

PYRENEES
— S H I R E —



MINUTES

Statutory Meeting of Council

6:00pm Tuesday 30 October 2018

Lexton Community Centre

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WELCOME MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

PRESENT	Mayor: Cr David Clark Councillors: Ron Eason, Robert Vance, Tanya Kehoe, Damian Ferrari
IN ATTENDANCE	Chief Executive Officer – Jim Nolan Director Asset and Development Services – Douglas Gowans Director Corporate and Community Services – Kathy Bramwell EA to CEO and Councillors – Jane Bowker (Minute Taker)
APOLOGIES	Nil

Mayor Cr David Clark welcomed the gallery and press, read the opening prayer and indigenous acknowledgement and then commenced the meeting.

1. AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

Councillors stood and reaffirmed their commitment as Councillors by reciting the following:

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal district of the Pyrenees Shire Council and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act (1989) or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

2. 2017/2018 MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr Clark presented his Mayoral Report for the last twelve months (see attached)

3. NOMINATION OF INTERIM CHAIR

Cr Clark called for nominations for Interim Chair.

Cr Ferrari nominated Cr Eason to take the Chair. There were no other nominations.

Cr Clark declared Cr Eason, Interim Chair.

Cr Eason congratulated Cr Clark on his past 12 months as Mayor.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2018/2019

Cr Eason called for nominations for Mayor for the 2018/2019 term.

Cr Ferrari nominated Cr Robert Vance, Cr Kehoe seconded the nomination.

As no other nominations were put forward Cr Eason declared Cr Vance Mayor for Pyrenees Shire Council for the 2018/2019 term.

Outgoing Mayor Cr Clark presented Cr Vance with the gavel as a gesture for the coming twelve months.

Cr Vance then took the Chair and expressed his thanks to his fellow Councillors for nominating him as Mayor for the next 12 months. He noted he looks forward to the task that it is a great honour and privilege. Cr Vance went on to acknowledge Cr Clark's work over the last 12 months who brings great knowledge and experience to Council.

5. PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Cr Vance presented Cr Clark with a gift and again thanked him for his leadership and achievements in his year as Mayor.

Cr Vance also presented flowers to Victoria and McKenzie Clark, daughters of Cr Clark and Mrs Peta Clark, in absence of Mrs Peta Clark for their support of Cr Clark.

MAYORAL REPORT

Good evening everyone, can I begin by thanking my fellow Councillors for placing their trust in me over this past year. I would also especially like to thank the many staff who have assisted me with individual issues and queries this year.

In taking on the Mayoral role we knew a big year was ahead, bedding down our move to Visit Ballarat, issues with the Western Highway duplication, challenges with the implementation of flood works, the VEAC inquiry into Mt Cole and the Pyrenees, the future of the old Beaufort Primary School, construction pending on both the Stockyard Hill and Crowlands Wind Farms, Mobile tower challenges and of course a State election.

It is fair to say I have enjoyed the year immensely. It was only part way through that I remembered that both my past Mayoral terms have been ones of significant challenge, while this year, though busy as always has had a huge diversity of issues, most of which we have resolved successfully.

Our win in terms of the East Grampians Pipeline is up pretty high given its capacity to transform a significant portion of the 1,500 rural enterprises likely to gain from the project. Not far behind that has been securing 40% of the funds for the Lexton Hub, and I feel confident we will have the rest by June next year.

On the roads front we continue to improve our major local roads, and despite some challenges in getting our funds reimbursed, we are well on the way with the flood repair works. Recent wins through the roads to market program mean we can again say that 50 cents in every \$1.00 we have in Pyrenees is spent on roads.

Internally doing plans is only a part of the story, and seeing funding for our walkability and our recreation plans, including a skate park at Snake Valley and a new playground for Avoca have been great wins, as have been the hard court works done at Landsborough, Amphitheatre and Waubra.

In the lead up to each new year Council reviews its Council Plan. Ours is a very functional document, however it is underplayed by some really important goals, like getting all our link roads to B-double standard over the next ten years, keeping our road spend at 50 cents in every dollar we earn, having immunisations at 96% plus, building our tourism economy and supporting our rural sector with projects like the straw to energy project for Skipton Hospital.

