



MINUTES

General Meeting of Electors

Tuesday 13 February 2024, 6:02 pm

in the Council Chamber,

48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean WA 6054

Meeting Information

About the General Meeting of Electors

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2022/2023 Annual Report and any other general business. This is also an opportunity to reflect on the past year.

Meeting procedures

In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Mayor is to preside at a General Meeting of Electors and shall determine the procedure to be followed as set out below.

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register at the entry to the venue, including name and address.
2. Each person who participates in a vote or speaks must be an Elector of the Town of Bassendean.
3. The proceedings will be recorded for the purpose of producing the minutes and speakers are requested to use the microphone each time they speak. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
4. During General Business, questions or statements may only relate to matters that affect the Town of Bassendean and will be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.

To allow considered responses to be provided to your queries, it is requested that any formal questions are submitted by 12pm (noon) Tuesday 13 February 2024 via email to mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au

5. The community is welcome to participate in the meeting. To ensure the efficient conduct of the meeting, please participate in a concise and respectful manner.
6. Speakers are asked to clearly give their name and address each time they speak.
7. All addresses are to be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Extension of time is permissible only with the agreement of a simple majority of Electors present

Motions

1. Proposed motions are requested to be submitted by no later than 12pm (noon), Monday 12 February 2024 by hand delivering them to the Customer Service Centre at 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, or via email to mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au

Motions from Electors, where presented in writing, will be read aloud by the Presiding Member to ensure that it is clear about what is to be voted on. Motions from the floor will only be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.

2. The Presiding Member will call for a mover and a seconder for a motion.

3. Upon a motion being proposed, each speaker is to address the Presiding Member.

4. Only Electors of the Town of Bassendean may move or second a motion.

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 dealt with before any further amendment can be received.

6. Upon a motion being proposed, the Presiding Member will call for speakers to address the Chair.

7. When addressing the meeting a person is to:

- a) Rise and move to the public microphone unless unable to do so;
- b) State his or her name and address; and
- c) Address the meeting through the Presiding Member.

8. The mover of a motion (but not the mover of an amendment) has the right of reply, and this closes the debate.

9. The Presiding Member will then ask for a vote on the motion on the floor.

10. Each Elector has one vote but an elector is not compelled to do so.

11. Voting is determined by a show of hands.

12. A simple majority carries the vote.

13. Minutes of this meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public at a later date. Any motions arising from the meeting requiring action will be presented to the next available Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration. Public questions and comments are recorded and there is no protection from legal action being taken against you, should it arise from your comments delivered at the meeting.

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1 Welcome

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.02pm, welcomed all those in attendance and acknowledged the past and present traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the meeting was held.

2 Attendances and Apologies

Present

Councillors

Cr Kathryn Hamilton, Mayor
Cr Paul Poliwka, Deputy Mayor
Cr Emily Wilding
Cr Jennie Carter
Cr Ken John

Officers

Mr Cameron Woods, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Luke Gibson, Director Community Planning
Mr Paul White, Director Corporate Services
Mr Neil Brown, Manager Engineering & Assets
Mr Doug Pearson, (Acting) Exec Manager Infrastructure
Ms Nicole Davey, Exec Manager Sustainability & Environment
Ms Joanne Burges, Manager Governance & Strategy
Mrs Stephanie Williams, Minute Secretary

Public

Approximately 21 members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies

Cr Jamayne Burke
Cr Tallan Ames
Joyce Tasma
Felix von Perger
Ms Siedle

3 Mayor's Address

The Mayor, Kathryn Hamilton reflected on the year and acknowledged that the Town of Bassendean has undergone a number of significant changes that set the stage for a new era of growth and vibrancy under the guidance of newly appointed CEO, Mr Cameron Woods.

The Mayor expressed her appreciation to Council colleagues, administration and all staff for their professionalism, energy and tireless efforts.

Mayor Hamilton stated that whilst at times challenging and difficult decisions were made in the best interests of the broader community, it has also been a rewarding year in terms of collaboration and forward planning. The functions and services provided by a local government are many and varied, where catering to the priority aspirations of the broader community is paramount in planning for current and future generations of our Town.

Laying the foundations for a sustainable and resilient future, Council is committed to continual improvement as the team work tirelessly to enhance the quality of services. The Mayor expressed her gratitude to residents, community groups, local businesses and volunteers for their invaluable contributions, recognising that collaborative efforts support the town to deliver diverse projects and services.

