



MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 15 November 2022

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 22 November 2022

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE GOLDEN PLAINS CIVIC CENTRE, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2 POPE STREET,
BANNOCKBURN
ON TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Gavin Gamble (Mayor), Cr Helena Kirby (Deputy Mayor), Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey, Cr Brett Cunningham (attending virtually), Cr Ian Getsom, Cr Clayton Whitfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis (CEO), Vicki Shelton (Acting Director Infrastructure and Environment), Brooke Holmes (Acting Director Corporate Services), Steven Sagona (Director Community, Planning and Growth), Rosie Wright (Coordinator Governance and Risk), Sophie Brown (Governance and Risk Specialist)

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

Golden Plains Shire spans the Traditional lands of the Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Peoples.

Council acknowledges them as the Traditional Owners and Custodians and pays its respects to both Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Elders past, present and emerging.

Council 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

Nil

5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 CEO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 2021/22 MAYOR

The administration would like to acknowledge the 2021/22 Mayor, Cr Gavin Gamble, thank him for his service to the community over the past 12 months, and present a token of appreciation.

5.2 POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To resolve on the establishment of the position of Deputy Mayor for 2022/23. Section 20A(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) provides that a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor, though this is not compulsory.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council determines to establish the position of Deputy Mayor for the coming term.

The motion was CARRIED.

A division was called.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Gamble, Helena Kirby, Brett Cunningham, Ian Getsom and Clayton Whitfield

Against: Crs Les Rowe and Owen Sharkey

CARRIED 5/2

5.3 DETERMINATION OF LENGTH OF TERM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To resolve on the term of the Mayor for 2022/23. 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 Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council determines that the term of Mayor and, if the position has been established, Deputy Mayor for 2022/23 be twelve (12) months.

CARRIED

5.4 ELECTION OF MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules, nominations for the position of Mayor were required to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm on Thursday 10 November 2022. The election of the Mayor 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 Council's Governance Rules, three (3) nominations had been received for the position of Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2022/23 term.

Cr Brett Cunningham

Cr Brett Cunningham accepted the nomination.

Votes received for Cr Cunningham: Crs Cunningham, Gamble, Kirby, Whitfield.

Cr Gavin Gamble

Cr Gavin Gamble withdrew the nomination.

Cr Les Rowe

Cr Les Rowe accepted the nomination.

Votes received for Cr Rowe: Crs Rowe, Getsom, Sharkey.

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer, advised that a majority of Councillors voted to elect Cr Brett Cunningham as Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2022/23.

Mayor Cr Cunningham assumed the Chair and made the following speech:

"It is an honour and a privilege to be elected to the position of Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the great work of outgoing Mayor Gavin Gamble , throughout his term he certainly embraced and committed to the role, ensuring that he professionally and successfully represented our shire in numerous meetings and Community events.

Congratulations Cr Gamble on your appointment tonight as our Deputy Mayor, I know that I can count on your support, assistance and sharing of knowledge as I transition into the role of Mayor.

To my number one supporter my wife Anne, my family and friends thank you for encouraging me to initially stand for Council and for understanding the time required to be an active and committed elected Community Representative.

To my fellow Councillors thank you for your support and for providing me with this great opportunity. For anyone that knows me they know how passionate I am about local communities and the Shire that we live in.

I believe we live in one of the best Shires in the land, a belief that sees me encouraging many of my family and friends to settle into the Shire, it is a pleasure to see people buying their first block of land, building their first home, starting a family and becoming involved in local community groups.

Another great passion of mine is working towards and ensuring that the Youth of our Shire can access applicable services and programs that they require. During the past year Council working with the Bannockburn & District Grants Group and with support from Federal / State Governments it saw the transformation of portable office buildings into a dedicated purpose built accessible and inclusive Youth Hub.

The Youth Hub is dedicated to providing a space where young people can access the services, programs and activities and also as importantly connect with other people their age. My hope /

vision going forward is that in years to come that other similar Youth Hubs can be also established in other parts of our Shire offering similar programs ,services and the opportunity to connect.

The past 2 years have been very challenging times and throughout these times Council continued to implement an impressive number of services, programs.

As I referred to in my nomination speech no doubt the coming 12 months will continue to present many challenges for residents of the Shire and for Council. One particular Challenge is managing population growth in many parts of our Shire, trying to find the right balance and still being able to maintain that Country feel that we all appreciate.

As the Shire continues to grow we also need to ensure that applicable and required services are also implemented, we need to continue to attract key services and where appropriate attract new businesses and further invest in appropriate road infrastructure and continue to advocate for increased public transport services across the shire. I acknowledge that a lot of work and advocating in these areas has already been undertaken by Council and Council officers and staff.

I look forward to the next 12 months in the position of Mayor working with like-minded Councillors, CEO Brasils, Executive Officers and Council staff continuing to deliver required services, programs and addressing future challenges as they arise.

In closing I pledge to continue the positive work done so far by former Mayors Helena Kirby and Mayor Gamble to implement a positive environment in the Council Chamber. An environment that encourages professional discussion and debate an environment that encourages diversity with future Councillors of any age or gender in particular female feeling respected, and where different opinions will be listened to, respected and considered.

Once again I am honoured and privileged to have been elected into the role of Mayor and I am looking forward over the coming 12 months along with my fellow Councillors continuing working and serving the Community of the Golden Plains Shire.”

5.5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules, nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were required to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm on Thursday 10 November 2022. 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 Council's Governance Rules, four (4) nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2022/23 term.

Cr Owen Sharkey

Cr Owen Sharkey accepted the nomination.

Votes received for Cr Sharkey: Cr Sharkey

Cr Gavin Gamble

Cr Gavin Gamble accepted the nomination.

Votes received for Cr Gamble: Crs Gamble, Cunningham, Kirby, Whitfield.

Cr Ian Getsom

Cr Ian Getsom accepted the nomination.

Votes received for Cr Getsom: Cr Getsom.

Cr Les Rowe

Cr Les Rowe accepted the nomination.

Votes received for Cr Rowe: Cr Rowe.

Cr Gamble has received an absolute majority of votes. A division was called.

Cr Owen Sharkey

No votes were received.

Cr Gavin Gamble

Votes received for Cr Gamble: Crs Gamble, Cunningham, Kirby, Whitfield.

Cr Ian Getsom

Votes received for Cr Getsom: Cr Getsom.

Cr Les Rowe

Votes received for Cr Rowe: Crs Rowe, Sharkey.

Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer, advised that a majority of Councillors voted to elect Cr Gavin Gamble as Deputy Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council for 2022/23.

The Meeting closed at 6.57pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 22 November 2022.

DocuSigned by:
Brett Cunningham
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CHAIRPERSON