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of the

Annual Electors Meeting

held

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Shire of Cuballing
Council Chambers
Campbell Street, Cuballing

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING:

The Shire President, Cr Conley, declared the meeting open at 6.30 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

2.1.1 Attendance

Cr Mark Conley	President
Cr Eliza Dowling	Deputy President
Cr Scott Ballantyne	
Cr Dawson Bradford	
Cr Robert Harris	
Cr Deb Hopper	
Mr Gary Sherry	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Bronwyn Dew	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr Bruce Brennan	Manager of Works and Services
Ms Helen Elliott	
Ms Carol McDougall	

2.1.2 Apologies

Nil

2.1.3 Leave of Absence

Nil

3. ANNUAL REPORT

3.1.1 2018/19 Annual Report

The Shire President, Cr Conley, presented the Annual Report Cuballing for the year ended 30th June 2019. Cr Conley reflected on the COVID pandemic that had delayed this meeting from March 2020 until December 2020.

DECISION:

That the Annual Report of the Shire of Cuballing for the year ended 30th June 2019 be received.

Moved: Cr Hopper

Seconded: Cr Dowling

Carried

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1.1 Memorial Park Cuballing

Ms Helen Elliott asked about the time table for completion of the Memorial Park works in Cuballing.

The Shire President, Councillor Conley, acknowledged the ongoing delay and that the completion of the works by ANZAC day remained a priority. The Shire remains unable to obtain a power connection to the site and will now implement alternative solutions. The reticulation will be installed with a battery to allow the lawn and trees to be planted. The Shire has sought quotations for brick paving.

The preparation of plans to complete the drainage are nearing completion. These plans will need approval by agencies, prior to construction.

4.1.2 Cruciform Shelter - Memorial Park Cuballing

Ms Helen Elliott asked if Council still intended to construct the cruciform shelter in the Memorial Park.

The Shire President, Councillor Conley, still expected a cruciform shelter to be constructed in the Memorial Park, however the shelter will most likely not be constructed by Mr Robertson. Mr Robertson has indicated that he has other priorities at this time and would not be available to complete the works.

4.1.3 Cuballing Cemetery Plaques

Ms Helen Elliott asked about progress in installing plaques in the Cuballing cemetery. Ms McDougall advised that the quotation she had provided from a local company to provide stainless steel plaques was significantly cheaper than the alternative Shire quotation.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, indicated that Shire staff still needed to complete the authentication of the list of plaques to ensure accuracy. This site was highly sensitive and accuracy is required.

4.1.4 Cuballing Volunteer Action Group

Ms Helen Elliott advised that the Cuballing Volunteer Action Group were moving to holding an informal meeting every 3 months at a residence of members. Ms Elliott advised that minutes of the meetings will still be prepared and the Group would invite Councillors to attend.

4.1.5 Cuballing Rail Reserve Concept Design – Consideration of Draft

Ms Helen Elliott asked about Council's consideration of the draft Cuballing Rail Reserve Concept Design and particularly the proposal to move the Heritage Machinery display to Alton Street, near Ms Elliott's residence. Ms Elliott asked if her comments about not supporting the

siting of the Heritage Machinery display in Alton Street, near her residence had been made aware to Council.

The Shire President, Councillor Conley, advised Council had indeed considered Ms Elliott's comments about not supporting the siting of the Heritage Machinery display in Alton Street, near her residence in their discussion. In their meeting Council had acknowledged that both the current site of the Heritage Display and the proposal to relocate the Display to Alton Street were not suitable. The Council had resolved to support moving the Heritage Machinery Display but to not support moving the Heritage Machinery Display to Alton Street.

4.1.6	Australia Day Celebration and Indigenous Australians
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Ms Helen Elliott asked that in light of the recent protests about the celebration of Australia Day that have been occurring in Australia, does Council have any plans to shift their Australia Day celebrations.

The Shire President, Councillor Conley, advised that at this time Council had no plans to alter their Australia Day event. Cr Conley acknowledged that there were Federal Government requirements for holding citizenship ceremonies at Australia Day events. However there is no requirements on Council to hold an Australia Event or to hold their Citizen of Year award on that day.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sherry, acknowledged that recognition of the Indigenous Australian culture in the Shire of Cuballing had been discussed by Councillors.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Conley, thanked the members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 6.47pm.