4 Chief Executive Officer's Address

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Cameron Woods, provided an overview of the 2022/2023 Financial Year and thanked Peta Mabbs for her four years of service as well as Luke Gibson for acting as CEO and maintaining the Town's high standard of service to residents.

Mr Woods acknowledged that significant effort by the administration resulted in adoption of key documents that provide the foundation for future sustainable and responsible growth and service provision to the Town of Bassendean.

These included but are not limited to the Local Planning Strategy 11, the Town's first Public Health Plan and the Tree Canopy Action Plan which will guide the Town's commitment to increasing urban canopy to thirty percent by 2040.

The CEO stated that the Administration will this month present the Plan for the Future 2023/2033 and that he looks forward to next year's Electors Meeting to report on the progress and achievements made against this plan. Mr Woods thanked the Town of Bassendean community for being active and engaged.

5 Director Corporate Services Address

The Director Corporate Services, Mr Paul White, provided the following financial overview:

"The 2022/23 Annual Financial Statements are included in the Annual Report. The Financial Statements occupy the second part of the Annual Report, commencing on page 49.

The financial statements have been audited, and the Town received an unqualified audit report for 2022/23. The Auditor General's Opinion is at the end of the Financial Statements.

I don't propose to go through the Financial Statements in detail tonight, but I would like to highlight some pertinent points.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Operating revenue was \$1.3m higher than the previous year, and \$747,164 up on budget. There were three main contributors to this increase in revenue:

- Increased rates revenue of \$588,000, from the expansion of differential rates into commercial property, and an increase in the rate in the dollar of 4%. Importantly, Council froze the minimum payment at \$1,106, for the third consecutive year;
- The service charge for the Eden Hill underground power project, raising revenue of \$505,423; and
- Higher interest revenue of \$532,173 on the Town's investments, resulting from higher interest rates.

Other revenue was up on budget, but lower than the previous year by \$134,019. This was due to a dividend from the EMRC of \$110,975 received in the previous year.

Grants, subsidies and contributions were significantly higher than budget, by \$612,614. This was due to early receipt of grants in June 2023 related to 2023/2024.

Operating expenses were significantly higher than for the previous year, which was expected and budgeted. This was due to:

- An increase in employee costs of \$1.1m, arising from modest salary increases under the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, increase in superannuation guarantee of 0.5%, and payment of final employee entitlements for Seniors and Disability Services staff in July 2022; and

- Underground power payment to Western Power of \$1,227,284, reflected in “Other Expenditure”.

Materials and contracts expenditure was consistent with the previous year, although under budget by \$1.7m, mainly due to timing of maintenance for infrastructure assets, and operating projects.

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

I don't propose to comment on the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), other than to note the increase in the Town's Reserves of \$853,424 (or 9.76%) compared with the previous year.

Thank you".

6 Annual Report

The Mayor asked those in attendance to state their name and address if they wish to ask a question regarding the annual report.

Mr Adam Koval came forward to ask a question, however it was deemed to not relate to the Annual Report and was asked to present his question in the next item of the agenda. Mr Koval agreed to do so.

Council Resolution/Officer Recommendation – Item 6.1

MOVED Mrs MacWilliam, Seconded Mr Markum

That the 2022/2023 Annual Report for the Town of Bassendean be accepted.

Voting requirements: Simple majority

GME 2024-02-13/1

Carried 15/0

7 General Business

The following questions were received in writing prior to the meeting:

Noni Jekabsons, 6 Barton Parade, Bassendean

Question: *The Australian Standard for Pruning of Amenity Trees AS-4373-2007 defines “lopping” and “topping” as unacceptable practises. It contains guidelines for*

pruning of trees for power line clearance, as does the “Guidelines for the management of vegetation near power lines” produced by EnergySafety WA. Why does the Town of Bassendean continue with unacceptable, injurious hedge trimming style tree pruning practises such as “topping” on streets where overhead lines have been upgraded to Aerial Bundled Conductor?

Answer: The Town currently uses the noted guidelines for all management of vegetation near power lines.

Question: When will the Town of Bassendean request their contractors prune verge trees correctly as per the Australian Standard "AS-4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees"?

