



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, 23 November 2020

5:30pm

Northern District Community Health

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH, KERANG
ON MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:	Cr Charlie Gillingham (Mayor)	Avoca Ward
	Cr Garner Smith (Deputy Mayor)	Yarran Ward
	Cr Keith Link	Yarran Ward
	Cr Ross Stanton	Murray Ward
	Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
	Cr Travis Collier	Patchell Ward
	Cr Jane Ogden	Patchell Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: **Chief Executive Officer
Manager Governance**

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land, and paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledged the Elders from other communities who may be meeting with us today.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Councillors read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 129(g) of the Local Government Act 2020 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest if the matter relates to the nomination of a Councillor for the election to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, or the election of a Councillor to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states that the election of the Mayor must be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer and conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.

Section 26 of the Act states that before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

Once elected, the Mayor will take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 RECORDING OF OATH OF OFFICE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), a person elected to be a councillor is not capable of acting as a councillor until the person has taken the oath or affirmation of office, as specified in the Act and in the manner prescribed by the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020.

In the presence of the Chief Executive Officer on Monday, 16 November 2020 Councillors-elect Burt, Collier, Gillingham, Link, Ogden, Smith and Stanton took the oath of office before signing and dating their oath of office before the Chief Executive Officer.

It is a requirement of the Act that the taking of the oath or affirmation of office be recorded in the minutes of the Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council acknowledges on Monday, 16 November 2020 Councillors-elect Burt, Collier, Gillingham, Link, Ogden, Smith and Stanton took the oath of office before the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

6.2 MAYORAL TERM - 2020/2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states that before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

That Council confirms that the Mayoral term for 2020/2021 be for a period of one year.

CARRIED

6.3 ELECTION OF MAYOR - 2020/2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires a Mayor to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election. The process for the election of the Mayor is detailed in the Act and Council's Governance Rules.

Once elected, the Mayor will take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cr Link nominated Cr Smith for the position of Mayor, Cr Burt seconded the nomination. Cr Smith accepted the nomination.

Cr Ogden nominated Cr Gillingham for the position of Mayor, Cr Stanton seconded the nomination.

Cr Gillingham accepted the nomination.

Cr Smith addressed the Council.

Cr Gillingham addressed the Council.

Voting

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate.

The votes recorded for each were:

Cr Smith – Three votes

Cr Gillingham – Four votes

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Gillingham, Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for 2020/2021 and invited Mayor Gillingham to come forward to receive the Mayoral Chains.

The Chief Executive Officer vacated the Chair and Cr Gillingham took the Chair as Mayor.

6.4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR - 2020/2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states that a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor to perform the role of the Mayor, and exercise any of the powers of the Mayor in certain circumstances.

The Mayor called for Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Link nominated Cr Smith for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cr Burt seconded the nomination. Cr Smith accepted the nomination.

Cr Ogden nominated herself for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cr Stanton seconded the nomination.

Voting

The Mayor called for a show of hands for each candidate.

The votes recorded for each were:

Cr Smith – Four votes

Cr Ogden – Three votes

The Mayor declared Cr Smith Deputy Mayor for the Gannawarra Shire Council for 2020/2021.

6.5 INCOMING MAYORAL ADDRESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2020/2021 Mayor will address the meeting on the year ahead.

Mayor Gillingham gave the Incoming Mayoral Speech.

The Meeting closed at 5:50pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 25 November 2020.

**Cr Charlie Gillingham - Mayor
CHAIR**