Council is a long game and I am blessed to have colleagues at the table with time under their belt, and who bring a great depth of understanding to the things Local Government does. Within that new ideas are also terrific and we are all pleased to have had Cr Ferrari join us this year, though we would all wish it was under different circumstances.

We do of course have three notable absences this evening from 12 months ago. The first of those is Cr Michael O'Connor. A fortnight ago the Council was able to be with Judy and son Damien at the Municipal Associations Annual Dinner, for Michael's posthumous ten year award for his service to Council. It was a real honour for us all to see Michael's work recognized.

The CEO's and the Councillors Personal Assistant Pam Burns retired this year after 19 years with Council. Pam is best known to our communities as the organizer of our annual Australia Day events, not to mention the organisers of "us". We all wish Pam and Tom well in their retirement.

Our final absence is that of Evan King, who is now three months into his role as Chief Executive of our eastern neighbour Council, Hepburn. Again, I would recognize Evan's great work with us and wish him well in his new role.

To our key staff present tonight, Jim, Kathy, Douglas and Jane, my thank you for your support for this past year in particular. We appreciate the intellect and commitment you bring to the work of Council.

Now to my family, to Alexander, Mackenzie and Victoria, thank you for your help this year. I know it wasn't as much cream cakes and lollies as it was when you were smaller, however your company has been greatly appreciated. Kim, it's very nice you are here tonight so I can thank you for the help you give us in looking after the "gang of three" while I am at Council. Peta isn't with us this evening as she has her own community responsibilities to fulfill, record my most special of thank you for her support again this year.

6. ITEMS FOR DECISION

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

Kathy Bramwell – Director Corporate and Community Services

File No: 18/02/04

Declaration of Interest: As author of this report I have no disclosable interest in this item

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine Councillor representation on committees.

BACKGROUND

Each year at the Statutory Meeting of Council, Council determines the Councillor representation on committees. Below is a list of Committees the Councillor Representation adopted by Council on 31 October 2017.

Committee	Area	Staff member	Councillor
External-Formal			
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	CEO	J. Nolan	
Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)			
Central Highlands Councils Victoria	CEO	J. Nolan	Mayor
Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee	CEO		
Rural Councils Victoria	CEO	J. Nolan	Mayor
Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group	Assets/Devel		
Central Highlands LLEN	CEO	Nil	
Visit Ballarat		R. Davies	N/A
Timber Towns Victoria	Assets/Devel	D. Gowans	
National Timber Councils Association	Assets/Devel	D. Gowans	
Central Highlands Regional Partnership	CEO	J. Nolan	N/A
Western Highway Action Committee (WHAC)	Assets/Dev	D. Gowans	
Sunraysia Highway Action Committee	Assets/Dev	D. Gowans	
Committee for Ballarat	CEO	J. Nolan	Mayor
Beaufort Bypass – EES Technical Reference Group	Assets/Devel	D. Gowans	N/A
Beaufort Bypass – PEG Public Engagement Group	Asset/Devel	N/A	
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance	CEO	D. Gowans	
Central Highlands Children and Youth Area Partnership	Corp/Com	E. King / S. O'Brien	Nil
Grampians Women's Health – CORE		Evan King	Nil

Governance Group			
Rail Freight Alliance	Asset/Devel	D. Gowans	
Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership	Corp/Comm	J. Nolan / Sue O'Brien	
Ballarat Rail Action Committee	Asste/Devel	D. Gowans	
External-Representative only			
Crime Prevention Reference Group	CEO	J. Nolan	
Library Advisory Council	Corp/Comm	R. Davies	N/A
Business for Beaufort	CEO		
Advance Avoca	CEO	Nil	
Beaufort Secondary College Committee			
Youth Foundations Victoria Beaufort Initiative	Community Serv	S. O'Brien	
Langi Kal Kal Community Advisory Group	CEO	J. Nolan	
Internal			
Audit Committee	Corp/Comm	E. King	
Services and Assets Management Steering Group	Assets/Devel	D. Gowans	
Emergency Management Planning Committee	Corp/Comm	E. King/M Walmsley	
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee	Corp/Comm	E. King/M Walmsley	
Disaster Recovery Committee	Corp/Comm	E. King/M Walmsley	Mayor
CEO Review	CEO	J. Nolan	
Committees of Management			
Brewster Hall	Nil	*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor
Landsborough Community Precinct	Nil	*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor
Lexton Community Centre		*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor
Snake Valley Hall	Nil	*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor
Waubra Recreation Reserve	Nil	*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor
Goldfields Rec Reserve	Nil	*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor
Beaufort Community Bank Complex	Nil	*Martin Walmsley	Ward Councillor

