

Mayor: Cr K Milne

Councillors: P Allsop
R Byrnes
C Cherry (Deputy Mayor)
R Cooper
J Owen
W Polglase

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 20 September 2018

held at
Harvard Room, Tweed Heads Administration Building, Brett Street, Tweed Heads
commencing at 5.30pm

Principles for Local Government

The object of the principles for Tweed Shire Council, as set out in Section 8 of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Bill 2016, is to provide guidance to enable council to carry out its functions in a way that facilitates a local community that is strong, healthy and prosperous.

Guiding Principles for Tweed Shire Council

(1) Exercise of functions generally

The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by Tweed Shire Council:

- (a) Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.
- (b) Carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.
- (c) Plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.
- (d) Apply the integrated planning and reporting framework in carrying out their functions so as to achieve desired outcomes and continuous improvements.
- (e) Work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.
- (f) Manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.
- (g) Work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs.
- (h) Act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community.
- (i) Be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff.

(2) Decision-making

The following principles apply to decision-making by Tweed Shire Council (subject to any other applicable law):

- (a) Recognise diverse local community needs and interests.
- (b) Consider social justice principles.
- (c) Consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.
- (d) Consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- (e) Decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.

(3) Community participation

Council should actively engage with the local community, through the use of the integrated planning and reporting framework and other measures.

The Meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Katie Milne, Cr Reece Byrnes, Cr Pryce Allsop, Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Ron Cooper, Cr James Owen and Cr Warren Polglase.

Also present were Mr Troy Green (General Manager), Mr David Oxenham (Director Engineering), Mr Vince Connell (Director Planning and Regulation), Ms Tracey Stinson (Director Community and Natural Resources), Mr Michael Chorlton (Executive Manager Finance, Revenue and Information Technology), Mrs Suzanne Richmond (Executive Manager People, Communication and Governance), Mr Shane Davidson (Executive Officer), Ms Stephanie Papadopoulos (Manager Corporate Governance) Ms Fran Silk (Project Leader Media and Social), Mrs Kareen Smith and Mrs Meredith Smith (Minutes Secretary).

ABORIGINAL STATEMENT

The General Manager acknowledged the Bundjalung Aboriginal Nation with the following statement:

"We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands."

COUNCIL PRAYER

The meeting opened with a Prayer by Council's Chaplain, Rev Chris Lindsay:

Gracious God,

We thank you for providing the breath of life each day. You give us the power to work, leisure to rest, and the capacity to love and be loved by others.

Help those appointed to represent us in this chamber to govern with compassion and justice. May they seek this public opportunity to serve the shire not for personal gain but for the welfare of others and our natural environment. Grant them interest in those they represent and insight into the diverse needs of our community.

Give all who work within the council a spirit of respect and peace with fellow workers. Help them find joy and satisfaction in serving this shire and may their efforts be productive for our common good.

And help us as a community; to respect, honour and encourage those who undertake civic leadership on our behalf.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask these things, Amen.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The General Manager advised the meeting of the provisions under Section 290 of the Local Government Act 1993 regarding the election of Mayor by the Councillors. He also noted that the Local Government Act 1993 has now been amended requiring that the Mayor elected by the Councillors holds the Office of Mayor for two years and the position of Deputy Mayor may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

The General Manager referred the Councillors to the requirement to determine the procedure for electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as per the following options which are in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

- Ordinary Ballot
- Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting
- Preferential Ballot.

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

- 1 **[GM-EXT] Method of Election of Mayor for the period ending September 2020 and Deputy Mayor for period ending September 2019**

Cr C Cherry
Cr K Milne

RESOLVED that Council determines the procedure for electing the Mayor for the period ending September 2020 and Deputy Mayor for period ending September 2019 to be Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

2 [GM-EXT] Election of Mayor for period ending September 2020 and Deputy Mayor for period ending September 2019

The General Manager advised that the Executive Manager, Shane Davidson, has been appointed as Returning Officer for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer advised that 3 nominations have been received for **Mayor**:

- Cr W Polglase was nominated by Cr P Allsop and Cr W Polglase and has accepted the nomination.
- Cr K Milne was nominated by Cr C Cherry and Cr R Cooper and has accepted the nomination.
- Cr J Owen was nominated by Cr W Polglase and Cr J Owen and has accepted the nomination.

The result of the Ordinary Ballot by way of open voting for **Mayor** was as follows:

Round 1

- Voting for **Cr K Milne**
FOR VOTE - Cr C Milne, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr R Byrnes
- Voting for **Cr J Owen**
FOR VOTE - Cr J Owen
- Voting for **Cr W Polglase**
FOR VOTE - Cr W Polglase, Cr P Allsop

As a result of the voting during Round 1, Cr J Owen was excluded from Round 2.

Round 2

- Voting for **Cr K Milne**
FOR VOTE - Cr C Milne, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr R Byrnes
- Voting for **Cr W Polglase**
FOR VOTE - Cr W Polglase, Cr J Owen, Cr P Allsop

The Returning Officer declared that as **Cr Milne** has received the majority of votes, she is elected as Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period ending September 2020.

The Returning Officer advised that 1 nomination has been received for Deputy Mayor:

- Cr C Cherry was nominated by Cr R Byrnes and Cr R Cooper and has accepted the nomination.

The Returning Officer declared that as **Cr Cherry** was the only nominee for the role of Deputy Mayor, she is elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period ending September 2019.

Based on the above voting for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Returning Officer declared the following:

1. Mayor for the period ending September 2020 - **Cr K Milne**
 2. Deputy Mayor for the period ending September 2019 - **Cr C Cherry**
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There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 4.40pm.



**Minutes of Meeting Confirmed by Council
at the Meeting held on
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Chairman