**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD IN BILL SMOKER ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Cr B Gangell (Deputy President),Cr B Smith, Cr M James, Cr D Pool, Cr B Browning, Cr P Green

**Electors:** Danielle Biglin, Angela Willans, Kelly Browning, Garrett Browning, Chris Browning, Jenny Browning, Robert Browning, Colin Henderer, Toni Smeed, Richard Smeed, Glenn Browning,

**Officers**: Mr David Burton CEO, Mr Vince Bugna MCS, Mrs Ellen Valenta ESO

**Apologies:** Cr K Green, Cr K Mouritz,

The Deputy President welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved: Cr B Browning Seconded: Cr P Green**

That the Minutes of the Electors Meeting held in the Hyden Recreation Centre on 14th  February 2024 is confirmed.

**CARRIED: 16/0**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**Moved: Cr B Smith Seconded: Cr D Pool**

That the President’s Report covering the 2023/24 financial year, as presented, be received.

 **CARRIED: 16/0**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**Moved: Cr M James Seconded: Cr P Green**

That the Chief Executive Officers Report covering the 2023/24 financial year, as presented, be received.

**CARRIED: 16/0**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDITORS REPORT**

**Moved: Cr B Smith Seconded: Cr B Browning**

That the Annual Financial Statement & Auditors Report for the year ending 30 June 2024 is received.

**CARRIED: 16/0**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

A Willans – query 9 Rankin Street & 59 Rankin Street – why two houses have EHO Notices.

CEO Replied regarding process, EHO has put notices on the houses, then – wanting to know why the Shire is involved, CEO explained the sale procedure. It will be followed up with the Owner & EHO

C Browning – CEO Residence, is there going to be built in Kondinin – President Gangell let him know that we have accepted a tender to build a 3 x 2 house, requested why we did not buy Ilich House. CEO replied as to why the residence was not purchased.

C Browning asked about a Housing Policy with Council building houses, Cr Gangell replied that we have a program that will have houses built in Kondinin and Hyden over the next financial years. CEO replied as well about housing for all towns within the Shire as well as Roe Roc. Cr Browning also spoke on this subject and replied that housing is an issue, and that the housing committee is trying to fix this.

A Willans – asking if Council was thinking about commercial places. CEO replied as yet we have not been approached regarding this issue. Suggested to contact Shire so we know that there is interest for commercial buildings.

B Browning – would like to see a nice Play Area including a Skate Park to try and get people to stop and visit. CEO replied that the CDO is looking into this, it is an ongoing project.

C Browning – Gyms – getting them set up in both towns – Cr Gangell replied that it was bought up at Council and then proposed that the KCRC and the Shire work together to get something done, regarding gyms.

D Biglin – asked about an update on the Visitors Centre, Hyden. CEO replied that the planning is ready, we are currently waiting to get funding as it is an expensive project. CEO also gave an update on what is happening with the project regarding the funding.

K Browning – asked if benchmarks has been put in place so that funding is not spent, with no expenditure. CEO replied that there are no benchmarks in place. D Biglin also re-iterated the same. C Henderer also mentioned that the 12 Million could be better spent on Housing rather than a visitor’s centre. A Willans also wanted to look into this.

D Biglin – also asked regarding the clean-up of properties CEO replied that it is an ongoing process and that Council are always looking to keep properties to a standard.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Deputy President thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 6.24pm.