



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.01 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Logan Howlett	Presiding Member
Clr Ian Whitfield	
Clr Val Oliver	
Clr Sue Limbert	
Clr Tony Romano	
Clr Carol Reeve-Fowkes	
Clr Lee-Anne Smith	
Clr Bart Houwen	

Mr Stephen Cain	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Don Green	Director, Administration and Community Services
Mr Stuart Downing	Director, Finance & Corporate Services
Mr Daniel Arndt	Director, Planning & Development
Mr Michael Littleton	Director, Engineering & Works
Mrs Lynnette Jakovich	PA to Directors, Planning & Development and Engineering and Works
Suzanne Barton	Communication Liaison Officer

and approximately 14 electors and residents of the City of Cockburn, and other interested members of the public and press.

ABSENT

Clr Helen Attrill
Deputy Mayor Kevin Allen

1. DECLARATION OF MEETING

At 7.01 p.m. the Presiding Member opened the meeting and welcomed the City of Cockburn ratepayers and newly elected member Cllr Bart Houwen to his first meeting. Cllr Houwen was elected on 27 January 2011. The Presiding Member also welcomed Mr Don Miguel, former Mayor of City of Cockburn and Freeman of the City of Cockburn.

The Presiding Member then explained the format the meeting would take.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Electors has been called in accordance with Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the matters to be discussed are:

2.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

1. Copies handed out at the door to electors attending.
2. Queries to be answered by Presiding Member or appropriate staff.

There were no written questions received in relation to the Annual Report.

Questions from the floor relating to the Annual Report 2009 – 2010

Don Miguel – North Lake

- Q1. How you can expect people to respond to the Annual Report in a couple of minutes? We need a system for the Council to look at once a year where we can have people come and ask any questions and they can be answered like, why is the Council going into developing. Why are the people in the finance department looking at investing our money? The money belongs to the people and ratepayers and should only be invested in guaranteed banks. Are you responsibly investing our money? In the Annual Report it is stated that you spent \$30,000 on communications for Councillors. Why is it then that you cannot get Councillors on the phone? You can leave a message but they don't call you back.
- Q2. Waste management – has anyone ever tried to bring under control the packaging industry? This is causing the majority of our waste.
- Q3. Oil disposal – the trucks are not taking the excess oil from cars any longer. With the amount of oil being sold, where is it all going? It is going into the drains and the ground because Council won't pick it up.

Why can't Council trucks go back to picking this up to stop this illegal disposal?

Q4. Donations to charities – the amount of people in this district are struggling hard. Perhaps in your budgeting you could donate some money to the Salvation Army and stipulate it is to be used in our district and help those that need it.

A. *These points will be discussed with the staff and Elected Members.*

The Presiding Member advised the meeting would now move to Section 2.2 of the Agenda and that questions would be taken first, then the meeting would deal with motions received.

2.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Written Questions/Motions on Notice.

The Presiding Member advised that questions had been received on notice from Mrs R O'Brien of Munster; however, she was not present to ask them.

2. Other Business.

Questions from the floor relating to General Business

Rex Sallur – Bibra Lake

Q1. An article I read in the local paper concerning the Jandakot water mound and Mr Joe Francis with regard to people making a return investment on their rural blocks who are sitting over the top of the Jandakot water mound. I thought that when you bought a rural block over the Jandakot water mound, you bought it knowing that our precious water supply exists there and we draw approximately 70% from the ground to supplement our drinking water. There are a number of State Planning Policies in relation to this issue like the Jandakot Ground Water Protection Policy protecting our ground water and the Public Drinking Water Sewers Policy which is our drinking water source. It sounds as though there are a number of people going to Mr Francis's office wanting to subdivide their 5 acre blocks.

