

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF
BREWARRINA HELD AT THE BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022**

Meeting commenced at 10.00am.

CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING

As this was the first meeting following the Ordinary Council Election the General Manager Jeff Sowiak, assumed the Chair to conduct the swearing in of Councillors and election of Mayor.

All Councillors were present and the Affirmation or Oath was made before the meeting as follows:

- Vivian Slack-Smith – affirmation at 10.02am 10 January 2022.
- Thomas Stanton – oath at 10.03am 10 January 2022.
- Noel Sheridan – affirmation at 10.03am 10 January 2022.
- Angelo Pippos - oath at 10.04am 10 January 2022.
- Donna Jeffries – oath at 10.04am 10 January 2022.
- Isaac Gordon – oath at 10.05am 10 January 2022.
- Douglas Gordon – oath at 10.05am 10 January 2022.
- Patricia Frail – oath at 10.06am 10 January 2022.
- Mark Brown – oath at 10.06am 10 January 2022.

Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor:

Following the conduct of the swearing in, the General Manager announced that he had received and accepted the following nominations for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor;

For Mayor:

- Cllrs Vivian Slack-Smith, Thomas Stanton, Donna Jeffries and Patricia Frail.

For Deputy Mayor:

- Cllrs Angelo Pippos and Vivian Slack-Smith

1: PRESENT:

Councillors

**Vivian SLACK-SMITH
Angelo PIPPOS
Thomas STANTON
Noel SHERIDAN
Donna JEFFRIES
Isaac GORDON
Douglas GORDON
Patricia FRAIL
Mark BROWN**

General Manager

Jeff SOWIAK

**Human Resources Manager
Utilities Manager
Finance & Administration Manager
Consultant Health & Building**

**Olivia HECKSHER
David KIRBY
Ang RAI
Phil DENNISTON**

2: APOLOGIES

- Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- Nil.

4: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- Nil.

5: MAYORAL MINUTE

- Nil.

6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Nil.

7: REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR ACTION:

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF MAYOR

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council on the process for electing a Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. If there is more than one Mayoral candidate, the Council resolves whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting;
2. That a Mayor is elected in accordance with the legislated process for a term of two years;
3. That the General Manager in his capacity as Returning Officer notifies the result of the election to the *Director-General of the Department of Local Government* and to the *Secretary of the Local Government New South Wales*; and;
4. All ballot papers are to be destroyed following the election.

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Jeffries, Seconded by Councillor Slack-Smith; that

1. **As there was more than one candidate that the election is to proceed by ordinary ballot.**
2. **That the Mayor is elected in accordance with the legislated process for a term of two years;**
3. **That the General Manager in his capacity as Returning Officer notifies the result of the election to the *Director-General of the Department of Local***

Government and to the Secretary of the Local Government New South Wales;
and;

4. All ballot papers are to be destroyed following the election.

The MOTION upon being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

The General Manager as Returning Officer conducted the election for the position of Mayor and declared that Councillor Vivian Slack-Smith had been elected to the position of Mayor.

The Mayor Cllr Slack-Smith Assumed the Chair and thanked the Councillors for their confidence and support in the role of Mayor.

ITEM 2b: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report inform Council on the process for electing a Deputy Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Council determines whether it will elect a Deputy Mayor; and
2. If the Council determines to elect a Deputy Mayor,
 - (a) That an election is held;
 - (b) That the General Manager in his capacity as Returning Officer advises the election result to the *Director-General of the Department of Local Government* and to the *Secretary of the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales*; and;
 - (c) That the term of the Deputy Mayor be the same as for the Mayor (two years)
3. All ballot papers are to be destroyed following the election.

02/22 **RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Jeffries, Seconded by Councillor Slack-Smith; that Council will elect a Deputy Mayor and that the term of the Deputy Mayor be the same as for the Mayor.**

The General Manager as Returning Officer advised the Council that as Cllr Slack-Smith had been elected as Mayor her nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor was withdrawn. Accordingly he declared that Councillor Angelo Pippas had been elected to the position of Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Angelo Pippas thanked the Mayor and Councillors for their confidence and support in the role of Deputy Mayor.

ITEM 3: ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to determine the dates of the Council meetings from October 2021 to September 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approve the attached Meeting Schedule Calendar of proposed Ordinary Council Meeting Dates.
2. Approve the meeting start time for Ordinary Council Meetings dates as 10am, and;
3. Determine to publically advertise Council's meeting schedule dates with locations for the period October 2021 – September 2022 in the following manner;
 - a. Website
 - b. Newspaper
 - c. Main Council Office

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Pippos, Seconded by Councillor Isaac Gordon; that Council approve February Council Meeting date of Friday 25th and a review of dates and times for all future Council Meetings will be considered at the next meeting.

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

ITEM 4: STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine its committee membership and elects its delegates.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determines its committee membership and elects its delegates.

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Douglas Gordon, Seconded by Councillor Pippos; that Council accept the attached table of committee membership and delegates.

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Committee	Proposed Staff Delegate	Proposed Councillor Delegates	Councillor Delegate 21/22
Roads and Maritime Services Regional Consultative Committee	Transport Manager	Two Councillors	Councillor Noel Sheridan
Traffic Committee	Transport Manager	One Councillor (Council has only one vote)	Councillor Angelo Pippas
Murray Darling Association	General Manager	Mayor and one Councillor	Councillor Patricia Frail
Big Sky Library	Community Services Manager or delegate	Councillor or Alternate	Councillor Patricia Frail Alternative – Councillor Angelo Pippas
Western Regional Weeds Committee	General Manager & Delegate	One Councillor	Councillor Noel Sheridan
Aged Care	General Manager or delegate	Mayor and two Councillors	Councillor Angelo Pippas and Councillor Mark Brown
Brewarrina General Cemetery Committee	General Manager	Three Councillors	Councillor Mark Brown Councillor Patricia Frail Councillor Isaac Gordon
Water Users	General Manager	One Councillor as nominated	Councillor Patricia Frail
Tourism & Cultural Committee	General Manager/ Tourism Officer	Two Councillors	Councillor Patricia Frail Councillor Douglas Gordon Councillor Donna Jeffries
Heritage Committee	Manager of Environment Health and Building	One Councillor	Councillor Donna Jeffries Councillor Mark Brown

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

ITEM 5: COUNCILLOR INDUCTION AND TRAINING

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the requirements for the conduct of Councillor Induction and Professional Development.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive report as information.

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RESOLVED on MOTION by Councillor Sheridan, Seconded by Councillor Douglas Gordon; that Council receive the report as information.

The MOTION on being PUT to the MEETING was declared CARRIED.

ITEM 6: COUNTBACK ELECTION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the provisions concerning the opportunity to fill casual vacancies by countback election within 18 months of the general election.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determines if it wishes to fill any casual vacancies by way of countback election.

8: REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- **Items for Correspondence:**
 - (a) Post-election Guide.
 - (b) Model Code of Conduct for Local Council in NSW.
 - (c) Member of Parliament Nomination to Local Traffic Committee.

9: NOTICE OF MOTION/ QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- Nil.

10: CLOSED SESSION

- Nil.

11: OPEN SESSION

Meeting concluded at 10.47am.