Answer: The Town currently instructs Contractors to undertake works in accordance with the noted standard.

Question: Why have the Town’s Tree pruning contractors been pruning verge trees during summer, in the middle of a drought and during a heat wave?

Answer: The Town currently instructs Contractors to undertake works in accordance with the noted standard. Due to the volume of works undertaken, tree works are required to occur throughout the year.

Donald Yates- 10 Thompson Rd, Success Hill

*Question: According to the LUP Section of DPLH (Land use planning - letter attached), **Perth & Peel @ 3.5 Million** "sets the MINIMUM numbers", so do the Planners, Executives and Councillors of the Town of Bassendean realise that the additional 4,150 homes target for Bassendean set in the gazetting of SPP 4.2 Activity Centres & Urban Corridors 6 years ago, (March 2018), are **MINIMUM additional housing numbers which makes it even more important for the densities and zonings in what is eventually approved by Planning Minister Carey in the pending SCHEME 11** should reflect the WAPC's approved STRATEGY of mid year 2023, and not the very conservative (somewhat out of date) zonings as accepted by Council in July 2023?*

Answer: This question had previously been asked and responded to –This question was ruled out of order.

Question: When will the Councillors of the Town of Bassendean study the process of State Planning Procedures and understand better how an area that is part of the Central Sub-Regional Planning Framework is supposed to complement the efforts to expand affordability housing numbers, not be an ongoing 'road block', including even trying to block out close questioning like these questions?

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *Publicity for this meeting - has the Council failed again? (Somewhat depends on how many turn up)*

Answer: No, the Town has not failed. The Town of Bassendean attendance was 21 attendees or 0.0013% of our population. By comparison the City of Swan attendance rate was 0.00039%. Typically small attendances and short meetings with few NOM, reflect a community happy with the performance of the administration and Council.

Question: *Is there a representative from Main Roads WA here tonight?*

Answer: No

Question: *Success Hill south access to and exit from Guildford Rd improvement? Should the green turning arrow at the Guildford Rd / West Rd intersection be re-instated after 20 years?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *Will there be traffic lights installed at Coluston Rd, if so when?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *Old Perth Rd is our 'main street' so when will there be a widening of Guildford Rd for a turn right entrance near the Bassendean Station and maybe a roundabout to join Guildford Rd and Old Perth Rd near the SDFC parking area if that area is to be promoted as a development area?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *When will the pedestrian grade separation at the Bassendean Station be re-instated after removal 20 years ago?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *When will Broadway and Old Perth Rd be linked to join the Town together as wanted in 2001?*

Answer: This question had previously been asked and responded to –This question was ruled out of order.

Question: *When will the Collier Rd grade separation above the Midland rail line be installed?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *Why does Main Roads WA allow tree planting along Guildford Rd because the planned widening of Guildford Rd would require such trees to be removed?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: *The EMRC has identified Lord St as one of the top 10 congested roads in their area ... when will this issue be resolved. In March 2018, it was supposed to become a **RAPID TRANSIT URBAN CORRIDOR**. The pending Local Planning SCHEME 11 release may re-affirm this.*

The DAP approval of the Bassendean Shopping Centre, 12 years ago, required safer access to the Coles unloading ramp access in Whitfield St and no crossing of Old Perth Road when leaving. When will these road safety issues be fixed?

Answer: This question had previously been asked and responded to –This question was ruled out of order.

Question: *The Whitfield 'Bike Safe' project still needs attention at the many 'traffic slowing island' installations. When will these road safety issues be fixed?*

Answer: There are no outstanding safety issues

Question: *The main road entrance to the shopping centre off West Rd does not comply with AS/NZS 2890 being too narrow and too steep. For reasons of safety and possible expansion of the centre with levels of accommodation like Claremont Quarter, the main entrance ramp needs to be fixed. (This is easily done with the entrance and exit roads being constructed on either side of the large trees and roundabout treatments at the top and bottom of the ramp).*

Answer: *The development complies with the development approval, granted by the JDAP in 2012.*

Question: *The lighting of Old Perth Rd needs to reflect it being the main street of the Town. When will this be attended to? This applies to both the road and path treatments.*

Answer: *Lighting will form part of any future precinct plan for the area. Should considerable public request be received by the Town, public toilets could be proposed for future consideration.*