I have been a ratepayer in this area for 42 years and I have seen so much of our natural bush cleared and destroyed in this area for housing or whatever. The former Mayor said Cockburn is so lucky to have so much natural bush. This so much is getting smaller and smaller each year and we have so much wetland we have to watch that it does not get destroyed. What I would like to know is, are we seriously thinking of chopping up rural land on top of our ground water mound? Is this

council really considering taking part in changing the policy of our ground water mound?

- A1. *The City would consider applications of any land owner in terms of their application provided that they meet the requirements of both State and Local Government legislation.*

The City has consistently responded in relation to requests such as you described on the basis that any application would be considered as long as it has adequately addressed all the State Government Policies as it was pointed out a moment ago. State Government Policies and Town Planning Schemes do not allow for the further sub division of that land. If they are able to show in this case to the state government that they adequately address those relevant policies and the environmental requirements that need to be fulfilled, it would have to be changed under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme (MRS) and then once that has been changed in the MRS, then Council is legally obliged to modify its own Town Planning Scheme. Until such time as a land owner is able to actually show that any development is environmentally responsible and fully complies with all the state government policies, Council won't be considering any further subdivisions.

Hilda Srhoy – Shack 515 Naval Base Caravan Park

- Q1. Regarding correspondences to the Naval Base Holiday Association with regards to the Community Reference Group that only four out of the five representatives were voted by the majority of the shack owners on 8 January 2011 that can go on the group and one other shack owner was chosen by Council. We ask why six representatives from the NBCP can't be on the CRG. Four out of five representatives equates to 80% and five out of six representatives equates to 83%; so it is not a great significant difference.

- A1. *As clearly indicated, the whole idea of the advisory Committee is to have a small workable group. We clearly indicated to the Naval Base Holiday Association that we would actually allow for representative membership on the committee and as we have indicated before, four out of the five are representatives from the association, heavily weighted on the association because the number of shack owners the association represents.. Not all shack owners are represented by the association; in fact there are a number of shack owners who have different views other than the association. It is clear there needed to be a cross representation, that is why four were chosen from the residents association.*

- Q2. Who is the individual shack owner that the Council has selected and who are the two Councillors that are going on the committee with us.

- A2. *The representative outside of the association, I cannot recall at this moment, I will have to get back to you. The Elected Members for the*

committee, I am still waiting on finalisation from the Elected Members as to who wishes to participate on this advisory group. Once I have this information, it will be made available to you.

Arie Hole – South Lake

Q1. Regarding the City's website, I would like to question the legality of this. The City's website is using copyright code in its menu navigation system which is copyright property of one person or individual in the United States and one of the terms of using that copyright code is it cannot be used for commercial purposes and there must be certain observations made when that code is used on a particular web page. I was just wondering what the City's position is when breaching copyright?

A1. *This will be taken on notice and looked into and a response will be forwarded to you in the next week.*

Pam Corbyn – Spearwood

Q1 With all what has happened in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales, it made me think and wonder about Cockburn's Disaster Management Strategy. I noticed in the report there is an emergency risk management. Is that equivalent and would it be possible to have more information disseminated on how Cockburn can manage natural and unnatural disasters due to the amount of industrial areas etc?

A1. *The City of Cockburn does have an Emergency Management Strategy and the Presiding Member chairs this committee. Cllr Reeve-Fowkes is a member of this committee and we have representatives from all the major groups like the Police, FESA and service providers who would participate if any emergency arose. We meet regularly and we are meeting in a week or so.*

Q2. Can the public be told of what we should do if an emergency arose or anything important that we need to know about what comes from the meetings?

A2. *The information will be placed in the next edition of the Cockburn Soundings and on the City's website.*

Don Miguel – North Lake

Q1 Over 9 months ago Council discussed the possibility of underground power and to my knowledge it seems to have died. In the local paper it reads "Cockburn goes underground". Has the newspaper got it wrong, when 20% is from the government and the remainder from the ratepayer? The powerlines are in such a dilapidated state, it needs fixing everywhere. Is this correct and are ratepayers going to be paying over \$3,000?

