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Mr Mike Davies
Chair
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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your invitation to me and the CEO Jonathan Throssell to address your members on Monday evening this week.

It was a lively evening, with many good questions from ratepayers. I hope the information Jonathan and I gave was helpful.

I look forward to getting responses from the meeting from your Association and perhaps from the Ward Councillors to bring to Council.

In preparing for the evening, I did my homework and read such things as previous minutes of the Association, and information on the website.

I was concerned about information in the minutes and correspondence which I'd ask you to correct by getting a copy of this letter to all your members.

In November 2005, you emailed members and I quote, in part, a comment you made about me. "*John as you most probably know is from the "Develop everywhere at all costs" school of thought.*" This is not true.

Similarly, in a letter to Jaye Radisich on 18th January 2006, again, I quote in part, you wrote to her that ". . . *the Shire President John Beaton had written to the Editor supporting the idea of high density development . . .*" Again, this is not true.

In my role as President I meet with many people. I meet with shopkeepers, lawyers, school principals and people with development proposals. Because I meet with them it does not follow that I either support or do not support their wishes.

While I have my personal views about requests of all kinds that come to the Shire, as a Councillor I have to determine my decision on factual information given to me, as well as giving regard to the legal restraints and conditions all Councillors work within.

Finally, I'd like to correct a statement you made in correspondence to your members in your Chairman's Report of the 8th May 2006 under the heading: Meeting with Alannah MacTiernan, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. I quote, in part, "*We pointed out that the Council is dominated by people who don't live in the Hills and who are development driven.*"

A quick check of the Shire's web page or a call to the Shire would have confirmed that this is not true. All Shire of Mundaring Councillors live in the Shire. One, perhaps, could be said not to live in "the Hills" as Cr Jamieson lives in Helena Valley estate. You state in the same report that Councillors are "*development driver*". This kind of sweeping statement does you and your role as Chair of a Shire Progress Association no credit. I'd ask that you correct this in an appropriate way.

Once again, though, I'd like to thank you for the invitation and for running the meeting in a good and orderly way.

Yours sincerely,



Cr John Beaton
SHIRE PRESIDENT

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