



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

# MINUTES

## Council Meeting

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**6.00pm Tuesday 17 November 2020**

**VENUE:**  
**Golden Plains Civic Centre**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2 Pope Street, Bannockburn**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
6.00pm Tuesday 24 November 2020

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE GOLDEN PLAINS CIVIC CENTRE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
2 POPE STREET, BANNOCKBURN  
ON TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Helena Kirby, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey, Cr Brett Cunningham, Cr Gavin Gamble, Cr Ian Getsom, Cr Clayton Whitfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Braslis (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Development), Philippa O'Sullivan (Director Corporate Services), Lisa Letic (Director Community Services), Annmaree Bowey (Coordinator Governance and Risk)

## **ASSUME THE CHAIR**

I'd like to formally welcome you to this Council Meeting for the Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

My name is Eric Braslis and I am the CEO of the Golden Plains Shire Council.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, I have assumed the Chair as temporary Chairperson.

As Chair of the Meeting I give my consent for this open Council meeting to be streamed live, recorded and published online, in accordance with Section 14 of *Council's Governance Rules of 2020*.

Myself as the Chair, has the discretion and authority to at any time, direct the termination or interruption of the live streaming. Such direction will only be given in exceptional circumstances where deemed relevant. Circumstances may include instances where the content of debate is considered misleading, defamatory or potentially inappropriate to be published.

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Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the stream a recording will be made available on our website.

Those in attendance in person tonight, are advised to practice social distancing and the hygiene recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Thank you.

## **1 OPENING DECLARATION**

We the Councillors of Golden Plains Shire declare that we will undertake, on every occasion, to carry out our duties in the best interest of the community and that our conduct shall maintain the standards of the code of good governance so that we may faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in this Council by the people of Golden Plains Shire.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledge the traditional Wadawurrung owners of the land where we meet today. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders both past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of Golden Plains Shire.

### **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

### **4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer advised that Section 7 of the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020* provides for a number of exemptions in relation to declarations of conflicts of interest. One of these exemptions relates to the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Because tonight's Council Meeting is held for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in accordance with section with the regulations, there is no need for any declarations of Conflicts of Interest to be made tonight.

### **4 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

#### **3.1 OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To receive the signed oath/affirmation taken by all Councillors elected to the Golden Plains Shire Council following the 2020 Council Elections.

##### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby  
Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council receive the signed oath/affirmation taken by the Councillors named below on Saturday, 14 November 2020;

Cr Brett Cunningham  
Cr Gavin Gamble  
Cr Ian Getsom  
Cr Helena Kirby  
Cr Les Rowe  
Cr Owen Sharkey  
Cr Clayton Whitfield

**CARRIED**

Signed oath/affirmations attached.

### 3.2 TERM OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To resolve on the term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2020/21.

Under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) Council may elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of either one (1) or two (2) years.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council resolves that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2020/21 be elected for a term of one (1) year.

**CARRIED**

### 3.3 ELECTION OF MAYOR

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To elect the Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council for 2020/21.

In accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules nominations for the position of Mayor are required to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by the date and time fixed by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer to advise of the nominations for the position of Mayor 2020/21.

The election shall take place in accordance with the process under the Governance Rules and the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

#### Nominations

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer advised that in accordance with *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020* that at the close of nominations, one (1) nomination had been received for the position of Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2020/21 term.

#### Cr Helena Kirby

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council duly elects Cr Helena Kirby to be the Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2020/21.

**CARRIED**

### **3.4 INCOMING MAYOR SPEECH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2020/21 Mayor to provide an overview of the year ahead.

To our municipal community

Thank you for watching our live stream. First of all I would like to thank my fellow Councillors in having the faith in me to serve and represent the Shire. I am very proud and humbled but by being elected it will be a team effort by all of us.

During my time as Councillor, as well as during the election process, we as Councillors have been listening to you, the community. Back to basics ensuring that our roads and drainage are kept to a high standard for a rural Shire. Gravel roads have had a lot of attention in the past few years and will be hoping to achieve better results in the future. We have heard the voices of the youth and will work hard for your community such as Napoleons, Inverleigh and Shelford in achieving and advocating for your town's needs regarding skate parks and BMX tracks. We will be proactive in providing services for residents who may be affected by COVID now and into the future. As we have five Councillors in the south of the Shire, myself in the centre and one in the north as a team we will ensure that your towns will always be on the forefront of any Council decisions as we Councillors are here to represent you.

I urge any resident to contact myself or any other Councillor to give feedback on any issue that you would like raised. Or become part of your community group to make sure that your town's initiatives are at the forefront for the Council plan and vision of our Shire. For the next 12 months we would like to see our community satisfaction results improve in all areas. This can be achieved by us all having a positive outlook and being proud but patient as we don't have a bucket full of money to achieve everything that we may want but be assured that we will keep our Council accountable and on the right path for our rural Shire.

Thank you also to my family and friends for being my support and backbone.

### **3.5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To elect the Deputy Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council for 2020/21.

In accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor are required to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by the date and time fixed by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer to advise of the nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor 2020/21.

The election shall take place in accordance with the process under the Governance Rules and the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

#### **Nominations**

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer advised that in accordance with *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020* that at the close of nominations, one (1) nomination had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2020/21 term.

#### **Cr Ian Getsom**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield  
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council duly elects Cr Ian Getsom to be the Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2020/21.

**CARRIED**

### **3.6 INCOMING DEPUTY MAYOR SPEECH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2020/21 Deputy Mayor to provide an overview of the year ahead.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham  
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council note the incoming Deputy Mayor speech from Cr Ian Getsom, Deputy Mayor 2020/21.

**CARRIED**

### **3.7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORMER COUNCILLORS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A number of Councillors from the 2016-20 Council have renominated for the 2020-24 Council elections. Although some had been returned, Nathan Hansford and Joanne Gilbert have not. It is therefore fitting that their service to the community be recognised.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council acknowledge Nathan Hansford and Joanne Gilbert, as having served on the previous term of Council.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 6.15pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Golden Plains Shire Council held on 24 November 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**