- A2. *The state government has been running underground power programmes for a number of years. The City of Cockburn until only this year has been unsuccessful out of all its previous applications. With the two areas that have been selected, these people living in those areas were sent a letter with the details and were invited to say yes or no if they supported underground power in their suburb. Those figures were collated and the information came back to Council and it was sent back to Western Power. The City was recently notified that those two particular suburbs were included in the project.*

Two out of three of our proposals were successful in the latest round of the Office of Energy underground power programme. We managed to secure the proposals with only 28% contribution by the community and a 72% contribution by the state and local governments. The proportion cost to provide this service which I think everyone will agree will substantially improve visual amenity and presentation of those two residential estates for a fraction of the cost of the proposal. We were successful in receiving two after being unsuccessful in four previous rounds over the last twelve years. We hope to be rolling those projects out within the next 3 years for the community. We are fortunate again to receive the majority of respondents in those three areas supporting the proposal for underground power and we will be working with the communities to make sure we can implement a very attractive and reasonable payment scheme over a number of years. The City will continue to support those communities and those lower social economic areas as well. We are hoping for a very good outcome.

John Cunai – Spearwood

- Q1. Regarding underground power, eleven years ago I paid \$1,400 to have my underground power put in from the point of entry to my house, so I want clarification as to how the sum of 15% of 28% comes about. Why is it 15%, who put this figure on?
- A1. *The 15% was an estimate; the feedback however, indicates that people who have an underground service from their property to the property boundary will not have to pay for the provision of that service, whatever the cost is.*
- Q2. A survey went out a number of years ago asking people if they wanted underground power or not. In that survey was there a question saying there would be a cost to underground power or was it just a yes or no if you wanted underground power? I am sure if the respondents knew there was a cost attached to it, maybe they would have had a second opinion.
- A2. *A letter was sent to all ratepayers with an attached survey form and on that letter was clearly stated the costs for each property to be connected to the system. They were clearly made aware of the range of costs involved that they would personally be responsible for. There*

would be a range of options to pay for that depending on each person's circumstances.

Q3. Lower social economic areas and pensioners etc, what payment scheme would be in place for these people?

A3. *Pensioners and people who still struggle to pay; those issues will be addressed once we have all the details.*

Ratepayers were in fact informed in this round of consultation of the proposal of about \$3,300 per property. We proposed three repayment schemes; however, we will through this next round of design consultation, work through a more formal process of payment once we understand the design and our ultimate project costs. The initial consultation was to engage community support and both projects still have a way to go.

Q4. When is Spearwood in line to get underground power?

A4. *The City applied for the Spearwood area in this round of funding. This is the area not supported by the Office of Energy. Their preference was to undertake the areas of Coolbellup and Hamilton Hill East largely on the demographics of the area and lower social economics which gave us an additional 15% contribution to that area. Primarily those areas were preferred because they are the areas that currently have the greater degree of outages in power supply.*

Q5. What am I up for this time around when I paid \$1,400 eleven years ago? When underground power comes my way, what am I expected to pay?

A5. *At this stage Spearwood area is not being supported, so we cannot tell you what the design would be or what the broader principles would be. Those people who have an underground system from the boundary to the property will not have to pay again, but they will pay for the infrastructure costs to underground the remainder of the services like over head power lines and the associated infrastructure. Bear in mind that if we use the Hamilton Hill and Coolbellup scenario for example, 72% of those costs are covered by other departments.*

Q6. Is 15% just an estimate that comes from where, there is nothing to indicate where this has come from. Is it a state initiative or a federal initiative or a local government initiative? Where does the estimate come from?

A6. *The estimates and the information are provided by the Office of Energy and is a state initiative. Our first priority is to get listed so we could bring underground power to the City of Cockburn. Our next priority is to design the project and then working with the community to get the outcome we are all looking for which is to see improvements in this area.*

Q7. If there are complaints, is there a board or a body that the community can go to in order to lodge their complaints. As the Acting President of the Spearwood Community Association, I anticipate a lot of people coming along and asking where they can direct their complaints to in regards to the plans or costs. If there are complaints, where can they direct their complaints too?

