

PORT GEOGRAPHE LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (PGLOA)

MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PORT GEOGRAPHE LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT BUSSELTON VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE CENTRE, GEOGRAPHE BAY RD, BUSSELTON.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30PM.

Attendance and Apologies

Chairman	Kevin Strapp
Secretary	Dennis Gee - recording minutes
Treasurer	Simon Denney
Committee	John Valentine Ross Scott Graham Edwards
Members	33 including committee
Apologies	Paul Varis, Peter Southall
Invited Guests	Crs Bleechmore and Best, Jenny Green, Emma Kirk (BD Mail)

2. Adoption of Minutes of AGM 17 Oct 2016

The draft minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated by email.

Moved by Scott / Edwards, minutes of the 2016 AGM were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Chairman's Report

"Ladies and gentlemen thanks for your attendance tonight. Your continuing interest in what your Association is trying to achieve is appreciated. As we have an overhead presentation tonight on the major issues I will just comment on some of the wins losses and frustrations of the past year.

As you are aware the City has ceased contribution to the Waterways Management Reserve Fund, transferring their 25% contribution of the annual SAR collection to a Port Geographe Development Reserve Fund from 2001 until 2013, and then ceasing altogether.

The City has been able to negotiate with the developer's receivers, who have paid out bond monies held for a range of previous required commitments. This amount was about \$1.2 million. These funds have been placed in the Port Geographe Development Reserve Fund.

You will have noted in your rate notice that \$780,000 is going to be spent within Port Geographe. In addition approximately \$460,000 will go towards the upgrading of the boat ramps, and \$534,000 towards extending Ford Road - not bad seeing the City will not even consider Ford Road as a viable option to overcome traffic congestion within the CBD.

The following is a few of the issues your committee has been involved with:

- Street lights - most of the street lights in Layman Road now work. The city moved to replace all the street lights in Keel Retreat, Port Drive and Anchor Way so they could hand the maintenance over to Western Power, at a cost of \$66,000. Your committee pointed out that all of the lights worked perfectly.

- The old sales hut in Port Lane has finally been removed.
- Stinger Pool aerator has been replaced
- Planting of peppermint trees in Layman Road has been deferred, in favour of red flowering gums.
- After two years the damage caused by a contractor to the rip-rap walls in Keel Retreat and Burgee Close appears to have been fixed.
- Naming Port Geographe as a separate suburb has got nowhere as there is no enthusiasm from the City. We will take this up with the new Council.
- Footpath outside Sensations Cafe is now finished.
- Supportive commentary has been given to the public environmental review of the airport extension.
- Continued advocacy for rord road as the alternate entry to Busselton
- PGLOA Rules, as adopted at the 2016 AGM has now been approved by the Dept of Commerce - it took two years.

The main issues your committee has been working on will be addressed in the overhead presentation.

I would like to thank my committee who have worked hard over the last twelve months on your behalf especially Dennis Gee who has been tireless in his efforts as Secretary.

Lastly, I would like to thank the now retiring Cr Gordon Bleechmore who has represented us and our views forcefully in Council, much to the annoyance of the executive and some other Councillors. Also I would like to thank Crs Coralie Tarbotton and Terry Best who have also stuck up for us when required, especially over the tree issue in Layman Road. And Jenny Green was a strong advocate for Port Geographe when formerly on Council, and I wish her well in her efforts to get back on to Council”.

4. Financial Report.

Treasurer Simon Denney presented Annual Financial Report. Refer attachment.

In summary:	Opening balance	\$5,734
	Expenditures	850
	Closing Balance	4,878
	Cash on hand	50
	Net position	\$4,928

Moved by Dennis Gee/ Graham Edwards the report is accepted. Carried unanimously

5. Election of Office Bearers

The rules require the election of Chair, Vice Chair (elected by committee), Secretary, Treasurer, and 3-6 other committee. All retiring officers are eligible for nomination.

The Secretary took the chair and said that nomination had been received for Chair from Kevin Strapp, and there being only one nomination, Kevin Strapp was re-elected Chairman unanimously.

The Secretary advised that nominations had been received from Dennis Gee for Secretary, Simon Denney for Treasurer. They being the only nominations, on motion from the Chair, the meeting re-elected them unanimously.

Secretary advised that nominations for Committee had been received from Steve O’Brien, John Valentine, Ross Scott, and Graeme Edwards. As there were further vacancies, the Chair accepted nominations from the floor from Michelle Reilly and Ron McDavitt. On motion from the proposal from the Chair, the meeting elected them unanimously.

The Committee for 2017/2018 will consist of the following members: -

Chairman:	Kevin Strapp
Secretary:	Dennis Gee
Treasurer:	Simon Denney
Committee:	Steve O'Brien. Ross Scott John Valentine Graham Edwards Michelle Reilly

6. Presentation

Dennis Gee gave a presentation on the current issues, focussing mainly on the SAR, Landscaping, Planning Scheme21. In summary PGLOA advocates:

- reinstatement of the City community contribution to the PGWMRF
- cap be placed on the amount that can be drawn down annually
- long-term plan by the City to manage the SAR that is fair and meet real requirements. requirements and fairness.

This presentation will be placed on the PGLOA Website.

The Chairman led a discussion on future strategy which would involve an elevated media campaign to expose the unfairness of the current operation of the SAR. It would also involve support for candidates for Councillor who would be sympathetic to our objectives.

In response to a question why PGLOA involves itself in Ford Road, Chair advised it is to the advantage of PG residents. Steve O'Brien advised that it was the original intent in the development of PG, and there was a contribution from each block sold to be set aside for Ford Road planning.

There was strong sentiment for the "user-pay" principle, especially in regard to use of waterways and parking at boat ramps.

Chairman thanked all of the attendees for coming along and providing their input on the issues confronting PGLOA.

Meeting closed 9.00PM