

Minutes

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

Thursday, 21st September, 2017

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS GUNDAGAI AT 4:00PM ON THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 2017

PRESENT

Cr Leigh Bowden, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Abb McAlister, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Dennis Palmer, Cr Doug Phillips, Cr Charlie Sheahan, Cr Craig Stewart, Allen Dwyer (General Manager), Phil McMurray (Director Asset Management), Kate Monaghan (Director Corporate Services), Chris Imrie (Director Development & Community) and Ray Graham (Director Operations).

Note: The General Manager chaired the meeting for items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.1.1. Upon his election as Mayor, Cr McAlister chaired the remainder of the meeting.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The General Manager acknowledged the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land at which the meeting was held and paid his respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extended that respect to other Aboriginal people who were present.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

4 COUNCILLOR OATH/AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

Councillors Palmer, Graham, Phillips, Stewart, Sheahan, Kelly, and McAlister undertook the following Oath of Office, before the General Manager:

Oath

I [name of councillor] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of the Cootamundra-Gundagai area and the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Councillors Bowden and Nicholson undertook the following Affirmation of Office, before the General Manager:

Affirmation

I [name of councillor] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of the Cootamundra-Gundagai area and the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

5 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

5.1.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE 2017/19 TERM

01/09/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Palmer Seconded: Graham

The voting for the election of the Mayor for the 2017/19 term be conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

The General Manager as Returning Officer called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Nominations were received for Councillor McAlister and Councillor Phillips.

In accordance with the previous resolution the election was conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

Following the Ordinary Ballot Councillor McAlister was declared elected as Mayor for the 2017/19 term.

Councillor McAlister assumed the Chair.

5.1.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

02/09/2017 RESOLVED – Moved: Graham Seconded: Phillips

1. The Deputy Mayor term be for a period of two years to align with the Mayoral term.
2. The voting for the election of the Deputy Mayor for the 2017/19 term be conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

The General Manager as Returning Officer called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Nominations were received for Councillor Palmer and Councillor Phillips.

In accordance with the previous resolution the election was conducted by Ordinary Ballot.

Following the Ordinary Ballot Councillor Palmer was declared elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2017/19 term.



5.1.3 DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

03/09/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Phillips** **Seconded: Kelly**

1. The draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to the report be notified and exhibited in accordance with s361 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
2. The draft Code and any submissions received in response to the exhibition be considered at a future Council Meeting.
3. In the absence of any applicable Code of Meeting Practice, the draft Code attached to the report be applied to Council Meetings until such time as a new Code is formally adopted.

5.1.4 DRAFT MEDIA POLICY

04/09/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Graham** **Seconded: Palmer**

The Media Policy attached to the report be adopted.

5.2 GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS

5.2.1 FEES FOR COUNCILLORS

05/09/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sheahan** **Seconded: Bowden**

Council adopt the Councillor annual fee of \$11,570; and the Mayoral (additional) annual fee of \$25,250.

5.2.2 COUNCILLOR TRAINING AND INDUCTION

06/09/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Graham** **Seconded: Kelly**

Council participate in the Hit the Ground Running Workshops scheduled in Gundagai on Wednesday, 1st November, 2017.

5.2.3 FIXING OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DAYS, LOCATION AND COMMENCEMENT TIMES

07/09/2017 **RESOLVED – Moved: Palmer** **Seconded: Kelly**

Council fix its ordinary monthly meeting days for the last Tuesday of each month commencing at 6.00pm



There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

**These Minutes were confirmed by resolution of Council at the Council Meeting held on
2017 and endorsed by:**

MAYOR

GENERAL MANAGER