A7. *The only complaints I would expect to receive from the Spearwood community is that they did not get short listed to the next phase. The Coolbellup and Hamilton Hill residents, we will be working closely with them so they can direct their complaints to the City's Department of Engineering or the Office of Energy.*

Q8. With regard to the Office of Energy, who at the Office of Energy can you recommend; is there a name?

A8. *A name cannot be given out at this stage.*

Q9. I live in March Street, which is behind Phoenix Shopping Centre, and over the Christmas period I noticed a fair amount of shopping trolley traffic, kids riding shopping trolleys up and down the street, kids in the shopping centre car park riding trolleys, fire extinguishers being let off. At the weekend I was driving past and I notice a fire extinguisher without the head of the hose on it.

I have done a scout around over the last couple of weeks to see how the shopping trolley issue is going and it is not getting any better. It is still remaining the same with the shopping trolleys still being abandoned. Coles trolleys are the worst, with them taking about 4–5 days before their shopping trolleys are being picked up and Woolworths approximately 48 hours before their trolleys are being picked up, but the issue is still there and ongoing. I find it appalling that this Council can tackle all other projects but something simple as shopping trolleys, they can't tackle.

In September I asked this same question about what is happening with the shopping trolley issue. Mr Peter Weston, through the Director of Community Services responded with a letter which I feel is quite inadequate which says there are no signs going to be put up at the shopping centre. The letter also states that Council will continue to monitor the shopping trolley problem and there is nothing more that is going to be done. The issue is still there and until we tackle this head on it is not going to get better.

We had a meeting with Mr Weston through the Director of community Services and the Managers of Coles and Woolworths and the senior ranger and we were to take this to the next level. It was my view to have collaboration between the community associations and the Council to try and get this problem sorted out once and for all. Somehow this has managed to slip under the radar once again. It was your comment, Mayor, in September, saying you were waiting on us as

a community association. Does it take a community association to resolve this problem? I am perplexed that this shopping trolley issue has been left for so long. I spoke to Cllr Romano last year and he indicated this was too hard an issue for the City of Cockburn. He said the City has tried over a number of years to tackle this issue, but we cannot grapple with it. How long do we have to put up with this issue of shopping trolleys or shopping trolleys that are not being picked up at the right times? It is unacceptable. We need urgent action on this, it is appalling.

A9. *We will follow this up and have a meeting with the relevant officers and with your community group and we will take that meeting to the next level as was proposed.*

Q10. Port Coogee, south of the old power station two streets down, I'm not sure of the name of the street, there is a public open space and steps going up where there is a lot of litter, glass, beer cans etc. When is this area going to get bins and have litter management in place?

A10. *I will check if this area is under the City of Cockburn or still with the developers; which I am sure it is. Some areas are under the City of Cockburn and others are not. We have a maintenance team going into that area where we are responsible; however, we are still in this transition between the developer and local government control.*

Q11. With regard to Spearwood Avenue, going to the coast where you have the trees in the centre, and rocks that are in the centre of the road catching the water, where the top half has the mulch; why was it done like that and where did you source your mulch from for that particular area?

That mulch there looks very good. I went to the Henderson Landfill in November to get some mulch because I wanted to mulch my garden and that mulch is disgusting; that free mulch is disgusting. I was wondering whether you would utilise the mulch down the tip because I stopped and looked at it and it definitely was not from the Henderson Landfill.

A11. *We are not selling or promoting the material at the Henderson Recovery Park as mulch. It is chipped wood waste and that is all it is; it is not mulch. The mulch we would use in normal landscaping works is sourced from a landscaper. The mulch at the Henderson Landfill is free and it is there if anyone wants it.*

Q12. In addition from what Mr Don Miguel said earlier, why isn't there more encouragement for people to bring their green waste to the tip; it's pure, green and clean. When you have heavy duty mulching facilities at the landfill, why isn't there more encouragement for people to bring their green waste there rather than use their household ticket system?

