



AGENDA

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 17 November 2020

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

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THIS MEETING WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 24 November 2020

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Code of Conduct Principles

WORKING TOGETHER

We Councillors will:

- acknowledge and respect that a diversity of opinion exists among us;
- recognise that each of us has different life experience, knowledge and values, and that all of these contribute collectively to our discussions;
- behave with courtesy towards each other, Council officers and our citizens;
- conform to the policy and precedents that guide the conduct of meetings;
- attend punctually and participate in all relevant meetings, workshops and briefings;
- share reasonably in the representation, ceremonial and hosting tasks of the full Council; and
- honour the majority decisions made by the Council, irrespective of our own position, and explain these decisions frankly to the community, once made.

BEHAVING WITH INTEGRITY

We Councillors will:

- identify our financial and personal interest, or potential interest, in any matter that comes before the Council;
- be honest and truthful;
- comply with laws and the regulations deriving there from;
- respect Council property and be frugal in its use, where allowed;
- avoid using our position for personal gain or to achieve advantage over others or to obtain preferential treatment;
- be sympathetic to the legitimate concerns of our citizens;
- act impartially when making decisions and have due regard to the needs of the community as a whole, rather than that of narrow vested interest; and
- acknowledge the role of Council officers in providing advice to us and in implementing Council decisions.

MAKING COMPETENT DECISIONS

We Councillors will:

- without diminishing the short term focus, approach decisions with due regard to the long term needs of the municipality;
- form policies with regard to the needs of the entire Shire;
- direct our attentions to the strategic and statutory needs of the municipality rather than short term, transient, operational issues;
- seek to fully inform ourselves on the issues before Council before making a decision;
- take all reasonable steps to improve our knowledge of matters relevant to our municipal duties; and
- use and respect the professional knowledge of Council officers and other advisers to Council.

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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.

1 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**4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

File Number:**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. 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
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides the requirements for the oath or affirmation of office. Section 30(2)(c) requires the oath or affirmation of office to be recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not the oath or affirmation was taken at a Council meeting.

POLICY CONTEXT

Local Government Act 2020

DISCUSSION

Following the Victorian Electoral Commissions (VEC's) Election result announcement, expected by Friday, 13 November 2020, elected Councillors will take the oath/affirmation of office at a ceremony on Saturday, 14 November 2020.

The minutes of the next Council meeting to include each signed oath/affirmation.

CONSULTATION

A formal consultation process is not required.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to receive and record the oath or affirmation of office taken by all elected Councillors.

5.2 TERM OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

File Number:**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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.

BACKGROUND

Section 26 (3) of the Act provides the option for Council to elect a Mayor for a term of one (1) or two (2) years.

Section 27 of the Act states that section 26 of the Act also applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor.

POLICY CONTENT

Local Government Act 2020

DISCUSSION

It has historically been Council's practice to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a one (1) year term.

CONSULTATION

A formal consultation process is not required.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to make a decision on the term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2020/21. Historically it has been Council's practice to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

5.3 ELECTION OF MAYOR

File Number:**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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).

BACKGROUND

The Election of the Mayor is undertaken in accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules and Section 25 and 26 of the Act.

POLICY CONTENT

Local Government Act 2020

Governance Rules

DISCUSSION

Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules requires nominations for Mayor to be provided in writing to the Chief Executive Officer no later than a date and time to be fixed by the Chief Executive Officer. Nominations must be moved and seconded at the meeting. The election shall be by a show of hands.

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

CONSULTATION

A formal consultation process is not required.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to elect a Mayor for 2020/21. The election shall take place in accordance with the process under the Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules and the *Local Government Act 2020*.

MAYOR TO TAKE THE CHAIR

Following the election of the Mayor, the Mayor is to assume the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5.4 INCOMING MAYOR SPEECH

File Number:

Author: Eric Braslis, CEO

Authoriser: Eric Braslis, CEO

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION.

That Council note the incoming Mayor speech from Cr XXXX, Mayor 2020/21.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

5.5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File Number:**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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).

BACKGROUND

The Election of the Deputy Mayor is undertaken in accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules and Section 26 and 27 of the Act.

POLICY CONTENT

Local Government Act 2020

Governance Rules

DISCUSSION

Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules requires nominations for Deputy Mayor to be provided in writing to the Chief Executive Officer no later than a date and time to be fixed by the Chief Executive Officer. Nominations must be moved and seconded at the meeting. The election shall be by a show of hands.

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

CONSULTATION

A formal consultation process is not required.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to elect a Deputy Mayor for 2020/21. The election shall take place in accordance with the process under the Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules and the *Local Government Act 2020*.

5.6 INCOMING DEPUTY MAYOR SPEECH

File Number:

Author: Eric Braslis, CEO

Authoriser: Eric Braslis, CEO

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

5.7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FORMER COUNCILLORS**File Number:****Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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.

BACKGROUND

Nathan Hansford was originally elected to Council in 2012 and served 2 terms on Council, having represented the Shire as a Board member on the Geelong Regional Library Corporation and the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Joanne Gilbert was originally elected to Council in 2016 and served 1 term on Council and was the Deputy Mayor for 2 of those years.

DISCUSSION

It is fitting to acknowledge the service to community of Nathan Hansford and Joanne Gilbert.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS:

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	No
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance	No

(Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	No
Human Rights Charter	Yes

RISK ASSESSMENT

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Acknowledge former Councillors

This option is recommended by officers as an appropriate way to recognise the years of service to the community.

Option 2 – Not acknowledge former Councillors

This option is not recommended by officers.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Given the years of services to the community, it is fitting that Nathan Hansford and Joanne Gilbert be acknowledged.