



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ABEL STREET BOYUP BROOK ON WEDNESDAY 2 June 2021 AT 7.00pm

1 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Cr Richard Walker - Shire President
Cr Helen O'Connell – Deputy Shire President
Dale Putland – Chief Executive Officer
Daly Winter - Community Emergency and Regulation Manager
Maria Lane – Executive Assistant

Fire Control Officers & Deputy Fire Control Officers, Secretary's and X-Ray Team

Tristan Mead
Wayne Girando
Rob Introvigne
John Ritson
Brad Fairbrass
Brad Skraha
Brian Cailles
Charles Caldwell
Darren Chapman
David Fortune
John Ritson
Nick Bagshaw
Wayde Robertson
John Imrie
Mike Hester
Rob Imrie
Glenn Mead
Scott Wheatley
Jamie Forbes
Marcus Gifford
Ron Tuckett
Chris Sousa
David Muir
Scott Nix
Ron Bingham
Ross Parker

Apologies

Ben Creek
Chris Coole
Ben Thompson
David Inglis
Kerin Power
Jim Johnson

2. ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER

5.12. Presiding members and deputies, election of

- (1) *The members of a committee are to elect a presiding member from amongst themselves in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 1 as if the references in that Schedule —*
 - (a) *to “office” were references to “office of presiding member”; and*
 - (b) *to “council” were references to “committee”; and*
 - (c) *to “councillors” were references to “committee members”.*

- (2) *The members of a committee may elect a deputy presiding member from amongst themselves but any such election is to be in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 2 as if the references in that Schedule —*
 - (a) *to “office” were references to “office of deputy presiding member”; and*
 - (b) *to “council” were references to “committee”; and*
 - (c) *to “councillors” were references to “committee members”; and*
 - (d) *to “mayor or president” were references to “presiding member”.*

2.1 DECLARED ELECTED

MOTION

MOVED: Ron Bingham

SECONDED: David Fortune

ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER

The Committee called for nominations

Richard Walker was declared elected Presiding Member.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER

The Committee calls for nominations

Helen O’Connell was declared elected Deputy Presiding Member.

3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS/MEMBERS

Chief Fire Control Officer

Tristan Mead was declared elected Chief Fire Control Officer

1st Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer

Ben Thompson was declared elected Deputy Chief Fire Control

2nd Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer

Ron Bingham was declared elected Deputy Chief Fire Control

Communications Officer

David Fortune was declared elected as Communications Officer

Fire Weather Officer

Brad Fairbrass was declared elected as Fire Weather Officer

Deputy Fire Weather Officer

Jim Johnson was declared elected as Deputy Fire Weather Officer

Fire Control Officers from each Brigade

David Inglis and Rob Imrie were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Benjinup Brigade*.

Glenn Mead and Scott Wheatley were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Chowerup Brigade*.

Tristan Mead and Wayne Girando were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Dinninup Brigade*.

John Ritson and James Johnson were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *East Boyup Brook Brigade*.

Ron Bingham and Paul Goerling were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Gibbs Brigade*.

Brad Skraha and Nick Bagshaw were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Kenninup Brigade*.

Brad Fairbrass and Hayden Bock were declared elected as delegates from the *Kulikup Brigade*.

Ben Creek and Chris Coole were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Mayanup Brigade*.

David Fortune and Kieren Power were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *McAlinden Brigade*.

Darren Chapman and Jamie Forbes were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Mickalarup/Dwalganup Brigade*.

Marcus Gifford and Rob Introvigne were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Nollajup Brigade*.

Charles Caldwell and Wade Robertson were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Scotts Brook Brigade*.

Ron Tuckett and Matt Della Golla were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Tonebridge Brigade*.

David Muir and Scott Nix were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *Tweed Brigade*.

Brian Cailles and Ross Parker were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the *West Boyup Brigade*.

