



MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Commenced at 12.05pm

Shire of Boyup Brook Council Chambers, Boyup Brook

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyron", is located to the left of the printed name.

Athanasios Kyron
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS AND DISCLAIMER

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and work.

Council Meetings are public meetings.

The Council Chambers are not a parliament and Parliamentary Privilege does not apply.

Elected Members and staff risk being held personally liable if their comments are defamatory, or breach any duty of confidentiality.

Statements made during Council meetings are solely those of the person making them. Nothing expressed at a Council Meeting can be attributed to the Shire, unless it is adopted by a resolution of Council.

The Confirmed Minutes of a Council Meeting are the official record of that Council meeting. Verbatim Minutes are not required.

May I ask everyone here today, to make sure your mobiles are turned off or on silent for the duration of the Meeting.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:	Shire President	Richard F Walker
	Deputy Shire President	Helen C O'Connell
	Councillor	Steele Alexander (via MS Teams)
		Charles A D Caldwell
		Philippe Kaltenrieder
		Darren E King
		Kevin J Moir arrived at 12.28pm
	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Athanasios (Arthur) Kyron
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Carolyn Mallett
	Executive Assistant	Maggie Le Grange

APOLOGIES:	Cr Sarah E G Alexander
	Cr Adrian Price

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Nil
MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:	Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There being no questions from the public or members of the public present, question time was opened and closed at 12.07pm.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest (Financial)

Officer/Elected Member	Order of Business/ Report No	Agenda Page No	Item Details	Nature of Association
Athanasios Kyron	5.2	8	Amendment to Terms & Conditions of Temporary (Acting) Chief Executive Officer Letter of Engagement	Acting CEO

5. REPORT

5.1 Rylington Park Committee Meeting Minutes – 9 March 2023

Location:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Not applicable
Disclosure of Officer Interest:	None
Author:	Athanasios Kyron, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer:	Athanasios Kyron, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Unconfirmed Minutes

SUMMARY

This report is for Council to consider the recommendations in the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee (Committee) Meeting held on 9 March 2023.

The Committee has made two recommendations that require Council approval:

1. The allocation of the proceeds of the 2023 Rylington Park Ladies Day auction to CoMHAT for the new Youth Centre Transportable.
2. The erection of signage at Rylington Park in recognition of the partnership between the Shire of Boyup Brook, Rylington Park and Edit Cowan University MOU.

The other recommendations can be dealt with by Council by accepting the minutes of the 9 March 2023 Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research (Rylington Park) is located 27km from Boyup Brook town site on the Boyup Brook – Cranbrook Road in Mayanup.

The 650 hectare property was gifted to the Shire of Boyup Brook in 1985 by the late Mr Eric Farleigh for Research and Training in Agriculture and the betterment of Boyup Brook.

The property is managed by the Shire of Boyup Brook, who employ staff to operate the farm, host shearing schools and coordinate fertiliser and seed trials on the property.

Rylington Park host field days each year, which include the ‘Storm in a Teacup’ Women’s Day in March and the Annual Field Day in September.

Supporting youth in the district who are considering a future in agriculture, Rylington Park provides financial support by granting scholarships to students attending Agriculture Schools in Year 11 and 12.

With the financial support of Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), Rylington Park hosts 8 shearing, and wool classing schools each year. These training schools attract youth to take up the shearing or sheep handling profession, which is important for the sustainability of the Sheep industry.

Rylington Park has a **Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU) with Edith Cowan University (ECU). Signed on 29th October 2021, the MOU established an agreement for ECU to utilise Rylington Park for agriculture and regional development related research and allied education programs. The MOU endorses a high level, strategic relationship with ECU, which has potential to expand research and training opportunities for Rylington Park. It is intended that results of any research will be shared with farmers in Boyup Brook to the betterment of farmers and related businesses in the area. The MOU is a 20-year agreement.

The [Charter of The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research](#) was adopted by Council in November 2021 to confirm that the Rylington Park farming property, home of The Rylington Park Institute for Agricultural Training and Research, will be held in trust by the Boyup Brook Shire to benefit the Boyup Brook community and for the use of agricultural training and research.

COMMENT

The Rylington Park Committee meets every month to receive reports from the Farm Managers and to consider initiatives and updates for research projects.

The Committee discussed the allocation of the proceeds from the Rylington Park Ladies Day Auction and agreed to allocate the funds to CoMHAT for the youth centre transportable.

Given the significant support to the research component from Edith Cowen University, the Committee felt the erection of signage at Rylington Park acknowledging the support of Edith Cowen University was necessary in recognition of the partnership in line with the Shire of Boyup Brook, Rylington Park and ECU MOU.

At its meeting several research recommendations were presented (attached). As the Committee had received the proposals just prior to the meeting the committee requested further research be undertaken on the projects for the Committee to consider which projects would be undertaken at Rylington Park at its next meeting.

Other ideas regarding aeration and use of soil wetters to be incorporated in the projects and for ECU provision of feedback on all submitted projects was put forward and supported by the Committee.

The suggestion to examine the establishment of dry land hemp production presented and asked for the idea to be considered at the next Rylington Park Committee meeting.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

The use of Rylington Park must be consistent with its purpose.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At this stage the budget implications of the projects are not known but will be a consideration in the development of the project proposals.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The research projects are aligned to the purpose of Rylington Park and aligned to the Shire of Boyup Brook Strategic Community Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

COUNCIL DECISION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – Item 5.1

That Council:

- 1. Receives the minutes of the Rylington Park Committee meeting held on 9 March 2023;**
- 2. Approves the allocation of the proceeds of the 2023 Rylington Park Ladies Day auction to CoMHAT for the new Youth Centre Transportable;**
- 3. Supports the erection of signage at Rylington Park in recognition of the partnership between Shire of Boyup Brook, Rylington Park and ECU MOU.**

MOVED: Cr Darren E King

SECONDED: Cr Charles A D Caldwell

CARRIED 6/0

Res 23/03/031

COUNCIL MEETS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

MOVED: Cr Darren E King

SECONDED: Cr Helen C O’Connell

That pursuant to Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council moved Behind Closed Doors at 12.09pm.

CARRIED 6/0

Res 23/03/032

Financial Interest

Athanasios Kyron, Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a financial interest in item 5.2 and departed the Shire Council Chambers, the time being 12.10pm.

5.2 CONFIDENTIAL Amendment to Terms & Conditions of Temporary (Acting) Chief Executive Officer Letter of Engagement for the Shire of Boyup Brook

Location:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Not applicable
Disclosure of Officer Interest:	None
Author:	Carolyn Mallett, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer:	Carolyn Mallett, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

COUNCIL DECISION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – Item 5.2

That Council approves the officer recommendation in the confidential report 5.2 regarding the letter of engagement for the temporary Acting Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Boyup Brook.

MOVED: Cr Helen C O’Connell

SECONDED: Cr Charles A D Caldwell

CARRIED 5/1

Res 23/03/033

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Athanasios Kyron returned to the Shire Council Chambers at 12.25pm.

5.3 CONFIDENTIAL Contract for the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Boyup Brook

Location:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Not applicable
Disclosure of Officer Interest:	None
Author:	Athanasios Kyron, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer:	Athanasios Kyron, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Contract of Employment

COUNCIL DECISION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – Item 5.3

That Council approves the officer recommendation in the confidential report 5.3 regarding the contract of employment for the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer for the Shire of Boyup Brook.

MOVED: Cr Philippe Kaltenrieder

SECONDED: Cr Darren E King

CARRIED 6/0

Res 23/03/034

Cr Kevin Moir arrived at 12.28pm.

COUNCIL MOVES FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

MOVED: Cr Darren E King

SECONDED: Cr Helen C O’Connell

That Council return from Behind Closed Doors at 12.37pm.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

Res 23/03/035

Shire President Richard Walker read aloud to Council the decision that was made behind closed doors.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President, thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 12.38pm.