- A12. *We have an agreement with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council and the majority of our green waste goes to that facility where it is processed and sent to a composting organisation. It is a better stream of green. Primarily with green waste we are encouraged to go to that facility. We are essentially providing a diversity service; having been to the landfill you would know that. We are encouraging recovery of product as much as possible. The initiative that we have in place is to simply deal with various streams of green, we try to divert anything that does not go into the landfill itself. There are a range of reasons why we are not actively composting green waste, but primarily it is a complicated process, we are not set up to do it but we are looking to continue to improve our facilities there.*
- Q13. Logic says that if you are firing up a machine to put green waste in it, the costs in doing are producing a product that is inferior. Why don't you have a better product where you can charge the public for all that quality mulch? At the moment a 6x4 trailer is fetching about \$70.00. If you use your heads here, you can make money out of this. You are firing up the machines any way; why not make a better product?

Don Miguel – North Lake

- Q1. Does the Council have annual district inspections with all the Councillors and officers involved? Do you inspect your district where officers can have an input and Councillors can see what they have done?
- A1. *It does happen and I have gone around with Directors and individual Councillors have gone around with Directors and we have had bus tours with all Elected Members and Directors. This occurs during the year and especially in the lead up to the budget deliberation when we have matters going before Council that are particularly important. We have a bus or coach that takes the Elected Members to those sites.*
- Q2. Why do you have an 8–10 tonne truck regularly drive up and down some streets with a driver to pick up doggy bags? Why can't the guys in the rubbish truck pick it up and put the bags out instead of a special trip with an 8–10 tonne truck to pick up and replace the doggy bags? If you were running a trucking business you would be broke.
- Q3. When are you going to build toilet facilities at the other end of Bibra Lake Park so mothers and children don't need to walk a kilometre?
- A3. *The City does have a plan but I cannot give you an accurate time frame on when additional toilet facilities will be provided. We have updated the northern end, where we have a new additional playground that is due to be constructed in a couple of years in stage two of our roll out and additional facilities will be provided as part of that overall replacement.*

- Q4. Council officers should to go for a walk around the park at Bibra Lake because the roots of the trees are starting to lift up the pathway, and it is becoming dangerous; it may need a little work.

Dan Scherr – Coogee

- Q1. Earlier there was a written question submitted. The person who submitted the question is not present but presumably an answer was prepared. Is there any reason why that question and answer cannot be made public now or at regular Council meetings so all of us are informed as to what is going on because I am sure the person who wrote the question would like everyone to know what is going on?

- A1. *The procedure for Annual Electors Meeting is set by the Presiding Member and the Presiding Member as part of this process has made it clear if the person is here they have their answer made public. If they are not present they will receive their question and answer in writing. This particular individual has asked a number of questions in writing and there is no reason why she won't get her answers in writing.*

The procedure for Council Meetings is laid down in our Standing Orders which are proclaimed and again any questions that are asked here at Council are in accordance with the protocols and any person that is not present, they receive answers in writing and those answers are published in our Minutes.

- Q2. If you have gone to the trouble of preparing the answers why can't we have them now?

- A2. The Presiding Member allowed the questions received and the prepared responses to be read aloud at this time.

Written questions received relating to General Business

Robyn O'Brien – Munster

- Q1. Can you please give electors at the meeting a copy of the result of the investigation by the Minister into the Cockburn Council advertising tender process and a detailed discussion of the results?

- A1. *As per the resolution of Council, a request was made of the Department of Local Government to review the advertising tenders. The Department was provided with all documentation including correspondence. The Department of Local Government declined to conduct a review requested by Council after reviewing all of the documentation (and correspondence) relating to the advertising tender.*

- Q2. Why didn't the Mayor or any delegate of Council go to SAT re the Port Coogee Amendments and tell Councillors that Australand proposed

spending approx \$500–600,000 on a new community centre for Cockburn but no Councillor took this up, even though I pressed Councillors on including some better amendments for the community if we approved the majority of the draft of amendments requested by Australand who were getting approximately an extra 600 lots?