Gyula Bogar and _____ were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the DFES Town Brigade. Meeting next Tuesday – confirm with Gyula.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/67

4 PRESENTATIONS

- Road Burning Permits
- Mitigation Activity Fund Project

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has instigated a pilot program with 4 South West Local Governments – Nannup, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Donnybrook-Balingup and Boyup Brook to fund a joint Fire Mitigation Officer to work with the four shires to coordinate and record bushfire mitigation treatments across those shires. The project will be jointly funded by the Shires and DFES. The pilot project will commence in the 2021/22 financial year.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Bush Fire Advisory Meeting – 10 September 2020

MOVED: Ron Bingham

SECONDED: David Fortune

That the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory AGM held on the 10 September 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/68

6 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Replacement of the McAlinden 2.4 Appliance:

The build of the new unit has commenced.

6.2 Funding of Slip on Units:

The Boyup Brook Shire received correspondence back from the DFES Commissioner regarding slip on units. The Shire then presented a case to support slip -on units to the South West zone meeting of WALGA. The SW Zone meeting supported the proposal. The Shire then presented the case to the Annual Meeting of State WALGA meeting where the request was also supported.

The funding for Slip-on units is currently being considered by DFES and there has been a suggestion that the funding will come from a separate funding pool, not for the LGGs Scheme.

6.3 Burn Management with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Water Corporation:

Members of the X-Ray Team have met with Jeff Bennett from the Donnolly District in February to discuss their 3 year burn Plan and David Fortune has also spoken to Jessica Newman from the Wellington District. D Winter has been in contact with Ed Hatherley from the Blackwood District and we are currently working towards a meeting date with Ed in the near future.

Water Corporation have contacted the CBFCO and there have been some initial discussions with Water Corporation for Boyup Brigades to assist them with some mitigation burns which we see as a positive step forward.

6.4 Volunteer Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The Shire is seeking support from the Local Bushfire Brigades to roll out more PPE to volunteers.

Only two brigades have submitted a request for PPE this year and we need help from the remaining brigades to ensure that their member have access to PPE.

6.5 Annual Firebreak Notice

MOTION

MOVED: Tristan Mead

SECONDED: Ross Parker

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee is requested to review amendments to the annual firebreak notice and endorse it for publication. Minor changes were made to the Firebreak Notice.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/69

6.6 Bush Fire Brigade Local Law and Review Bush Fire Control – Operations Issues Policy

At the last BFAC meeting a motion was passed to review the Shire of Boyup Brook Bush Fire Brigade Local Law and Operations Issues Policy with full consultation with the Fire Advisory.

These works are pending finalization of the new Workplace Safety Regulations as this will impact on fire brigade operations within the Shire.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 2020/2021 Report

Attended to various fires throughout the year. Would like to thank everybody for putting in a great effort. Wish to welcome Dale Putland and am looking forward to making progress and moving forward.

7.2 Brigade 2021 AGM Minutes as tabled by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

7.1.1 Brigade Meeting Minutes

MOTION

MOVED: Tristan Mead

SECONDED: Ron Bingham

That the AGM Minutes of the Benjinup, Kenninup, Tonebridge, Chowerup and Gibbs Road, McAlinden and Dinninup Bush Fire Brigade be received.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/70

8 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Appoint K Hales as duel fire control officers

MOTION

MOVED: Tristan Mead

SECONDED: David Fortune

That the request from the Shire of West Arthur to appoint Kim Hales as duel fire control officers in the Shire of Boyup Brook is supported by the BFAC representatives present.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/71

9.2 Appoint D Fortune and R Bingham as duel fire control officers

MOTION

MOVED: Tristan Mead

SECONDED: Charlie Caldwell

That David Fortune and Ron Bingham be appointed as duel fire control officers in the Shire of West Arthur.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/72

9.3 Accredited First Aid Training

The Shire will be arranging for a couple of First Aid Training courses for registered brigade volunteers.

Brigades are requested to gauge the level of interest from their members in attending these courses.

9.4 Motion from Kenninup Bush Fire Brigade

Background

It has been raised at a couple of fires throughout the year that fast fill pumps are being set up on dams without floats and people are getting stones in their nozzles and pumps, including the shire tanker.

MOTION

MOVED: Brad Skraha

SECONDED: Charlie Caldwell

Motion has been put forward to standardise a floatation system for suction hoses so they are not allowed to suck from dam floors and this be implemented prior to next fire season on all brigade fast fill trailers.

CARRIED

Res 21/5/73

10 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.20am.