucchesi that the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 20 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Fire Hazards - the President explained that the reserve on northwest side of town will be burnt & tidied up later this year.

High Street Road Safety – Hadyn McInnes thanked the Shire for the electronic speed signs installed on High St.

5. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

The annual report for the 2023/24 financial year was presented to the meeting for consideration.

Moved Cr Mullan Seconded Harold Proud that the Annual Report, including the Auditors report, covering the financial year ending 30 June 2024 be received.

CARRIED

Questions from the Annual Report

Jim Sullivan queried whether the \$1,000,000 short term loan facility in the 2024/25 budget had been used. President and Staff explained that the facility was budgeted specifically for the Kulin Holt Rock Road Upgrade project to account for timing differences between expenditure and receiving grant milestone payments. The facility was not required, and no fees were incurred.

6. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Jim Sullivan

- Asked about trainee nurses coming to Wheatbelt. Taryn explained that trainee doctors from Curtin University were visiting Kulin and Kondinin next week as part of their rural immersion program.
- Expressed his appreciation for the upgrade of the Kulin Holt Rock Road and Day Street, Kulin
- Thanked the Shire for moving the no through road sign near his farm entrance (Holt Rock East Road).
- Expressed concern about the free RV camp area at Holt Rock where users are not pulling off far enough into the camp area causing increased fire risk. Are the Shire able to install improved signage to ensure the main camp area was used. Manager of Works is currently investigating best signage options.
- Thanked the Shire for the way the town is presented. Feedback he receives about Kulin when travelling throughout the southwest of the state is always positive.

Faye Williams

- Expressed concern about several untidy houses in town and the effect this has on the general presentation of Kulin. Staff explained that we are working with the Department of Communities and ratepayers to tidy up these properties.
- Asked if the Australia Day Awards Ceremony was advertised other than on social media. Executive Manager Community Services indicated this should have been advertised on Shire noticeboard and in the Update.

Harold Proud

- Bush block near Macrocarpa Trail – asked if the Shire can maintain the cleared area going forward as he is no longer able to do so. He suggested levelling with overburden. It was confirmed that the Shire will maintain this area including clearing of suckers going forward. The President indicated the Shire would investigate advertising land to see if there is any commercial/industrial interest.

Clarrie King

- Museum has an old tractor which needs pressure cleaning. He asked whether this could be done at the Works Depot. The Works Manager will liaise the Museum and ensure WHS requirements met.

7. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 6:00pm and invited all those present to stay for refreshments.