

Mayor: Cr K Milne

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

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting Thursday 19 September 2019

held at
Council Chambers, Murwillumbah Civic & Cultural Centre,
Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah
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 (Mayor), Cr Chris Cherry, Cr Pryce Allsop, Cr Reece Byrnes, 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 Robyn Grigg (Acting Director Sustainable Communities and Environment), 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) and Mrs Meredith Smith (Minutes Secretary).

The General Manager welcomed Councillors, staff and the public gallery to the meeting for the Election of the Deputy Mayor.

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."

PRAYER

The General Manager opened the meeting with a Prayer advising those attending:

If you'd like to indicate your agreement consider bowing your head during the prayer. Otherwise take a moment for quiet reflection on what will best enable good Council decisions to be made today.

Almighty God,

We pray You will guide the Councillors and council staff of the Tweed shire council as they meet together today; help them think calmly and carefully, decide wisely and may their decisions allow great benefit to flow to all people in our Tweed community and our natural environment.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask, **Amen.***

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEMS TO BE MOVED FROM ORDINARY TO CONFIDENTIAL - CONFIDENTIAL TO ORDINARY

Nil.

REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

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

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Cr K Milne

Cr J Owen

RESOLVED that Council determines the procedure for electing the Deputy Mayor as per Open Voting which is in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

2 [GM-EXT] Election of Deputy Mayor for Period Ending September 2020

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The General Manager advised that the Manager Corporate Governance, Ms Stephanie Papadopoulos, has been appointed as Returning Officer for the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The Returning Officer advised that two (2) nominations have been received for **Deputy Mayor**:

- Cr C Cherry was nominated and accepted the nomination.
- Cr P Allsop was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Ms Papadopoulos indicated that a draw of the two nominees names was required to decide the Tally Sheet (voting) order. Cr Cherry's name was selected first with Cr Allsop's name being selected second, therefore the order of voting was set.

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

- Voting for Cr C Cherry

FOR VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne

AGAINST VOTE - Cr J Owen, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Allsop

- Voting for Cr P Allsop

FOR VOTE - Cr J Owen, Cr W Polglase, Cr P Allsop

AGAINST VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne

The Returning Officer declared that as **Cr C Cherry** had the higher number of votes she is declared elected as Deputy Mayor of Tweed Shire Council for the period ending September 2020.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 5.39pm.



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at the Meeting held on
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Chairman

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