Question: *\$10,000 was to be spent to convert the ex-toilet at Pt Reserve into canoe storage for the community to enjoy the Swan River. Sadly the \$10,000 was spent demolishing the potential canoe storage but a new canoe storage facility was promised. In 10 years, the only change was the demolition of the 2 jetties. When will the promised canoe storage be installed at Pt Reserve?*

Answer: *This question had previously been asked and responded to –This question was ruled out of order.*

Question: *Will there be a similar canoe storage installed for Ashfield residents?*

Answer: *No*

Question: *When the Palmerston Square playground makeover was done in recent years, why were toilets not installed? Could kit toilets like at Pt Reserve be also installed at this Playground, and if so, when?*

Answer: *Council will consider the draft POS strategy in February for public advertising. Not all POS require toilets.*

Question: *There are multiple non-compliance with Australian Standards like AS-NZS 5100 requiring the protection of the upright supports of the Lord St Bridge to avoid a Granville-like disaster, When will this be addressed?*

Answer: *This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.*

Question: *The limestone retaining wall at 1 Anzac Terrace was constructed without the expansion joints as per the approved plans. Nature has stepped in and now*

there are a number of cracks in this high limestone wall. Past DPLH inspectors believe it is a matter of when and not if, this wall will collapse and homes lost. What is the Town doing about this issue?

Answer: The Town will investigate the matter and action as required

Question: One of the major export industries of Australia is education, generating almost \$30 Billion annually. Our local Cyril Jackson school has a small part to play in this sector. Unlike the City of South Perth, why is there no apparent planning initiative to encourage student housing developments in Bassendean?

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

Question: The Town holds substantial real estate assets in trust for the Community. Why is the community excluded from being aware of such assets and how they might be better utilised through 'confidentiality' measures by Council?

Answer: Council has previously resolved that the-adopted Land Asset Strategy is to remain a confidential document for the reason of commercial sensitivity

Question: One of the prime, relatively high and large land holdings is 46/48/50 Old Perth Rd, also known as Lot 8701. It is owned by the State Government. Will the Town again seek to do land swaps with the State Government, so ownership of Lot 8701 becomes a community asset? It could mean that park land in Bindaring Park and even 1 Surrey St (with the Pensioner Cottage) might become State assets and the maintenance and upkeep responsibilities would be transferred to the State.

Answer: The Town has previously proposed a land swap however, it was declined by the DPLH.

Question: Other land held by the Town in trust for the Community could be used in Community Land Title packages to help those seeking affordable housing options. Will the Town promote such housing solutions?

Answer: The Town will dispose of freehold land in accordance with the Council-adopted Land Asset Strategy.

Question: If the new playground at Sandy Beach is severely damaged in a Swan River flooding incident, will the Town consider relocating the facility to a more practical location near bus routes, and fast-food services, like Bassendean Oval?

Answer: The Town's considers all risk matters based on likelihood and consequence; based on this assessment there is no intention to relocating this facility.

Question: *Will the Town discuss changes to the classic 55 and 955 bus services, so both sides of Bassendean are connected, maybe even with a bus stop on top of a wider Lord Street Bridge so there can be easy access to an extended to 150m Success Hill Station platform for improved overall community connectivity?*

Answer: This question is not related to Local Government roles / responsibilities but relates to another Government agency; it was ruled that this question is out of order and the questioner is advised to direct that question to the relevant agency.

The following questions were received at the time of the meeting:

Adam Koval, 16 Locum way, Bassendean

Question: *Is the Council aware that the 2023/2024 hall hire rates have disadvantaged junior and senior groups as the ball hire has gone up by one hundred percent?*

Answer: Fees and charges are reviewed annually as part of the budget process. This process commences shortly, and the fees will be reviewed

Mr Donald Yates, 10 Thompson Road, Success Hill

Bassendean will have more trees and more issues to do with trees, as part of the budget will there be contingencies built into the budget to manage the trees and issues?

Answer: The budget will reflect the increased costs of direct street tree care and maintenance.

