



MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday 17 November 2020
6:00pm
Community Hub

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors
Liesbeth Long
Gerard Murphy
Wayne Sproull
Geoff Lovett
Grace La Vella
Chris Meddows-Taylor
Anna de Villiers

Confirmed at the Council Meeting
held on 1 December 2020

CONFIRMED MINUTES

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

The Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey congratulated the newly elected Councillors to Central Goldfields Shire Council, acknowledged the Administrators and their efforts and commitment to the Shire and read the acknowledgement of country.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Liesbeth Long
Gerard Murphy
Wayne Sproull
Geoff Lovett
Grace La Vella
Chris Meddows-Taylor
Anna de Villiers

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
General Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Planning, Rebecca Stockfeld
General Manager Community Wellbeing, Martin Collins
Manager Community Engagement, Kate Bucknall
Acting Manager Governance, Property and Risk, Susan Lloyd

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. AFFIRMATION OR OATH OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

The Chief Executive Officer will invite each Councillor elect to come forward and take the Oath or Affirmation of Office in accordance with Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The ceremony will be conducted in order of Ward (alphabetically), and then in order of who was elected first (in the ward).

Oath and Affirmation of Office

(1) 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 in the manner prescribed by the regulations. The Oath and Affirmation of office is in accordance with the requirements of Part 2 of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*

(2) The oath or affirmation of office must be—

- (a) administered by the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (b) dated and signed before the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (c) recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not the oath or affirmation was taken at a Council meeting.

Councillors are requested to stand and individually read the Oath and Affirmation of Office, and to sign and date a statement before the Chief Executive Officer containing the Affirmation or Oath of Office.

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To undertake an Oath, a person holds the Bible or the New or Old Testament in their uplifted hand and repeats the Oath after the Chief Executive Officer.

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 and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

OR

To undertake an Affirmation, a person repeats the affirmation after the Chief Executive Officer.

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 and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

The Chief Executive Officer administered the Oath and Affirmation of Office and Declaration of the Councillor Code of Conduct with each of the seven councillors-elect, making each capable of acting as a Councillor.

Once the Oath or Affirmation of Office is made by each Councillor, they are to sign and date the confirmation of the Oath before the Chief Executive Officer. A copy of which will be recorded in the Council minutes.

The Councillors duly elected have all taken the Oath or Affirmation of Office

Flynn Ward

Councillor Liesbeth Long Oath of Office

Maryborough Ward

Councillor Gerard Murphy Affirmation of Office

Councillor Wayne Sproull Affirmation of Office

Councillor Geoff Lovett Oath of Office

Councillor Grace La Vella Oath of Office

Paddys Ranges Ward

Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor Oath of Office

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Tullaroop Ward

Councillor Anna De Villiers

Oath of Office

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Recommendation: That Council determine the length of term of the Mayor.

Moved **Cr Lovett**
Seconded **Cr Sproull**

That Council determine the length of term of the Mayor as being one year.

CARRIED

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

Cr La Vella nominated Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor for the position of Mayor.

Moved **Cr La Vella**
Seconded **Cr Long**

Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor accepted the nomination.

The CEO called for other nominations for Mayor but as there were no further nominations. The CEO, Ms Roffey declared Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor as the Mayor of Central Goldfields Shire for the 2020-21 year.

CARRIED

The CEO, Ms Roffey, presented the Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor with the Mayoral medallion.

Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor thanked the Councillors for his election as Mayor and noted that it was a great honour and he is committed to doing his very best for the Council and the community. The Mayor acknowledged those who nominated for Council but were unsuccessful and thanked them for nominating and appreciate the commitment they had taken.

The Mayor congratulated the elected four new Councillors, de Villiers, Long, Sproull and La Vella and congratulated the previous Councillors Murphy and Lovett. The Council wants to focus on the future of Central Goldfields Shire. In the COVID environment, Councillors were unable to invite friends and partners celebrate the Swearing in of Council. The importance of the new Council is something to be celebrated.

The new Council is a mixture of old and new Councillors and there is a strong commitment to "us". Councillors may not always agree but they want the best focus for the future for our community. With the return to a democracy, expectations are high from the community. With the elected Council there is an opportunity to create a clear line of sight for the community to the table of Council and work together to experience local democracy.

The new Local Government Act, there is an increased role by the Mayor to support the newly elected Councillors. There is some great experience from all the Councillors and there are a number of responsibilities under the Act. Council is hoping to set priorities with the community to demonstrate how Council is delivering and achieving outcomes for the community.

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The Mayor is hoping to forge a constructive relationships with the staff of the Council led by CEO Lucy Roffey. Council wants to leave this place a better place for the community and Shire and with the mixture of the new and old Councillors. Thanks go to the staff and to Susan Lloyd for supporting the Councillors in the induction process.

6. OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor noted that under the Act a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. The Mayor called for a recommendation regarding establishing the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Moved **Cr Murphy**
Seconded **Cr de Villiers**

That Council not support the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for the 2020-21 year.

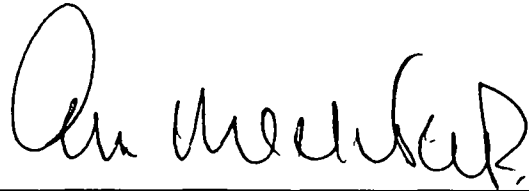
CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

8. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.25 pm



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Chair, Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor