



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

Amended

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Swearing In Ceremony

Monday, 23 October 2017
6.00pm

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Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 6 Peterson Street, Mundijong on Monday 23 October 2017.

The Chief Executive Officer, Kenn Donohoe declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and welcomed Mr Athol Wigg, Justice of the Peace, Freeman Mr J Kirkpatrick, Councillors, staff and members of the gallery.

Mr Donohoe advised that he would be presiding over the meeting until the office of the Shire President was elected. An outline of the election process was provided.

Minutes

1. Attendances and apologies (including leave of absence):

In Attendance:

Councillors: M Rich Presiding Member (from 6.40pm)
D Atwell
M Byas
R Coales
B Denholm
D Gossage
K McConkey
S Piipponen
J See

Officers: Mr K Donohoe Chief Executive Officer
Mr A Schonfeldt Director Development Services
Mr P Kocian Acting Director Corporate and Community
Mr P Balley Acting Director Infrastructure Services
Mrs K Bartley Manager Corporate Services
Ms A Liersch Minutes and Agendas Officer (Minute Taker)

Leave of Absence: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Invited Guest: Mr Athol Wigg JP Justice of the Peace

Observers:

Members of the Public – 24
Members of the Press – 1
Shire Officers - 4



2. Public question time:

2.1 Response to previous public questions taken on notice:

Nil

2.2 Public questions:

Public Question and Statement time commenced at 6.01pm.

Mrs L Bond, Box 44, Armadale WA 6112

Question 1

Is the manner in which we have to ask our questions and make our statements at this time going to be reversed to the way it originally was conducted now that we have new councillors?

Response:

The statutory basis for Public Questions and Statements is the Local Government Act (Administration) Regulations 1996, Standing Orders Local Law 2002 as amended and Council Policy G808 - Public Question and Public Statement Time – Ordinary Council Meeting.

All Council Policies, including G808 Public Question and Public Statement Time – Ordinary Council Meeting, will be reviewed within 6 months in accordance with Policy G814 – Process for Review of Policies. The Standing Orders Local Law 2002 as amended is in the process of being reviewed. This Local Law review will be subject to a community consultation period in the near future.

Question 2

Will each councillor explain to the ratepayers in twenty five words or less in writing why we should believe that this council will be different to the last council?

Response:

Each Councillor individually can respond to this question directly to Mrs Bond if they desire as this meeting refers to the Swearing In Ceremony.

Question 3

Will each councillor explain in writing in less than ten words how they will bring transparency, honesty and integrity to the ratepayer?

Response:

Each Councillor individually can respond to this question directly to Mrs Bond if they desire as this meeting refers to the Swearing In Ceremony.

3. Public statement time:

Mrs L Bond, Box 44, Armadale WA 6112

Once again there are those who were candidates in this election who were elected and spent more time denigrating me than concentrating on the importance of the election. This is a clear sign they will not succeed as a councillor and I am happy to have contributed to your future albeit I was not intentionally helping you.



Arrogance and self deprecating behaviour are not easily concealed from the intelligent ratepayer. The ratepayers want councillors who are interested in their needs and are prepared to work for and with the ratepayer. They are not interested in your colourful promises to get elected, they are interested in how you will stop the favoured members of the community desecrating the imagined council money tree, how you will put aside your biased attitudes and treat everyone fairly and equal.

The choosing of the President and Deputy President will show the astute just how this council will operate for the future. The President needs to be acceptable by the majority not by the few with agenda's. No councillor should allow their arrogant self opinionation of themselves to seek these positions.

Welcome to Keira McConkey and I believe she will put the hard yards in. For the others who want to spend their time ranting about me behind my back give it up, you are helping me make you look silly on this council and I am sure the ratepayers along with me want to see you work for your ratepayer funded lifestyle.

Mr W John Kirkpatrick, 77 Mead Street, Byford WA 6122

I would like to congratulate the successful Candidates from Saturday's election. They have a great responsibility placed on them by the community.

They have great constraints placed on them by the Local Government act and regulations.

Saturday's election result was not a surprise to anybody who had been following the actions of the Council over the last four years. I was surprised at the size of the size of the vote against the sitting members.

I picked the result of the election when the nominations closed but not the extent of the rejection of the sitting member's seeking re- election.

It showed the dissatisfaction with the increase in rates and councillors fee and expenses, with the failure to improve to facilities for the residents and ratepayers but to appear to favour their mates and friends or favoured projects.