- A2. *The SAT mediations were attended by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Cr Reeve–Fowkes.*

As part of the original approved Port Coogee Local Structure Plan the City had required the provision of a ‘community space’ within the Marina Village, in order to provide a community identity within the village. The Structure Plan identified that this use may include a Council ‘shopfront’, meeting rooms, history interpretation centre, art gallery and/or café. Clause 6.4.1.8 of the Structure Plan committed the proponent Australand, to design and construct a building within the Marina Village Precinct within which an area of up to 1,000 sqm floor space be allocated to the City for community use. This floors pace will be transferred to the City in fee simple (as a strata/survey strata lot) free of initial cost and without the provision of any fit out.

As part of the deliberations on the mediated settlement, which were considered by Council at its special meeting on the 25 February 2010, (for which Mrs O’Brien was an attending Councillor, but left prior to the matter being discussed), Council resolved to modify the provisions relating to the ‘community space’ relating to the location and format of that space. All Councillors present had the opportunity to contribute to the debate on those modifications. It should be noted that at no stage during the mediation did Australand commit to a monetary amount for the ‘community space’, as without a detailed design it would be impossible to estimate a cost for the provision of that floor space.

- Q3. Re same Port Coogee - why was Daniel Arndt the Director of Planning given the role of being Council's representative at SAT, instead of an independent consultant, given Daniel Arndt had recommended that Council approve all amendments, and Council voted not to make that decision. Why isn't it a conflict of interest to have an officer who agreed with all amendments representing us when we wanted amendments changed or deleted?

- A3. *In accordance with Council’s Policy APD40 ‘Response to Appeals’ where a decision is inconsistent with an officer’s recommendation and that decision is subject of an appeal to the State Administrative Tribunal then the Council may elect to be represented by a private consultant or advocate to act on Council’s behalf. This however was not the case in respect to Australand’s appeal relating to the Port Coogee Local Structure plan whereby Australand’s appeal was on the basis that the matter was deemed refused as the Council had not determined the matter within the specified statutory timeframe. As no decision had been made by Council on the Local Structure Plan it was not*

inconsistent with the officer's recommendation, therefore no conflict of interest existed.

As the Director of Planning and Development for the City, I was one of four representatives of the City, who attended the mediation. The other representatives were the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Cr Reeve–Fowkes.

- Q4. Why was Carol Reeve–Fowkes and my request to Mr Cain and the Mayor to have our lawyers, McLeods, and an independent planning consultant represent Council when the Port Coogee project was so big, and valuable and contentious, when for a small one lot retaining wall, Council hired our lawyers to represent us there?
- A4. *As indicated to Mrs O'Brien at the time, when she was a Councillor, the issues in respect to the Port Coogee Local Structure Plan were purely planning related and not legally based, as such a decision was made that the City would be better served by engaging an independent planning consultant, who was extremely familiar with the project. In respect to the retaining wall issue at 6 Cadiz Place, the matter related to statutory provisions contained with the Planning Act and the Building Act and as such the City was best served by obtaining formal legal advice.*

Questions from the floor relating to General Business cont/..

