



**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

held on

Thursday, 7 October 2021

Commenced at 6.00pm

Shire of Boyup Brook Council Chambers, Boyup Brook

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

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

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

PRESENT:	Shire President	Richard F Walker
	Deputy Shire President	Helen C O'Connell
	Councillor	Sarah E G Alexander
		Steele Alexander
		Darren E King
		Kevin J Moir
		Philippe Kaltenrieder
		Adrian Price

STAFF:	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Dale Putland
	Executive Assistant	Mrs Maria Lane

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

APOLOGIES:

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. REPORT

5.1 Adoption of the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
File:	SCP
Disclosure of Officer Interest:	Nil
Date:	28 September 2021
Author:	Dale Putland – Chief Executive Officer
Authorizing Officer:	Dale Putland – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Strategic Community Plan 2021 - 2031

SUMMARY

The Strategic Community Plan (SCP) for endorsement as shown in the attached final draft of the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031.

BACKGROUND

The process to develop the plan commenced several months ago and included Community Workshops, information collected in feedback forms and Elected Member workshops.

- 249 Postcard responses
- 89 Workshop attendees
- 75 Online Survey responses
- 63 Community feedback responses

COMMENT

The Strategic Community Plan was advertised for public comment on the 5th July and closed on the 16th August. Comments from the community have been assessed and addressed in the draft document. If accepted as presented, the document will be formatted and prepared for final signing and publication.

Below is a table of the changes that have been made to the draft in response to the comments.

Page Number	Comment Made
Page 2	Include the wording “ <i>We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and work</i> ”. Add the word “and” in the second paragraph and remove the word “them” and replace with “people”.
Page 7	Remove the wording “ <i>Shire Will</i> ”.
Page 8	Include under Our Heritage “ <i>Boyup Brook is rich in history. Prior to European settlement, Aboriginal people of the Bibbulmun tribe</i> ”.

	<p><i>inhabited the Boyup Brook Shire. Boyup Brook originated from the Aboriginal word “Booyup”, which means “Place of Big Smoke” or “Place of Big Stones”.</i></p> <p><i>The first European explorer to cross the Blackwood River, A.C. Gregory, carved his initials on the 'Gregory Tree' north-east of Boyup Brook in 1845. By 1882 there were 19 settler families within the district.</i></p> <p><i>The town, which was originally gazetted as ‘Boyup’ in January 1900, was established where the brook runs into the river. The name was changed to Boyup Brook in 1909 to match the railway station that was built to connect the town to Donnybrook. The railway was then extended to Kojonup and Katanning in 1911. In 1940, during the Second World War a flax mill was built in the town. The Boyup Brook Flax Mill was the last flax mill in Australia to close down in the 1960s and is now the site of the caravan park.”</i></p>
Page 9	<p>Include under the heading – Our Facilities <i>“Boyup Brook has a Community Resource Centre (CRC) which provides community information, services and activities. In 2021 the library will relocate to the CRC, improving services to the community.”</i></p>
Page 9	<p>Include under the heading – Our Facilities <i>“Boyup Brook Shire is the only local government in Western Australia that provides an emergency Ambulance service for all of its permanent residents free of charge. The Shire has a Memorandum of Understanding with St John Ambulance Boyup Brook for this service.”</i></p>
Page 13	<p>Include the wording <i>“Refurbish current housing stock”</i> under the heading – Activity Pursue.</p> <p>Include the wording <i>“Affordable housing opportunities”</i> under the heading – Support/Advocate</p>
Page 15	<p>1.2 Remove <i>“Construct, repair and maintain sustainable community and sporting facilities in a manner that maximises their life, capacity and function and replace with “Construct/redevelop community and sporting facilities in a manner that maximises their life, capacity and function”.</i></p> <p>1.3 Include the wording <i>“Maintain, refurbish and renew Shire housing stock”.</i></p> <p>2.2 Remove the word <i>“support”</i> and replace with <i>“effective”.</i></p> <p>2.3 Remove the word <i>“effective”</i> and replace with <i>“appropriate”.</i></p>
Page 16	<p>1.1 Remove the word <i>“Improve”</i> and replace with <i>“Facilitate”.</i></p> <p>1.2 Remove the word <i>“Improve”</i> and replace with <i>“Facilitate”.</i></p>
Page 17	<p>3.1 Remove <i>“Partner with stakeholders to promote Boyup Brook, preserving our history for future generations and sharing the rich heritage of the Shire”</i> and replace with <i>“Partner with key stakeholders to maximise economic development opportunities through regional and sub regional initiatives.”</i></p>
Various pages	<p>Councillors made various amendments and changes to the document.</p>

CONSULTATION

- A raft of consultation has been facilitated in the preparation of this document.
- The final draft was advertised on the website and facebook page.
- The shire received generally positive reviews in response to the draft, with several requests for changes.

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

If adopted, the Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 will become the main Strategic document for the Shire of Boyup Brook providing Council and staff direction into the future.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- **Environmental**
Improvements of the built environment addressing the desire for new facilities as well as maintaining and upgrading current facilities and infrastructure.
- **Economic**
Supporting business development, tourism and initiatives to create more local jobs and stimulate our economy, increase population and number of visitors.
- **Social**
Maintaining and improving services for the aged, support for youth, community safety, creating a vibrant engaged community and finding new and more effective ways to deliver services and amenities.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

COUNCIL DECISION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – Item 5.1

MOVED: Cr Sarah E G Alexander

SECONDED: Cr Philippe Kaltenrieder

That Council endorsed the attached Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 as amended.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

Res 23/10/132

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President, thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.16pm.