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**Shire of Cue**

**Annual Meeting of Electors**

**Minutes**

Held at the Cue Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street, Cue on

Monday 12 February 2024 commencing at 5:30pm.

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**attendance**

Cr Les Price (Chaired the meeting)

Cr Elizabeth Houghton

Cr Ian Dennis

Cr Leonie Fitzpatrick

Cr Julie Humphreys

Mr Richard Towell – Chief Executive Officer \**via Teams*

Mr Glenn Boyes – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Janelle Duncan – Executive Assistant

Ms Stephanie Wandek – Senior Administration Officer

Mr Phil Box

Mr Sandra Box

Mrs Jenni Dennis

# official opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

# APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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# Matters for Discussion

# Annual Report

The Shire President Les Price opened the discussion on the Annual Report.

The President thanked the Shire administration staff for a very thorough and easy to read Annual Report. The President also thanked the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Council for his efforts.

The Chief Executive Officer thanked administration staff for the changes in taking a different approach to the 2022-2023 Annual Report.

# 3.2 general business

Name: Mrs Sandra Box

Q. Where is the old power station that’s mentioned in the Annual Report?

A. It’s situated on the corner of Austin St & Robinson St. The block had an old building which we found out was the Community Hall. It was the towns power station during the 50 & 60’s. Back in 2014, Horizon Power approached the shire as they wanted to donate this block of land to us. When they were in the process of transferring it to the shire it became evident it was a contaminated site. They did an excavation and levelled it out, but now Horizon Power is not sure if they want to transfer the block to the Shire.

Q. Solar Power renewable energy, can anyone get solar panels on their house?

A. The Shire is trying to put as many of our buildings on solar. We are aware there is a certain allocation so we are mindful not to use up all the allocation to ensure residents can have solar panels installed. We have allocated a portion of land for a Horizon Power Solar Farm which should increase the capacity for more houses to install solar.

Name: Mr Phillip & Mrs Sandra Box

Q. Is the Shire still looking at moving the Great Fingall Mine Office into town?

A. The Shire is still looking at options to move it. If we get to a stage where we have the funds, it will need to go to tender.

Name: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

Q. Is it true we only have 4 spots left for solar installations for the town?

A. The Shire took 1/2 of the domestic allocation and 1/3 of the commercial allocations. We are not aware of only 4 spots left. The Chief Executive Officer will follow up with Horizon Power. Cr Houghton also offered to follow up with Horizon Power.

Q. Is it true we might have another installation allocation next Christmas?

A. The Shire hasn’t heard of this, but maybe because of their solar capacity increasing because of the Solar Farm, they may release a further allowance.

Name: Cr Leonie Fitzpatrick

Q. If Horizon Power are trying to get their emissions to zero, why don’t they allow everyone to install solar? My employer has a lot of solar.

A. Our Tourist Park took part of the commercial allowance along with your employer. We hope Horizon Power can expand the grid so everyone can connect to solar.

Name: Mr Phil Box

Q. We have picked up a lot of items from the Goldfields for the Heritage Centre. The Cue Community Resource Centre (CRC) helps with reimbursing our fuel costs. Can the Shire assist with a Pantec?

A. The Shire President said the Shire makes a generous donation to the Cue Community Resource Centre (CRC) every year. The President thinks this matter would be better suited for the next CRC meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer said the Shire doesn’t own Pantec but invited Phil to have a conversation with him.

Name: Mrs Sandra Box

Q. I have a friend that works for Horizon Power, and they might be able to convert the clock in the tower at the CRC to solar so the clock will continually work.

A. The CEO would like more information and invited Sandra to have a meeting with him to further discuss this offer.

Name: Cr Elizabeth Houghton

Q. Despite the speed on Robinson Street being 50km, vehicles are still speeding along here making it very dangerous to reverse out of our driveways. Can we do something about it? Also, it gets confusing with regards to speed limits where Robinson St turns into Beringarra-Cue Road. Perhaps we could investigate having signs saying “approaching 60km zone”.

A. The Chief Executive Officer has spoken to Main Roads about a 50km sign being erected near Stewart Street, but the response was “they can’t do that”. The Shire will investigate other alternatives.

# closure

The Chair thanked all those present and closed the meeting at 6.01pm.