Paul Babich – Shack 609 Naval Base Shacks

- Q1. When the City of Cockburn proposed to reduce their heritage status of the shack site, were they aware that this was the site of the 1829 settlement of Clarence Town where three ships including the Rockingham was wrecked on the rocks. This makes this one of the significant sites in the state. The author of the 2006 report Ross Shardlay which examined all the available evidence has informed me that a copy was provided to the City of Cockburn and placed in their archives for information.
- A1. *Council has not at this stage determined a change in the management category status of the Naval Base Shacks. What in fact has occurred is that a revised or draft municipal heritage inventory, which includes a recommendation that the management category be changed, has been advertised for public comment. A report on that matter has yet to be tabled to Council for formal consideration. At this stage Council has not changed management strategy category. In respect to the relationship of the Mount Clarence settlement there has recently been research undertaken by the University of Notre Dame which details that settlement was not at the Naval Base Shack site; it was further to the south and inland. This research is based on detailed archaeological evidence which has been provided to the Heritage Council.*

- Q2. This is highly contentious because the balance of the evidence is that the site is at the base of Mt Brown and that is certainly not something that is based on evidence and I think this all needs to be looked at quite comprehensively before any proposal or downgrade heritage status of that site because it is quite possible that that settlement has continued on from the original time of settlement to the settlement that exists there at the moment. If there is any doubt it really needs to be looked at comprehensively. Did you receive the information on the 2006 report by Ross Shardlay?
- A2. *I have to go back and check to see if this report has been received. We have received detailed advice on an independent archaeological survey that was undertaken. I understand in your comments you believe that is contradictory to another report. The issue being that the management category status on the Naval Base Shacks relates to the shacks themselves, not in the history of the site. There could be a counter argument to that, that if there is evidence showing the original settlement at that location, the Naval Base Shacks may be interfering with that original archaeological site.*
- Q3. Do the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer stand by Council's Health Officer Mr Nick Jones's statement that "small amounts of asbestos crushed metres away from homes by a crushing plant which does not have the necessary environmental approvals in Wattleup and that small amount of asbestos does not have any concern to nearby residents"?
- A3. *Any amount of asbestos is considered dangerous to human health when being crushed anywhere within the vicinity where people are living or working and the City has been endeavouring to ensure through the relevant state government department that this will cease.*

Arie Hole – South Lake

- Q1. The answer to Mr Kunai's question on the rubbish at North Coogee is Chelydra Point North Coogee which leads out to the public parking area and the amenities. I used to go down there and pick up all the rubbish and take it home, but now I don't. I also used to go fishing down there until I caught my legs in abandoned fishing line and hooks and I have had enough of picking up other people's rubbish, fishing line and hooks; I leave it there now. I very seldom go down there because of this.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 9 December 2010, I asked the Council to send me a copy of an answer to a question that was asked by Mrs Robyn Scherr on 12 November 2010 and I have not had a reply back.

- A1. *It is possible it may have been returned for some reason, we will look into this as it is possible an answer was sent to you and if not, I will find out what happened.*

Pam Corbyn – Spearwood

Q1. Coogee Beach or Cockburn Coast in general, I have been using Coogee Beach a lot this year. It has two cafes thriving and I went to Coogee Beach on one occasion and it was closed. I can't use the facilities at CY O'Connor car park as my car was broken into twice and the plates stolen on the third occasion. Something needs to be done to the car park at CY O'Connor Beach. When are we going to get public facilities and another café or have the existing café open longer on a regular basis? Is there a commercial reason why Coogee Café is continuously closing around 4.30 p.m?

A1 *The café does close at 4.30 p.m. They have tested the market and say that it is not feasible to stay open after this time.*

Q2 What about the Cockburn beach goers?

A2. *As development takes place along the coast there will be facilities available.*

Q3. When will development take place along the coast? I noticed that Port Coogee auctions were a couple of weeks ago, assuming when all blocks are sold we will get commercial development, is that the plan. How quickly will we get this if the blocks did not sell?

A3. *In relation to Port Coogee the developers have indicated it is their intention to lodge applications for commercial development around the marina this financial year. When they actually construct it, they have indicated it will probably be completed in terms of construction; in about 18 months to 2 years. This is a commercial decision made by them, just like any other commercial decision made by all parties involved.*

In relation to the development at South Beach, the Pickled Fig is located within the City of Cockburn and not Fremantle.

