

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors W J Polglase, L F Beck, Cr G B Bell, M R Boyd, R D Brinsmead, B J Carroll, S Dale, D M Holdom, H James, G J Lawrie, J F. Murray.

Also present were Dr John Griffin (General Manager), Mr Reg Norvill (Executive Manager-Office of the General Manager), Mr Mike Rayner (Director Engineering Services), Mr Garry Smith (Acting Director Planning & Environment Services), Mr Brian Donaghy (Manager Administration Services/Public Officer) and Mrs Meredith Smith (Minutes Secretary)

PRAYER

The meeting opened with a Prayer by Council's Chaplain, Father Harry Reuss.

A Prayer for Anzac Day

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

*We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Easter Collect

*Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory. **Amen***

*O Eternal God, we pray for the members of this new Tweed Shire Council
Guide them by your Holy Spirit that in all their deliberations and decisions
They may faithfully discharge the duties of their office to the life of this shire
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

APOLOGIES

Nil.

Councillor Polglase vacated the Chair for the election of the Mayor/Deputy Mayor

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager congratulated the returned and new Councillors.

Mr Noel Hodges was introduced to the Council. Mr Hodges is the newly appointed Director Planning and Environment.

The General Manager thanked Mr Garry Smith who acted as the Director Development Services in the interim period.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER - OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

1 [OGM] Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Period to September 2004

218 RESOLUTION:

Councillor R D Brinsmead
Councillor G J Lawrie

RESOLVED that should an election be necessary to determine the selection of the persons for Mayor and Deputy Mayor that it proceeds by way of open ballot through show of hands.

AMENDMENT

Councillor H James
Councillor S M Dale

PROPOSED that that should an election be necessary to determine the selection of the persons for Mayor and Deputy Mayor that it proceeds by way of secret ballot.

The Amendment was **Lost**

Voting For

Cr Boyd
Cr Carroll
Cr Dale
Cr Holdom
Cr James

Voting Against

Cr Polglase
Cr Beck
Cr Bell
Cr Brinsmead
Cr Lawrie
Cr Murray

The Motion was **Carried**

Voting For

Cr Polglase
Cr Beck
Cr Bell
Cr Brinsmead
Cr Lawrie
Cr Murray

Voting Against

Cr Boyd
Cr Carroll
Cr Dale
Cr Holdom
Cr James

Election of Mayor

The General Manager called for nominations for Mayor. Councillor W J Polglase and Councillor M R Boyd were nominated.

By the open ballot method of voting Councillor M R Boyd received 5 votes (Councillors M R Boyd, Cr B J Carroll, Cr S M Dale, Cr D M Holdom and Cr H J James). By the open ballot method of voting Councillor Polglase received 6 votes (Councillors W Polglase, L F Beck, G B Bell, R Brinsmead, G Lawrie and J F Murray). Cr Polglase on receiving the majority of votes, the General Manager declared Councillor W J Polglase elected as Mayor for the period up until September 2004.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager called for nominations. Councillor H James and Councillor L F Beck were nominated.

By the open ballot method of voting Councillor H James received 5 votes (Councillors Councillors M R Boyd, Cr B J Carroll, Cr S M Dale, Cr D M Holdom and Cr H J James). Councill L F Beck received 6 votes (Councillors W Polglase, L F Beck, G B Bell, R Brinsmead, G Lawrie and J F Murray) Cr L F Beck on receiving the majority of votes, the General Manager declared Councillor L F Beck elected as Deputy Mayor for the period up until September 2004.

Cr W J Polglase took the Chair.

QUESTION TIME

Nil.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 3.05pm.



Minutes of Meeting Confirmed by Council

at Meeting held

**I hereby certify that I have authorised the affixing of my
electronic signature to the previous pages numbered 1 to 6 of these Minutes**

Chairman