Mr William Bosworth, 136A West Road, Bassendean

Question: *I find in the last year to two years that there is a weakness in the business side of the council of keeping Electors notified of changes and updates regularly. Previously there was a booklet that used to be received that kept the community updated.*

Answer: Mayor Hamilton acknowledged that Thrive this is no longer provided due to the cost, of Australia Post delivery and the printing cost. Mayor Hamilton stated that the information within Thrive is now primarily available online and is updated every two months and a copy can be provided via printing at the Library if requested, but will confirm this information is correct. Mr Bosworth stated he finds this information difficult to find on the website and the Mayor offered to assist him in finding it online at the end of the meeting.

The Thrive publication can be located via the Town of Bassendean website at:

[Documents in Thrive: Newsletter » Town of Bassendean](#)

Question: Mr Bosworth stated that he couldn't find any defibrillators provided by the council and if the information can be provided on the website so community members can find their location?

Answer: Mayor Hamilton believed that the Town may have some but will need to take the question on notice to find the information and provide it.

The Town's administration has since the meeting located information relating to defibrillators. The location of all defibrillators within the Town can be found on the St John WA website. The locations can be found at:

<https://defibrillator-locations.stjohnwa.com.au>

Bruce Keay, 11 Earlsferry Court, Bassendean

Question: Progress on closing of Town Planning Scheme 4A?

Answer: Mayor Hamilton stated that progress has been made and asked Mr Gibson to provide an update. Mr Gibson stated that the Town are close to having a new Local Planning Scheme 11. The town are to request a 'notice of intention to take' for the Minister, and once this is concluded that would allow for the Town to seek to exit TPS4H.

Question: Has the land been purchased that was required for the town to complete 4A?

Answer: Mr Gibson advised the Town are waiting on a decision from the Department before proceeding with any acquisition of land.

Mayor Hamilton acknowledged again that questions provided prior to the meeting will be taken on notice.

Mayor Hamilton acknowledged that Mr Yates number of questions will be responded to via email.

Donald Yates, 10 Thompson Road, Success Hill

Question: There is a missing Green arrow at West and Guildford roads that would make entering and leaving Success Hill easier, it and has been missing for 21 years and it's about time Main Roads did something about it. The Entrance and exit to the main shopping centre needs to be changed as it is too narrow and too steep and lights are not bright enough.

Answer: Taken on notice and a response is being sought and is to be provided.

Question: Lights on Extension road have been out for nearly two years and who paid for the three light installations was it the Department of Transport, the community or Insurance company?

Answer: Light replacement was completed late last year using funds paid from insurance and municipal funds

Question: I believe Main Roads should look at lights at Coulston and Guildford Road as it is commercially causing grief for the traders on Coulston Road and if there were traffic control lights then you might retain the IGA there.

Answer: Mayor Hamilton advised that Mr Yates is aware as a former Councillor, of the limitations imposed on Council in relation to Main Roads.

Bill Busby, 53 Haig Street, Ashfield

Question: 10 trees were removed at Ashfield reserve behind the grandstand, and they have started to grow back. Are they going to be removed or stay there?

Answer: Mayor stated that they were trimmed down to provide more of a view of the oval and that a reduction in antisocial behaviour can be seen. Mr Neil Brown acknowledged that the trees will be allowed to sprout, however they will be kept low to allow for passive surveillance to assist with reducing antisocial behaviour.

Question: What is the action from the Town Parks and Gardens to reduce weeds and ants?

Answer: Mayor Hamilton acknowledged that, that work is subject to a program of works. Mr Neil Brown stated the paramatta grass is incredibly challenging to manage as it is so fast growing. There are no herbicides that will target that without killing everything else. In regards to ants we cannot target them directly without killing all ants in the area.

Mayor Hamilton stated that she does not believe that the cost of hand weeding is feasible.

The Administration took it on notice to provide an information sheet on weeds and the CEO stated that a Supervisor level officer will walk the park with Mr Busby. The Town has contacted Mr Busby to arrange for a discussion on weed management within Ashfield Reserve.

Gaetano Foti-Cuzzola, 164 West Road, Bassendean

Question: On the corner of West Road and Bassendean Parade, there is high grass and firewood close to the boundary on the vacant block, what is the rules regarding clearing this block?

Answer: Mayor stated that private owners are provided a notice to reduce the fire hazard and have one month to rectify. A second notice is then provided, if no action is taken by the owner then a contractor is hired by the Town to clear the hazards, and the cost of this is passed on to the owner. Mr Gibson stated that he will have this property looked into and an answer provided. Mr Woods, CEO said that the town will remedy the problem as soon as possible.