With regards to the remaining portion of the development which is at this stage non local built along the Cockburn Coast between South Beach and Rollinson Road through to Port Coogee. That is an ongoing state government project and the reality is I am not anticipating any commercial development going in there within about 4–5 years.

Q4. What about the car park?

A4. *The City has a study under way in terms of security along the coastal area across the whole City with CCTV and other networks etc. During the summer period the City has had an additional patrol car along the coast and in our industrial areas in terms of providing some additional opportunities to observe those particular areas. In any isolated area until development fully takes place and passive surveillance improves and more people are in that locality there is always the opportunity of people waiting to break into other people's property. There is a recent*

media release not to leave valuables in cars and going through that process as well. Where opportunity exists, crimes do occur. We are in touch with our Co-safe service and the WA police to make sure as much surveillance take place in those areas as possible.

Dan Scherr – Coogee

Q1. Following up on Mrs Corbyn's question, there is going to be a big new facility built between Coogee Beach and Woodman Point. Do you know if there is going to be any public facilities there open after 4.30 p.m.?

A1. *The building you are referring to is the Integrated Surf Club and Community Facilities located at Poore Grove. There is a sign there and it includes public facilities and it does include another kiosk, but won't include a café. The only café the City will own is the cafe at Coogee Beach. As was mentioned we will arrange for additional facilities along the coastline.*

Paul Babich – Shack – Shack 609 Naval Base Shacks

Q1. Mr Cain can you inform the residents of Cockburn about the position of the City of Cockburn on the proposed Fremantle outer harbour.

A1. *The outer harbour study still has not been released by the state government that I am aware of. Until that is released we won't know whether the government is supporting a land banked or an island style development. You are probably aware there were two competing developments and a private backed port and still again despite years of government approval, has not proceeded. I cannot tell you more than that until the state government releases its strategy for what the port will be. What I can tell you, is that the plans in that area include Latitude 32 as part of the western trade coast, an integrated rail and port facility and that is what the planning of Latitude 32 is expected to deliver. As to when, we will just have to wait.*

Q2. Is the City of Cockburn going to co-operate with the proposed development of the outer harbour as recommended by the state government?

A2. *That matter will come back to Council once there is a formal plan in place. Like other state infrastructure projects such as the controversial Roe Highway, the Council will make its own determination. The master plan in Latitude 32 includes a harbour, that's a state government policy and includes integrated rail which again is part of the state government policy.*

Q3. Does the City does not have a preference to one of the options?

A3. *Until the strategy is released and the officers have a chance to view that with the elected members, we cannot comment any further. We have to wait for that strategy to be released and all the stakeholders and the community in general are waiting for the government to release that particular report.*

Hilda Shroy – Shack 515 Naval Base Shacks

Q1. Could the City of Cockburn work with the Town of Kwinana to control the jet-ski problem at Challenger Beach? Two weeks ago the swimmers on the beach and my daughter who is 11 and her two friends were in the water not very deep and the jet skier came within 15 metres of her. He was much closer than he is meant to be. The week before there is a snorkel reef and one of the skiers went between the reef and the beach. It is a real big problem there and it is an accident waiting to happen. You can call the Police, they don't do much and Marine and Harbours, they don't come. Can the City of Cockburn look at this because we know it is not a jet-ski area but we tolerate them? Can we have some policing down there, can fines be issued or can they be given notices so they can be charged if they are caught? Can signage also be installed there?

A1. *We will take that up through our Administration.*

Rex Sallur – Bibra Lake

Q1. I don't believe the picking up of shopping trolleys should be the responsibility of any Council. Council did not leave them in the street. The unfair, irresponsible people dumped them in the streets and I also get upset of continuously seeing them in the streets. The large shops own them, it is theirs, they lend them to people to use and certain sections of the community abandon them. The big shopping centres should have a regular scout in the streets and pick them up. Council should spend our rates on things to improve the area not running around worrying about trolleys.

3. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting.

MEETING LOSED AT 8.27 P.M.