



Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Statutory Meeting
8 November 2017

Held at 5.30pm in the Council
Chambers at 5 Market Place, Hamilton

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The Meeting opened at 5.30pm

1. Present

Councillors

Cr Cathy Armstrong

Cr Mary-Ann Brown

Cr Albert Calvano

Cr Colin Dunkley

Cr Greg McAdam

Cr Katrina Rainsford

Cr Chris Sharples

Officers

Mr Michael Tudball – Chief Executive Officer

Ms Vickie Williams – Acting Director Community and Corporate Services

Mr Michael McCarthy - Director Shire Futures

Ms Megan Kruger – Governance Coordinator

Ms Nola McFarlane – Manager Flood Recovery

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The CEO, Michael Tudball, read the acknowledgement of country –

“Our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Gunditjmarra, Tjap Wurrung and Bunganditj people.

I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.”

3. Prayer

Vickie Williams, Acting Director Community and Corporate Services, led the meeting in a prayer.

4. Apologies

Mr David Moloney, Director Shire Infrastructure, Ms Evelyn Arnold, Director Community and Corporate Services, Dan Tehan MP, Member for Wannon and Emma Kealy MP, Member for Lowan.

5. Presentation of Mayoral Address

The CEO invited Cr Brown, the immediate past Mayor, to present the Mayoral Address for 2016/2017.

Cr Brown discussed the highs and lows of her year as the Mayor. She expressed her disappointment at the suspension of operations at Iluka, and the job losses that this will lead to.

The Mayor commented on the extensive community engagement and communication that Council has conducted in the last 12 months including engagement and communication in relation to:

- The formulation of the 2017-2021 Council Plan;
- The preparation of the Annual Budget;
- The development of the emerging priorities fund; and
- The Council Meetings held in Balmoral, Peshurst and Coleraine.

The Mayor thanked the communities who have been affected by floods for their patience and hopes to see significant progress on road repair works in 2018.

The Mayor highlighted the Economic Migration Pilot, which has been an exciting project over the last 12 months in which prospective residents have been hosted in the region. The communities have been very generous and hospitable to these potential residents, showing them around their community, sharing their homes and providing meals.

The Mayor thanked her colleagues for their support and contribution over the last 12 months. She also thanked Mr Michael Tudball, the CEO, and Council staff for their support, advice and work over the last 12 months. Lastly the Mayor acknowledged the community, and expressed her gratitude for their warm welcome, and invitations to a large variety of events over the last 12 months. In particular she thanked all the volunteers in the community for the wonderful contribution they make to their towns and the Shire as a whole.

6. Election of Mayor 2017/2018

The Local Government Act 1989 provides that prior to the election of the Mayor, Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of two years.

In the absence of such a resolution the election of the Mayor is for a term of one year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rainsford
SECONDED: Cr Calvano

I move that the Mayor for the Southern Grampians Shire Council be appointed for a 1 year term.

CARRIED

MAYORAL ELECTION

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for 2017/2018.

Cr Brown was nominated by Cr Sharples. Cr Brown accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received. There being no other nominations Cr Brown was elected Mayor.

The Mayor was invested with the Mayoral Pendant and Gavel by the Chief Executive Officer.

7. Response by Mayor

The Mayor, Cr Brown, thanked her fellow Councillors for their support and re-electing her for a second term as Mayor. She is looking forward to the next 12 months and keen to discuss Council's priorities for 2018 and 2019 at its planning day in December. She is looking forward to working with her fellow Councillors, Council staff and the community to achieve the priority projects such as the development of the industrial estate, the HILAC roof upgrade, completion of much of the flood recovery works, completion of the feasibility study for the Hamilton Gallery, extension of the Economic Migration Project, completion of improvements to the Botanic Gardens and much more.

8. Election of Deputy Mayor 2017/2018

Council's Meeting Procedures Local Law provides that the process for the election of a Deputy Mayor, should Council determine that it is appropriate to appoint a Deputy Mayor, will follow the same procedure as for the election of the Mayor.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rainsford
SECONDED: Cr McAdam

I move that a Deputy Mayor be appointed for the Southern Grampians Shire Council for a 1 year term.

CARRIED

DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2017/2018.

Cr Sharples was nominated by Cr McAdam. Cr Sharples accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received. There being no other nominations Cr Sharples was elected Deputy Mayor.

9. Response by Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Sharples thanked his fellow Councillors for their support and re-electing him for a second term as Deputy Mayor. He looks forward to assisting the Mayor again in the upcoming 12 months. He has enjoyed working with his fellow Councillors as a good team and has enjoyed the robust debate that has occurred. The Deputy Mayor thanked Council staff for their support and assistance over the last 12 months.

10. Determination of Meeting Schedule

Council is requested to determine upon the Meeting Schedule for 2017/2018.

It is recommended that Ordinary Meetings of Council are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 5.30pm, preceded by an informal residents meeting commencing at 5.00pm and a Councillor Briefing Session commencing at 1.00pm.

It is also recommended that Briefing Sessions are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, commencing at 1.00pm.

Extra Councillor Briefing Sessions are anticipated to assist in the preparation of the 2018/2019 Annual Budget. These Briefing Sessions are anticipated to be held in March and will be scheduled by the Chief Executive Officer as required.

From time to time additional Council Meetings, Special Meetings, may also be required.

Council meetings be generally held in the Council Chambers, Market Place, Hamilton, unless otherwise varied by Council or the Chief Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the second Wednesday of each month, except November 2017 which is to be held on the fourth Wednesday and January 2018, commencing at 5.30pm.
2. Ordinary Meetings of Council be preceded by a Councillor Briefing Session commencing at 1.00pm.
3. Councillor Briefing Sessions be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, commencing at 1.00pm, except for April 2018 which will be set for the Wednesday 18 April 2018 as the fourth Wednesday is ANZAC day.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set additional Councillor Briefing Sessions, call for Special Meetings of Council when required and move the location of Council Meetings and Briefings in consultation with the Mayor and Councillors.
5. The following schedule of dates for the holding of Ordinary Council Meetings in 2017/2018 be adopted:

22 November 2017
13 December 2017
14 February 2018
14 March 2018
11 April 2018
9 May 2018
13 June 2018
11 July 2018
8 August 2018
12 September 2018
10 October 2018

6. That a Special Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2018/2019 Budget be set for Wednesday 27 June 2018 commencing at 5.30pm.
7. That the Statutory Meeting for 2017 be set for Wednesday 14 November 2018 commencing at 5.30pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rainsford
SECONDED: Cr Sharples

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6. **That Council will hold 3 Meetings in Southern Grampians Shire communities in 2018 outside of Hamilton with the location and timing to be determined by a further Council Report.**
7. **That a Special Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2018/2019 Budget be set for Wednesday 27 June 2018 commencing at 5.30pm.**
8. **That the Statutory Meeting for 2017 be set for Wednesday 14 November 2018 commencing at 5.30pm.**

11. Close of Meeting

This concludes the business of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

Confirmed by resolution 22 November 2017.

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Chairman