Adam Koval, 16 Locum way, Bassendean

Question: Is the Council prepared to put signs on trees to say they are dangerous and not to stay under them? Trees at Sandy Beach can drop significantly large branches and they are a hazard.

Answer: Mayor Hamilton acknowledged the risk of being killed by a falling tree branch is very small and does understand that stress due to heat and pests can cause branches to fall. Mayor Hamilton acknowledged no easy solution but does not believe that labeling all mature trees is the answer.

Val Humphrey, 127A Whitfield Street, Bassendean

Question: Change of 55 bus route to a feeder bus number 44, is the Town engaging in or putting in a submission to the system?

Answer: Mayor Hamilton stated that she is aware that many residents have put in a submission, however she does not believe the town is putting in a submission.

8 Motions

Mayor Hamilton read through the process of motions for those in attendance.

Motion 1.

MOVED Alex McKellar, SECONDED Peter Markham

That the Town of Bassendean urgently updates Local Planning Policy 13 (Tree Retention & Provision) with the aim of limiting the unnecessary removal of significant trees on private property by

(ii) identifying that the removal of a significant tree constitutes 'works' that require development approval; and

(iii) including provisions that specify exemptions.

CARRIED 9/1

Motion 2.

MOVED Hilary MacWilliam, SECONDED Val Humphrey

That the Town of Bassendean explore all avenues to convert Hamilton Reserve into an Urban Forest/Living Stream and/or Regenerated Wetlands to expand our urban tree canopy and vegetation; and

2. The Town of Bassendean seek out collaborative partnerships and potential funding opportunities to accelerate nature based solutions for development of an Urban Forest at Hamilton Reserve, noting that reforestation and wetlands regeneration assists in carbon capture, development of thriving ecosystems and enhanced public health benefits.

CARRIED 12/0

Motion 3.

MOVED Hilary MacWilliam, SECONDED Peter Markham

That the Town of Bassendean Council writes to the City of Swan to express willingness to engage in a collaborative process to review a potential boundary realignment exploring whether there are synergies for some or all of those adjoining urban communities to be represented by the Town of Bassendean, and

2. Notes that the Local Government Advisory Board can assess the merits or otherwise of any boundary realignment proposal either formally or informally, and should the City of Swan and Town of Bassendean councils wish to proceed with a proposal, the Local Government Advisory Board will undertake targeted consultation with affected communities and stakeholders for due consideration prior to making any recommendation to the Minister.

CARRIED 13/4

Cr John left the chamber 7.28pm

Motion 4 .

MOVED Peter Markham, SECONDED Hilary MacWilliam

That the Town of Bassendean mandates street trees on residential verges in all areas of the Town, as is practicable, in order to:

1. Achieve near continuous tree canopy cover as priority over resident's objection to accommodate street trees, as outlined in the Town of Bassendean's Street and Reserve Trees policy, section 1.c.
2. Remain on track for 30% tree canopy within the Town by 2040.

CARRIED 12/0

Motion 5.

(Submitted by Joyce Tasma- not in attendance)

MOVED Alex McKellar, SECONDED Peter Markham

That the Town of Bassendean Council amend the Town's Delegation Register so as to require all decisions pertaining to the removal of street trees be made by the Council instead of under delegated authority, with the exception of those trees that have been identified by a suitably qualified independent arboriculture consultant as posing an immediate safety hazard.

LOST 7/9

Motion 6.

MOVED Robert Brown, SECONDED Donald Yates

That the Town of Bassendean Council approach the main roads department to have traffic control lights installed at the junction of Coulston road and Guildford Road and lobby to return advisory signage on Guildford Road to advise the location of the shopping centre.

Cr Wilding left the chamber at 7.50pm

CARRIED 15/0

Motion 7.

MOVED Robert Brown, SECONDED Donald Yates

That the Town of Bassendean Council approves and installs security lighting and cameras opposite to or at Ashfield shopping precinct.

Cr Wilding returned to the chamber at 7.52pm

CARRIED 17/0

Motion 8.

MOVED Alan Copleston, SECONDED Anni Macbeth

That the Town of Bassendean simplify the process to apply to be a passenger of the volunteer transport service.

CARRIED 16/0

9 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked the community for their attendance and involvement, and declared the meeting closed with the time being 8.05pm.