It certainly sounds a warning to elected members that are due for re-election in two years' time.

I was surprised how many residents read the agenda's and the minutes of the meetings. We have a well-informed resident base who watches who votes how and for what.

They watch for factions and if councillors wait until after the debate to make a decision on an issue. They are remarkably vigilant.

I have been a bitter critic of the Council for the last two years and how some decisions were made and some actions were taken without consulting Council at all.

I am looking forward to the new Council and am sure that with a bit of effort and goodwill on both sides that is both Council and Community, we can make progress to a better future.

The Community must also understand that some issues that are covered by State Government Regulations may take longer to implement but better and honest communication with the ratepayers will help.

I wish the new Council well and look forward to much progress in the fairly short term.

John Kirkpatrick, Hon Freeman of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Public Questions and Statement time concluded at 6.07pm.

4. Petitions and deputations:

Nil



5. Swearing In / Declaration by Elected Members:

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed Mr Athol Wigg, Justice of the Peace for the Swearing In and Declaration by Elected Members.

The following Councillors, having read aloud and signed the Declaration by Elected Member of Council (Form 7), Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998, section 13(1)(c), were formally Sworn In, witnessed by Mr Athol Wigg, JP.

Councillor Morgan Byas
Councillor Rob Coales
Councillor Bill Denholm
Councillor Keira McConkey

Attachments:

- Form 7 Signed Declaration by Elected Member (Cr M Byas) - [SCM231017.1](#) (E17/10520)
- Form 7 Signed Declaration by Elected Member (Cr R Coales) – [SCM231017.2](#) (E17/10519)
- Form 7 Signed Declaration by Elected Member (Cr B Denholm) - [SCM231017.3](#) (E17/10518)
- Form 7 Signed Declaration by Elected Member (Cr K McConkey) - [SCM231017.4](#) (E17/10517)

6. Election of Shire President

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the office of Shire President for the ensuing two year term.

Two nominations were received in writing, one from Councillor Michelle Rich and the second nomination from Councillor Jacqui See.

Attachments:

- Nomination for Shire President – Cr Michelle Rich - [SCM231017.5](#) (E17/10525)
- Nomination for Shire President – Cr Jacqui See - [SCM231017.6](#) (E17/10524).

A draw was conducted for the order of names on the ballot paper.

Position No. 1 on the ballot paper is Councillor Jacqui See
Position No. 2 on the ballot paper is Councillor Michelle Rich

Councillor Rich and Councillor See each made a short statement in support of their respective nominations.

A ballot paper was prepared and issued to Councillors with the back of the ballot paper being initialled by Chief Executive Officer.

All Councillors completed their ballot paper behind a secluded booth and lodged their ballot paper in a sealed ballot box.

The Chief Executive Officer counted the votes, overseen by Mrs Kellie Bartley, Manager Corporate Services and Mr Athol Wigg, JP.



The result of the Shire President Election was:

Councillor Jacqui See	4 Votes
Councillor Michelle Rich	5 Votes

6.1 Declaration by Shire President

The Chief Executive Officer, Kenn Donohoe declared Councillor Michelle Rich as Shire President for the ensuing two year term, expiring October 2019.

Councillor Rich was duly sworn in as Shire President by making the Declaration of Office of the President, witnessed by Mr Athol Wigg, JP.

Attachment:

- Declaration of Office of Shire President – Cr Michelle Rich - [SCM231017.7](#) (E17/10513)

Councillor Rich assumed the Chair as the Presiding Member at 6.40pm.

7. Election of Deputy Shire President

President Rich requested that the Chief Executive Officer conduct the Election of the Deputy Shire President.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the office of Deputy Shire President for the ensuing two year term.

Chief Executive Officer advised there had been one nomination received in writing for the Deputy Shire President from Councillor David Atwell.

No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore Councillor David Atwell was elected unopposed to the position of Deputy Shire President.

Attachments:

- Nomination for Deputy Shire President – Cr David Atwell - [SCM231017.8](#) (E17/10522).

7.1 Declaration by Deputy Shire President

Shire President, Councillor Rich declared Councillor David Atwell as Deputy Shire President for the ensuing two year term, expiring October 2019.

Councillor Atwell was duly sworn in as Deputy Shire President by making the Declaration of Office of the Deputy Shire President, witnessed by Mr Athol Wigg, JP.

Attachment:

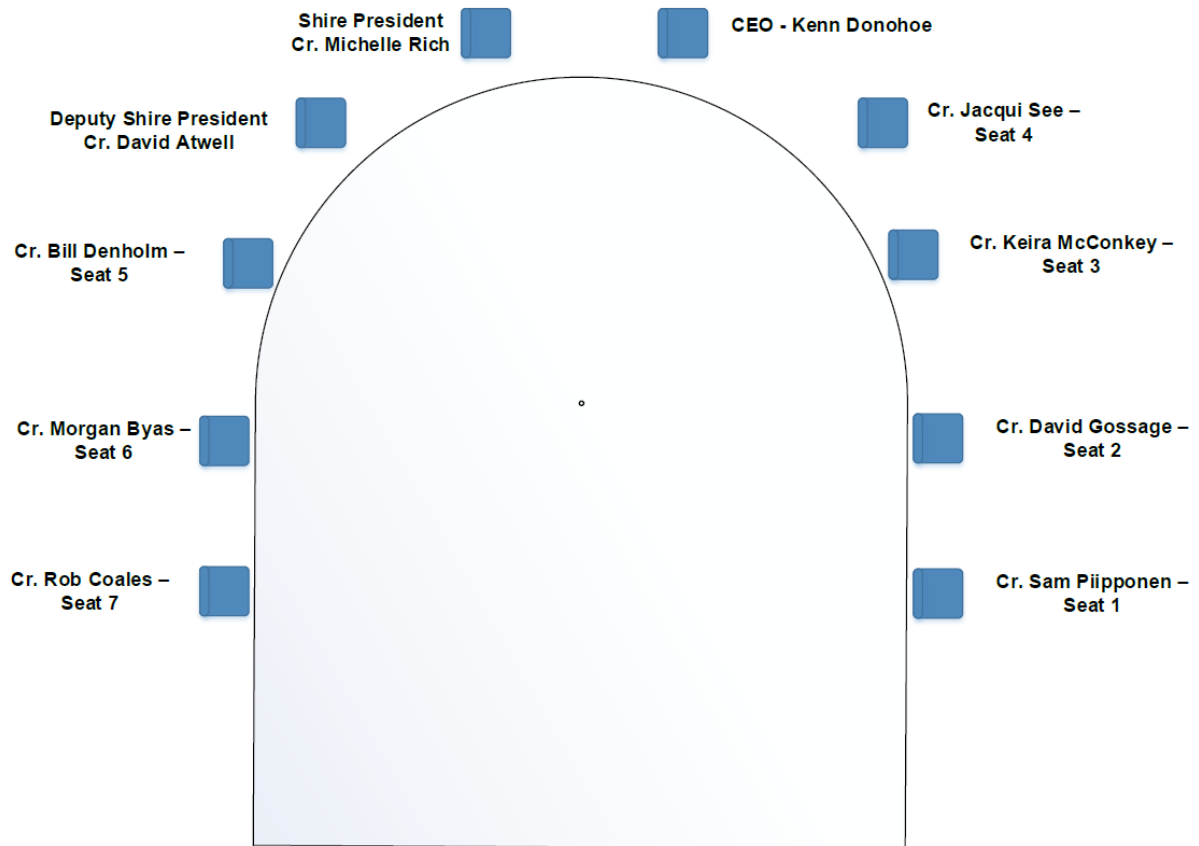
- Declaration of Office of Shire President – Cr David Atwell - [SCM231017.9](#) (E17/10515).

8. Members to occupy own seats:

According to Standing Orders Local Law 2002 (as amended) 8.2, the Chief Executive Officer conducted a ballot for the allocation of seating in the Council Chambers.



The following seat allocations were drawn in accordance with the seating Plan below:



- Seat 1 – Councillor Sam Piiipponen
- Seat 2 – Councillor David Gossage
- Seat 3 – Councillor Keira McConkey
- Seat 4 – Councillor Jacqui See
- Seat 5 – Councillor Bill Denholm
- Seat 6 – Councillor Morgan Byas
- Seat 7 – Councillor Rob Coales

9. Receipt of minutes or reports and consideration of adoption of recommendations from Committee meetings held since the previous Council meetings:

9.1 Reports:

Nil

10. Motions of which notice has been given:

Nil

11. Chief Executive Officer reports:

Nil



12. Urgent business:

Nil

13. Councillor questions of which notice has been given:

Nil

14. Closure

Shire President Councillor Rich, thanked outgoing Councillors for their commitment to the Shire and welcomed new Councillors to the Shire.

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.04pm.

I certify that these minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 November 2017.

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Presiding Member

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Date