



TOWN OF PORT HEDLAND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7:00PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MCGREGOR STREET,
PORT HEDLAND**

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*David Pentz
Chief Executive Officer*

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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7:01pm and acknowledged the traditional custodians, the Kariyarra people.

Item 2 Recording of Attendance and Apologies

2.1 Attendance

Mayor Camilo Blanco
Deputy Mayor Troy Melville
Councillor Jan Gillingham
Councillor David Hooper
Councillor Julie Arif
Councillor Louise Newbery
Councillor Richard Whitwell
Councillor Lincoln Tavo

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 3 Response to Previous Questions Taken On Notice

3.1 Questions from Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 16 December 2015

Nil

Item 4 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 16 December 2015**RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION****MOVED: CR ARIF****SECONDED: CR GILLINGHAM**

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 16 December 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 5 Annual Report

5.1 Mayor's Report**RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION****MOVED: CR GILLINGHAM****SECONDED: CR TAVO****That the Town of Port Hedland Mayor's Report for the 2015/16 Financial Year be received.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****5.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report****RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION****MOVED: CR TAVO****SECONDED: CR GILLINGHAM****That the Town of Port Hedland Chief Executive Officer's Report for the 2015/16 Financial Year be received.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****5.3 Annual Report****5.3.1 Mr Arnold Carter**

My questions all refer to the audited financial reports.

In regards to the sale of the Port Hedland International Airport on page 88 of the audited financial report, it shows cash received of \$166,869,000, the cash reserves show \$162,437,000, giving a difference of \$4,432,000. In the audited financial report, the sale of the airport was \$4,113,000, which left a balance of nearly half a million dollars unaccounted for. Can I have an explanation on the difference?

In the discontinued operations on page 89 of the audited financial report, it shows a profit of \$33,223,000, then in the same discontinued operation, it shows another net profit of \$2,611,000. These figures come from page 88. Can I please have an explanation of where this figure comes from?

In regards to employee costs on page 3. For the sake of one additional staff member, the cost was \$4,197,000. This is calculated from the 2015 staff member cost which was \$18,748,000 and in 2016, it was \$22,945,000, giving a difference of \$4,197,000. The salary component is \$16,054,000 and expenditure was \$19,139,000, which gives an over expenditure of \$3,095,000 compared to a budget of \$15,552,000.

In the sale of assets, it shows a building sale of \$715,000. Does that include the Port Hedland International Airport building?

On major land transactions, it shows 2016 budget expenditure. On pages 69-71 of the audited financial report, it includes 2017 budgets. The 2017 budget wasn't adopted, why is it shown?

Another issue I would also like to address to the Council, is the future for the marina. I am happy to see the marina get off the ground, but I do have some concerns. Where does the Town presently stand in relation to the financial status of this strategic plan?

I understand that a concept business plan has been done for LandCorp. Could a feasibility business plan on the entire project be commenced to include estimates of dredging and costs incurred for the establishment of tug pens?

As it is a requirement for the Town to spend \$40 million first, it would be a great advantage to know what we are getting for that \$40 million. Has an agreement been made regarding the ultimate management of the project, and who will be responsible from the Town of Port Hedland and the costs incurred? All this information can be included in the proposed business plan and strategic review that I asked the Council to implement and pass back to ratepayers.

The Mayor advised that responses will be provided to Mr Carter.

RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION**MOVED: CR TAVO****SECONDED: CR ARIF****That the Town of Port Hedland Annual Report for the 2015/16 Financial Year be received.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 6 General Business

6.1 Councillor Gillingham

In regards to the apologies at the beginning of this meeting, are you taking any apologies from the floor? As I know two people who were unable to attend this evening.

The Mayor advised that apologies are not taken for electors at an Annual General Meeting.

I have a question regarding the funding for the marina. With the pending election on March 11 2017, is the funding from the present State Government secured?

The Mayor advised in the affirmative.

Item 7 Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:16pm.