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council is now required to determine the allocation of Councillors to the various committees that Pyrenees Shire Council is associated with for the 2018/2019 year.

COUNCIL PLAN / LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Strategic Objective 2 - Relationships and Advocacy. We will build and maintain effective relationships with community, government and strategic partners, and advocate on key issues.

2.3 - Maintain strategic partnerships, and participate with peak bodies for support and to enhance advocacy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

FINANCIAL / RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

On an annual basis at the Statutory Meeting Council is required to allocate Councillors to a range of committees that Council is associated with.

CR EASON / CR KEHOE

That Council appoints the Councillor Representation on Committees for 2018/2019 as follows:

Committee	Dept	Staff Member	Councillor
External-Formal			
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	CEO	J Nolan	Crs Clark / Vance
Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)			Any Councillors
Central Highlands Councils Victoria (CHCV)	CEO	J Nolan	Mayor
Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee	CEO		Cr Vance
Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)	CEO	J Nolan	Mayor
Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group	A&DS		Cr Ferrari
Central Highlands LLEN	CEO	Nil	Cr Clark
Visit Ballarat		R Davies	N/A
Timber Towns Victoria	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
National Timber Councils Association	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
Central Highlands Regional Partnership	CEO	J Nolan	N/A
Western Highway Action Committee (WHAC)	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Ferrari
Sunraysia Highway Action Committee	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Eason
Committee for Ballarat	CEO	J Nolan	Mayor
Beaufort Bypass – EES Technical	A&DS	D Gowans	N/A

Reference Group			
Beaufort Bypass – PEG Public Engagement Group	A&DS	N/A	Cr Ferrari
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	CEO	D Gowans	Cr Clark
Central Highlands Children and Youth Area Partnership	C&CS	K Bramwell / M Walmsley	Nil
Grampians Women’s Health – CORE Governance Group		K Bramwell	Nil
Cultivate Agribusiness Central Highlands	CEO	R Davies	Nil
Rail Freight Alliance	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Eason
Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership (GPPCP)	C&CS	J Nolan / M Walmsley	N/A
Ballarat Rail Action Committee	A&DS	D Gowans	N/A
External-Representative only			
Crime Prevention Reference Group	CEO	J Nolan	Cr Kehoe
Library Advisory Council	C&CS	R Davies	N/A
Business for Beaufort	CEO		Cr Ferrari
Advance Avoca	CEO	Nil	Cr Eason
Beaufort Secondary College Committee			Cr Ferrari
Youth Foundations Victoria Beaufort Initiative	C&CS		Cr Kehoe
Langi Kal Kal Community Advisory Group	CEO	J Nolan	Cr Clark
Central Highlands Integrated Water Management Forum	CEO	R Davies	
Internal			
Audit & Risk Committee	C&CS	K Bramwell	Crs Ferrari / Eason
Services and Assets Management Steering Group	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	C&CS	K Bramwell	Cr Kehoe
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
CEO Review	CEO	J Nolan	All Councillors
Committees of Management			
Brewster Hall		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Landsborough Community Precinct		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Lexton Community Centre		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Snake Valley Hall		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Waubra Recreation Reserve		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Goldfields Rec Reserve		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Beaufort Community Bank Complex		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor

CARRIED



7. CLOSE OF MEETING

Cr Vance declared the meeting closed at 6.14pm

Minutes of the meeting confirmed

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Mayor