



Minutes of the General Meeting of Electors held on Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chambers, 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands.

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Order of Business was as follows:

1. Opening and Welcome

His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm.

(The advertisement calling the meeting was published in the POST newspaper together with notices displayed at the Administration Centre and Libraries.)

2. Introduction of Elected Members and Staff

Councillors	His Worship the Mayor, R M Hipkins	(Presiding Member)
	Councillor R M Binks	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor B G Hodsdon	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor J Wetherall	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor T James	Melvista Ward
	Councillor N B J Horley	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor K Smyth	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor I S Argyle	Dalkeith Ward
	Councillor W R Hassell	Dalkeith Ward

Staff	Mr G Trevaskis	Chief Executive Officer
	Ms L Driscoll	Director Corporate & Strategy
	Mr A Melville	Acting Director Planning & Development
	Mr M Glover	Director Technical Services
	Mrs S Gibson	Corporate & Strategy Administration Officer

3. Procedural Matters

His Worship the Mayor outlined the procedures of the meeting.



4. Record of Attendance / Apologies from Electors, Guests and Members of the Press

Public: There were 28 members of the public present.

Press: There was a representative from the POST Newspaper present.

Apologies: Councillor G Hay Melvista Ward

Leave of Absence: Councillor J Porter Dalkeith Ward

Absent: Councillor L J McManus Coastal Districts Ward
Councillor N Shaw Melvista Ward

5. Contents of the Annual Report for the 2015/2016 Financial Year to be considered

- **Questions Submitted on the Annual Report by Electors Prior to the Meeting**

There were no questions submitted in writing on the Annual Report prior to 5.00 pm on Friday 25 November 2016

- **Other Questions on the Annual Report**

There were no questions asked regarding the Annual Report 2015/16.

6. General Business

- **Questions Submitted by Electors Prior to the Meeting**

Ms Cilla de Lacy, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands.

Ms Lacy submitted the below questions in writing prior to the General Meeting of Electors

2016 Community Scorecard

The 2016 Community Scorecard identifies that the City of Nedlands is just above the industry average when it comes to overall performance. Sixty-four percent of Councils below Nedlands are Regional Councils. This result is not what an elector would expect from a Council presiding over an affluent inner-city suburb where Councillors include a former State Liberal Party President. Areas where the Council is either below the WA average or has gone backwards from the last survey include:

- Governance
- Value for money from Council rates (dropped 25% since the last survey and is below WA average)



- Leadership (at 31% this is below the WA average which is sadly only 39% while Australia-wide the industry high is 70%)
- Community consultation (dropped 20% since the last survey and is below WA average)
- Councillors understanding of community needs (40% drop since last survey and way below WA average)

What plans does the Council have to improve upon these scores before the next survey in 2 years' time?

Response from the City of Nedlands

It is important to note that the 2016 Community Scorecard is the output of a perception survey and as such measures sentiment of respondents at a particular point in time.

- This year's survey was completed using different methodology to that of prior years, which in effect means the results for 2016 and 2014 are not fully comparable. In the past the City's performance was compared to State Based results, however this year's results are a comparison to a National Benchmark – this measurement now establishes a new baseline for future surveys.
- The change in methodology makes it difficult for us to accurately assess trends over time. The report includes WA average results (as a secondary measure) to which, in the majority of scores the City compares favorably.
- The survey provides us with valuable data, the results of which will be incorporated into the review of the 10-year Strategic Community Plan, an on-line engagement tool has been implemented and has had approx. 6,500 visits, comments will be considered in the review of services and activities where appropriate

Traffic Congestion on Stirling Highway

Residents raised concerns in their response to the 2016 Community Survey about traffic congestion on Stirling Highway. They indicated they would like the Council to proactively engage with the State Government to find a remedy or remedies for this.

What plans does the Council have to do this on behalf of its ratepayers?



Response from the City of Nedlands

His Worship the Mayor and Director Technical Services advised, the City continues to work with the State Government and Main Roads WA at every opportunity to improve traffic flows on Stirling Highway. This includes future planning for a divided carriageway, Blackspot identification and traffic light phasing.

- **His Worship the Mayor called for any items of general business from the floor.**

Ms Cilla de Lacy, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands.

Underground Power

Ms Lacy addressed the meeting in relation to funding support from local government for underground power in Hollywood.

The following motions were considered:

Motion

Moved: Nicholas Agnew, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands

Seconded: Brett Bannister, 12 Robinson Street, Nedlands

That the City of Nedlands commit to proactively engage and communicate with affected landowners to dispel myths about underground power, such as current costs, discounts and location of transmission lines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 24/-

Motion

Moved: Nicholas Agnew, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands

Seconded: Georgina Bannister, 12 Robinson Street, Nedlands

That the City of Nedlands commit to integrating the delivery of underground power with other infrastructure programs such as footpath rehabilitation in order to reduce the installation cost.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 26/-

Motion

Moved: Nicholas Agnew, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands

Seconded: Andrew Mangano, 51 Minora Road, Dalkeith

That the City of Nedlands consider HUPAGs proposals for funding sources as outlined in its Position Paper tabled at last week's ordinary Council Meeting in order to minimise the impact on rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 26/-



Motion

Moved: Nicholas Agnew, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands
Seconded: Hazel Cole, 45 Langham Street, Nedlands

Given the length of time affected areas have been without underground power, that the City of Nedlands prioritise underground power above other infrastructure programs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 25/-

Motion

Moved: Nicholas Agnew, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands
Seconded: Garth Walter, 8 Robinson Street, Nedlands

That the City of Nedlands commit to undertaking detailed planning for underground power in the current financial year and include funding for commencement of capital works in the 2017/18 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 26/-

Motion

Moved: Nicholas Agnew, 10 Robinson Street, Nedlands
Seconded: Stefan Pfeifle, 50 Napier Street, Nedlands

That the City of Nedlands commit to funding 50% of the cost of underground power to those lots still without the service in the City of Nedlands.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 26/-

Mr Andrew Mangano, 51 Minora Road, Dalkeith.

Point Resolution

The Friends of Point Resolution are still very dissatisfied with three of the paths at the site. We met with the newly appointed Executive Director of Technical Services in October on site, which was kindly arranged by the Deputy Mayor. We are still awaiting action from Council Administration on this issue and will continue to pursue this, as the current situation is very unsatisfactory and even unsafe. We would appreciate it if the CEO attended on-site to understand the issue.

Rates

Despite implied assurances from the Mayor that rates would not increase at the last AGM, rates went up 3% in 2016/2017. This is most unfair and unreasonable as ratepayers are generally earning much less than previous years. And on top of this, Council is underspending on budget according to information I have seen. I call on the



Council to reduce rates in 2017/2018 and to start selling off lazy assets such as Masionettes (a parking area for about 6 staff vehicles) and 75 Doonan Road to part fund underground power in Hollywood and Coastal Wards.

Sunset Hospital

As you are no doubt aware Sunset has partially finally reopened after 21 years of procrastination and attempted selloffs by both Liberal and Labor Governments. However there has been no work done to even model the traffic that is to come when the site is fully opened. Plus the very dangerous Beatrice Road / Birdwood Parade intersection where there are regular near-misses. I call on Council to commence modelling and conceptual design work to improve Birdwood Parade and provide adequate entry and exits to the Sunset site, and provide a cost estimate to the Department of Finance to fund these works.

The following motion was considered:

Aberdare Road, Nedlands

Motion

Moved: Nat Hartge, 37 Aberdare Road, Nedlands

Seconded: Kim Tan, 39 Aberdare Road, Nedlands

Council repeal the Local Law 1978 along Aberdare Road and close down the 9 metre road reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 21/-

7. Closure

Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.33 pm.



Meeting procedures

1. Electors only may speak except with approval of the person presiding.
2. Only an elector may vote.
3. An elector does not have to vote.
4. When addressing the meeting, a person is to:
 - a) rise and remain standing unless unable to do so by reason of sickness or disability;
 - b) use the public microphone and state his or her name for recording in the minutes;
 - c) address the meeting through the person presiding; and
 - d) remain respectful and not reflect adversely upon elected members or employees.
5. No motion or amendment is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one amendment on any one motion shall be received at a time and such amendment shall be disposed of before any further amendment can be received; but any number of amendments may be proposed.
6. The mover of a motion (but not the mover of an amendment) has the right of reply, and this closes the debate.
7. An elector may rise and move without discussion, “that the question be now put”, which, on being duly seconded and carried by a majority, will result in submission of the motion at once to the meeting, after the mover has replied.
8. Each elector has one vote.
9. Voting is determined by show of hands or other form of open voting determined by the person presiding.
10. A simple majority carries the vote.
11. The person presiding is to determine questions of order and procedure not stated above but an elector may move a motion of dissent from a ruling of the person presiding, which if seconded, shall be put without discussion.
12. Minutes of this meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public as from Monday 5 December 2016 and any actions will be considered by the Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 December 2016.
13. The decisions of this meeting are not binding on the Council, but as required by the Local Government Act, the reasons for any Council decision on a resolution of this meeting are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

Definition of Elector

An elector is defined in the Local Government Act 1995. An elector is a person who is eligible to vote in an election of the City of Nedlands.