



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

6.00pm Wednesday 7 November 2018

VENUE:
Bannockburn Shire Hall
Council Chambers
12 High Street, Bannockburn

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 27 November 2018

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BANNOCKBURN SHIRE HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12 HIGH STREET,
BANNOCKBURN
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Helena Kirby, Cr David Evans, Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Nathan Hansford, Cr Des Phelan, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis (CEO), Richard Trigg (Director Corporate Services), Patti Wenn (Acting Director Community Services), Tim Waller (Acting Director Assets and Amenity)

1 OPENING DECLARATION

The Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land and paid her respects to elders both past and present.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Greg Anders – Director Assets and Amenity

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Under section 79C of the *Local Government Act 1989* a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest if the matter relates to the election of the Mayor.

Nil

5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council nominate the CEO to act as Temporary Chairperson to oversee:

1. Nominated Term of the Mayor
2. Nominations for the Election of the Mayor

CARRIED

5.2 OUTGOING MAYORAL SPEECH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017/19 Mayor to provide an overview of the year as the Mayor.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council note the report of Cr Helena Kirby, Mayor 2017/19.

CARRIED

Good evening everyone.

I would like to say a few words about this last year I have served as Mayor of Golden Plains Shire. It has been an absolute honour to serve my community and represent Council over the last year and I am pleased to have had the opportunity. It has been a year of challenges and achievements for me, but also for Council and residents of our Shire.

The recent community feedback about the rates was a challenging time for us as a Council group, but I truly believe it will result in a better Budget review process next year. The community conversation post in Teesdale ended up being a highlight for me, as it gave us the opportunity to speak and connect with concerned residents and allay some of their fears and concerns.

Community engagement overall has actually been a really positive aspect of my year as Mayor. It has been fantastic to see the organisation, and Councillors, reaching out more and more over this past year. Participating in many conversation posts, events, openings, announcements and other occasions has meant that I have been able to connect with many residents and stakeholder groups. The difference between serving our community as a Councillor and as Mayor has been a revelation to me.

I made sure I prioritised attending as many local events as possible – I genuinely believe being involved and visible to our residents should be a priority for the Mayor. From attending five ANZAC day events in one day, to charring meetings, to being a media spokesperson, the difference in the two roles is huge – but I have enjoyed every minute of it. I have loved celebrating the successes of our organisation and our residents. I have especially enjoyed pushing and advocating for our Shire's essential projects and building better relationships with State and Federal Government representatives. Making our priorities theirs, and representing the needs of our people, is vital for our rural Shire and has led to some great results for our communities.

I have also enjoyed the big-picture view of Local Government that comes with being the Mayor. Participating in many high-level meetings, conferences, forums and conventions has helped me see what we're doing well, and ideas of what we could be doing differently. The other thing I have gotten a lot out of is the huge importance of listening – listening to our residents, responding to their needs, and showing that Council really does care about the people of the whole Shire – not just those in the southern end.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for your support this year; I look forward to the next two years of this Council group using its collective passion to make a real difference to our communities.

Thank you.

5.3 TERM OF MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To ascertain the preference of Council for the term of the Mayor, being either 1 or 2 years.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That the term of the Mayor for 2018/19 be one (1) year.

CARRIED

5.4 ELECTION OF MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To elect the Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council from 7 November 2018, for the ensuing period as previously determined.

RECOMMENDATION

That nominations be accepted and the person with the most votes be duly elected Mayor for 2018/19.

The following nominations were put forward for consideration:

Cr Rowe nominated Cr Sharkey for the position of Mayor and was seconded by Cr Evans

Cr Hansford nominated Cr Kirby for the position of Mayor and was seconded by Cr Gilbert.

As no other nominations were received Cr Sharkey and Cr Kirby were provided a few minutes to speak to their nominations.

Having heard from the two nominees the vote was now put. The Chair called for a show of hands for votes for Cr Sharkey which was 5 and a show of hands for Cr Kirby which was 2.

Cr Sharkey was declared Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council for the 2018/19 year.

CARRIED

Mayor Cr Sharkey resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5.5 INCOMING MAYORAL SPEECH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2018/19 Mayor to provide an overview of the year ahead.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr David Evans

That Council note the report of the incoming 2018/19 Mayor.

