



Pyrenees
Shire Council

Minutes

Statutory Meeting of Council

6:00pm Tuesday 10 November 2020

**Lexton Community Centre
and Livestreamed**

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1. WELCOME

CEO Jim Nolan welcomed all to the meeting.

PRESENT

Councillors: Cr Tanya Kehoe, Cr Ron Eason, Cr David Clark, Cr Damian Ferrari, Cr Robert Vance

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)

Communications Officer: Kate Deppeler

2. STREAMING PREAMBLE

CEO Jim Nolan read the livestream preamble.

3. OPENING PRAYER

CEO Jim Nolan read the opening prayer.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CEO Jim Nolan acknowledged the traditional owners with the following:

This week is NAIDOC Week which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people. The theme of NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' which recognises that first nations people occupied and cared for this country, this continent for over 65 thousand years. On this important day for the Pyrenees Shire and Pyrenees Shire Council, we gather on the land of Dja Dja Wurrung, first nations people whose ancestors walking this very land for thousands of generations. We recognise the rich cultural history of the numerous clans and peoples that comprised Pyrenees Shire. We acknowledge people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Wotjobaluk and Eastern Maar tribes. We pay our respect to the customs, traditions and stewardship of the land by the elders and people of these tribes, on whose land we meet today.

5. APOLOGIES

Nil

6. AFFIRMATION OR OATH OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

CEO Jim Nolan called for Councillors to stand and read either the Affirmation or Oath of Office.

Councillors individually stood and reaffirmed their commitment as Councillors by reciting either the Affirmation or Oath of Office and by signing the Affirmation or Oath Statement.

Affirmation

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 community. I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of the conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct. I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Oath

I swear by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal community. I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of the conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct. I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

7. 2019/2020 MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr Kehoe presented her report for the past 12 months as Mayor (see attachment 7.1)

8. ELECTION OF MAYOR

8.1 CEO Jim Nolan called for a motion to determine if the term of Mayor is to be for one or two years. Cr Tanya Kehoe moved the motion that the Mayor term will be for one term. Cr Eason seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote and all were in favour. The motion was carried.

8.2 CEO Jim Nolan called for nominations for Mayor for the 2020/2021 term. Cr Vance nominated Cr Ferrari. Cr Ferrari accepted the nomination.

8.3 No further nominations were put forward therefore there was no requirement for the nomination to be voted upon.

8.4 CEO Jim Nolan declared Cr Damian Ferrari as the duly elected Mayor for Pyrenees Shire Council for the 2020/2021 term.

8.5 CEO Jim Nolan invited immediate past Mayor, Cr Kehoe to present Cr Ferrari with the gavel. Cr Kehoe congratulated Cr Ferrari and presented him with the gavel as a symbol of the orderly succession from one mayor / chair to another.

8.6 CEO Jim Nolan invited the newly elected Mayor Cr Ferrari, to take the Chair.

8.7 Cr Ferrari took the Chair. He expressed his thanks and that it was an honour to take on the position. He thanked Cr Kehoe for her previous 12 months. He noted that she led Council through a very trying time with COVID-19 with professionalism. Her community reassurance and messaging was especially recognised.

9. OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

9.1. Councillors considered the matter of the Office of Deputy Mayor and exercised their choice not to appoint a Deputy Mayor.

10. PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

10.1. Outgoing Mayor Cr Kehoe was presented with a gift in recognition of her year of service as Mayor.

10.2. Bernard Kehoe was presented with a gift in recognition of his contribution to the community and his support to the Mayor over the past year. Cr Kehoe accepted the gift on Bernard's behalf.

10.3. Cr Ferrari recognised the contribution Councillors made in their four-year term in office. He expressed he is looking forward to working with the Councillors into the future and drawing on their significant experience. CEO Jim Nolan presented each Councillor with a gift.

11. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

Kathy Bramwell – Director Corporate and Community Services

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

File No: 18/02/04

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 that Council has representation on as adopted by Council at its 2019 Statutory Meeting.

Committee	Dept	Staff Member	Councillor
External-Formal			
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	CEO	J Nolan	Cr Clark / Cr 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 Reference Group	A&DS	D Gowans	N/A
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	Cr Clark
External-Representative only			
Pyrenees Community Safety Advisory Group	CEO	K Bramwell	Mayor
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

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Internal			
Audit & Risk Committee	C&CS	K Bramwell	Cr Ferrari / Cr 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		MGRC / C Pethick	Ward Councillor
Landsborough Community Precinct		MGRC / C Pethick	Ward Councillor
Lexton Community Centre		MGRC / C Pethick	Ward Councillor
Snake Valley Hall		MGRC / C Pethick	Ward Councillor
Waubra Recreation Reserve		MGRC / C Pethick	Ward Councillor
Goldfields Rec Reserve		MGRC / C Pethick	Ward Councillor
Beaufort Community Bank Complex		MGRC / C Pethick	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 2020/21 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

There are no financial impacts relating to this report.

CONCLUSION

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

CR VANCE / CR EASON

That Council appoints the following Councillors as representatives on committees for 2020/21 as follows:

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Advance Avoca	MED&T	R Davies	Cr Eason
Pyrenees Grape growers and Winemakers (PGW)	MED&T	R Davies	N/A
Beaufort Secondary College Committee			Cr Ferrari
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CARRIED

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 6.38pm