



Annual Electors' Meeting

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Minutes from the Annual Electors' Meeting held in the Function Room, City of Belmont Civic Centre, 215 Wright Street, Cloverdale on Wednesday 16 March 2022 commencing at 7.05pm.

Minutes

Present

Cr P Marks, Mayor (Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr M Bass (arr 7.10pm)	East Ward
Cr B Ryan	East Ward

In attendance

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs M Lymon	Acting Manager Governance
Mrs J Cherry-Murphy	Senior Governance Officer

Observers

Cr R Rossi, JP Deputy Mayor	West Ward
Cr N Carter	South Ward
Cr J Davis	South Ward
Cr S Wolff	South Ward
Cr D Sessions	West Ward
Mr S Morrison	Manager Works

Electors

Mr J Bass
Mrs J Carn
Mrs G Godfrey
Mrs D Metcalf

I Welcome

7.05pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read aloud the Acknowledgement of Country.

Acknowledgement of Country

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the Noongar Whadjuk people as the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging. I further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

2 Apologies and leave of absence

Cr G Sekulla, JP

West Ward

3 Report of the Mayor

The Report of the Mayor is contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report. The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the report.

There were none.

4 Report of the Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer's report is contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report. The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the report.

There were none.

5 Receiving the Annual Report

The Presiding Member asked if there were any questions on the 2020-2021 Annual Report.

Ms G Godfrey asked the following questions:

1. Why is this meeting being held in March when it is normally held in December?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this was as a result of a delay in the audited accounts being received from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG).

2. Was the cause of the delay due to the City or State Department?

Response

The Chief Executive officer advised that the City were notified by the OAG late in 2021 that there would be a delay in the audited accounts being received due to staffing issues at the OAG.

3. On page 65 of the Annual Report the amount for Parks and Gardens is \$22,826,376. Is this for maintenance or assets and why has it been the same for the last two years in a row?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he believed the amount was the total cost of maintenance of parks and gardens, including foreshore reserves.

Note: The Chief Executive Officer sent further clarification to Ms Godfrey following the meeting as follows:

I can confirm that this amount relates to the asset valuation of the Parks and Gardens turf areas. The amount has remained the same as the previous year as there was no depreciation applied to this asset class over the past 12 months. The depreciation on this asset class is reviewed every three years.

4. The reserve for the Oasis, is that the reserve the City are putting aside to refurbish the oasis, or do the Oasis pay towards the cost?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised the reserve was for refurbishment at the Oasis as and when required.

Officer Recommendation

Ms G Godfrey moved, Mr J Bass seconded

That the City of Belmont [Annual Report 2020-2021](#) be received.

Carried 4/0

7.19pm The Presiding Member advised that the meeting required to be adjourned for a few minutes as the Chief Executive Officer had an urgent matter to deal with.

7.21pm The Presiding Member re-opened the meeting.

6 General business

6.1 Mrs J Carn, Cloverdale

1. Who told the Council that the Belmont City Bowling Club do not want to be there any more?

Response

The Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer stated that no-one had mentioned this.

6.2 Mrs D Metcalf, Kewdale

1. Does the City of Belmont want a Bowling Club in Belmont?

Response

The Mayor stated that the City certainly does.

2. Is the Council aware it is ignoring the skills and basis of the Bowling Club with changes from the original Lease, giving the Belmont Sports and Recreation Club (BSRC) total control, and the BSRC are missing out from money because we cannot play?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer stated the terms and conditions of the new lease are similar. The BSRC have always been responsible for the maintenance of the Leased area, which includes the bowling greens, however, the previous Lease did not mention the bowling greens specifically and the new Lease does.

3. Why has the report on this matter moved to April? This is causing anxiety for many people as they have to travel far to play matches that should have been held in Belmont.

Response

The Chief Executive Officer stated information was presented to Council at an Information Forum last week. A number of questions were raised by Councillors and further research is required. Staff have been requested to undertake a review of other clubs/facilities in other local government areas. Extra time is required for staff to undertake this research by contacting other organisations and local governments.

6.3 Mrs G Godfrey, Redcliffe

1. Our club is asking for serious consideration to action the synthetic green. We were told nothing will be done until the sub-lease is resolved. We have a Federal grant verbally accepted. Our members have saved up \$100,000. The Council need to get organised and put in place the tender. I want a commitment from elected members that this will be in next year's budget.

Response

The Chief Executive officer advised that the funds for the synthetic green are in this year's budget. Representatives from the Bowling Club were reluctant to commit the \$100,000 due to clauses in the Lease that BSRC could terminate the Lease with three months' notice and the City could terminate the Lease with six months' notice. The Chief Executive Officer stated he was willing to commit to take this forward and would formally write to the Bowling Club asking for their commitment and if the BCBC commit, Officers can commence this project.

7 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.