CARRIED

I would like to thank you all for honouring me with this role. It is something I take extremely seriously and I look forward to the challenge. As the incoming mayor I will work closely with my fellow councillors and respect the decisions made by our collective votes that determine Council's direction and decisions. I am of the opinion that no Councillor nor Mayor should ever use the word 'I', after all it is 'us' that make the decisions within this chamber and it is this teamwork that will be of most use to our community.

I would like to spend the following 12 months concentrating efforts on some of the following issues:

- Continue to lobby State Government for a review of the rating system;
- Work within our limitations to help create better equality with household rates;
- Push for renewable energy opportunities within the Shire, including the approval of Australia's largest windfarm in Rokewood;
- Lobby for improved public transport and health care options across the Shire;
- Continue to work hard for new job creation opportunities and economic development;
- Stay on top of growth, manage community expectations and meet service standards;
- Continue ongoing review of Council's operational budget to ensure a continued focus on asset renewal and rural road reconstruction;
- Nurture the increasingly growing arts community that is developing across the Shire;
- Look forward to seeing the commencement of the redeveloped civic centre and the completion of the Bannockburn Heart ;
- Working on the waste and resource recovery strategy and consideration of any community input that has been received during consultation;
- Working with the newly emerging youth community resulting from the new High school and fast township growth;
- Highlight the great results our small communities are achieving;
- Encourage and continue to promote genuine community engagement and transparent communication;
- Advocate for more State and Federal Government for our Shire's priority projects; and
- Respect the work that our Council officers are achieving.

These things cannot be achieved by one person alone, but they can be achieved by a great team and I will endeavour that we together become a better team than we already are.

I look forward to the year ahead and making decisions that are of the best for our entire Shire.

5.6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To elect the Deputy Mayor of Golden Plains Shire Council from 7 November 2018, for the ensuing period as previously determined.

RECOMMENDATION

That nominations be accepted and the person with the most votes be duly elected Deputy Mayor for the same period as determined for the Mayor.

The following nomination was put forward for consideration:

Cr Rowe nominated Cr Gilbert for the position of Deputy Mayor and was seconded by Cr Evans.

CARRIED

5.7 MAYORAL & COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES - ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Minister for Local Government annually reviews the limits of the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and makes a determination. The increased rate is to apply from 1 December 2018.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford

Seconded: Cr David Evans

That Council note the notification from Local Government Victoria, announcing a 2.0% increase in the Mayoral and Councillor allowances from 1 December 2018.

CARRIED

5.8 COUNCIL DELEGATES 2018-19

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To determine the appointment of Councillors and officers to various internal and external organisations and committees.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council adopts the attached list of Councillor delegates to a number of internal and external organisations and committees.

Cr Rowe moved that Cr Evans be nominated for the Audit Committee and was seconded by Cr Evans.

Cr Hansford nominated Cr Kirby and there was no seconder.

In Favour: Crs David Evans, Joanne Gilbert, Nathan Hansford, Des Phelan, Les Rowe and Owen Sharkey

Against: Cr Helena Kirby

CARRIED 6/1

5.9 COUNCIL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to confirm the dates for Council meetings.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopt the 2019 Briefing, Ordinary and Audit & Risk Committee meeting dates and the Special Meeting of Council dates.

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

Cr Phelan moved an amendment that the order of the meeting locations be reversed so that the first meeting in January will be in Bannockburn.

Ordinary Meetings

Tuesday, 22 January 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 26 February 2019	Linton Customer Service Centre
Tuesday, 26 March 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 23 April 2019	Linton Customer Service Centre
Tuesday, 28 May 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 25 June 2019	Linton Customer Service Centre
Tuesday, 23 July 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 27 August 2019	Linton Customer Service Centre
Tuesday, 24 September 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 22 October 2019	Linton Customer Service Centre
Tuesday, 26 November 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 17 December 2019 (3 rd Tuesday)	Linton Customer Service Centre

Audit & Risk Committee Meetings

Tuesday, 12 February 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 14 May 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 10 September 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Tuesday, 12 November 2019	Bannockburn Shire Hall

Special (Annual) Meeting

Tuesday, 11 June 2019 (Budget submissions).....	Bannockburn Shire Hall
Wednesday, 6 November 2019 (Mayoral Election).....	Bannockburn Shire Hall

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

CARRIED

6 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

7 PETITIONS

Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.38pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 November 2018.

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Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey