

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 2.00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Outgoing Mayor, in the Chair, with Cr John Walker, Cr Tom Cullen, Cr Ahmad Karanouh, Cr Karen Churchill, Cr Bill Fisher and Cr Paul Wheelhouse.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek, the Director of Community Services, Ms Davids, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

The outgoing Mayor welcomed the three new councillors and congratulated all members on their success in the recent election. Cr Webb said he hoped Council would work together as a team and enjoy the ensuing four year term. At this stage, he handed the meeting over to the General Manager who took the role of Returning Officer. Cr Webb joined other councillors at the table.

The General Manager outlined some of the recent changes to the Local Government Act and provided copies of circulars from the Office of Local Government detailing some of the amendments. In particular, Mr Warren informed Council that upon election of the Mayor, his tenure would be for a two years' term, however the timeframe for the role of Deputy Mayor Council could be decided by Council.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

1. Oath or Affirmation of Office

The General Manager informed the meeting that, as a result of recent amendments to the Local Government Act 1993, Councillors are now required to take an oath or affirmation of office. Both have been provided for each Councillor's preference.

At this juncture, each Councillor - Walker, Churchill, Webb, Cullen, Fisher, Karanouh and Wheelhouse - individually read the Oath or Affirmation of Office – then signed in the presence of the General Manager, before handing to the General Manager for safekeeping.

2. Election of Mayor

The General Manager stated that under the Local Government Act he is to act as Returning Officer for the Election of the Mayor. He informed the meeting he had received the following nominations and both were valid:

- i) Cr Karanouh
- ii) Cr Webb

The Returning Officer then called for further nominations – no further nominations were forthcoming.

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3. Method of Voting

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, informed the meeting that the method of voting must be determined and it could be either of the following:

- Open Voting (show of hands)
- Ordinary Ballot (secret ballot)

2218 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the method of voting for the position of Mayor be by secret ballot (ordinary ballot).

A ballot paper, initialled by the Returning Officer, was handed to each Councillor. The seven ballot papers were collected and opened by the Returning Officer – resulting in Cr Karanouh 2 votes; Cr Webb 5 votes. The Returning Officer declared Cr Michael Webb duly elected as Mayor for the ensuing two years.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Returning Officer informed the meeting that two valid nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor had been handed to him, being :

- i) Cr Cullen
- ii) Cr Karanouh,

2219 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that the term for the position of Deputy Mayor be 12 months and that the ballot be show of hands (open ballot).

The result was Cr Karanouh 4 votes and Cr Cullen 3 votes – the Returning Officer declared Cr Ahmad Karanouh duly elected as Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

At this juncture, the Mayor took the Chair – Cr Webb thanked Councillors for their support and said he looks forward to working with them for the term of the Council.

The General Manager said he would like to have an informal induction session with Council and invited them to stay on after the meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 2.16 p.m.

Pages (1/5924 to 2/5925) confirmed on the 12TH day of **OCTOBER 2016** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **22 SEPTEMBER 2016**.

MAYOR

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