

PYRENEES
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MINUTES

Statutory Meeting of Council

6:00pm Tuesday 29 October 2019

Lexton Community Centre

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1. PRESENT / APOLOGIES

PRESENT **Councillors:** Ron Eason, David Clark, Tanya Kehoe, Damian Ferrari

IN ATTENDANCE **Chief Executive Officer**– Jim Nolan
Director Asset and Development Services – Douglas Gowans
Director Corporate and Community Services – Kathy Bramwell
EA to CEO and Councillors – Jane Bowker (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES **Mayor:** Cr Robert Vance
Mrs Jan Vance

CEO Jim Nolan welcomed the gallery and press, read the opening prayer and indigenous acknowledgement along with the Councillors and then commenced the meeting.

2. NOMINATION OF INTERIM CHAIR

CEO Jim Nolan called for nominations for Interim Chair.

Cr Eason nominated Cr Clark to take the Interim Chair. Cr Kehoe seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

CEO Jim Nolan declared Cr Clark, Interim Chair.

3. AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLORS

Cr Clark called for all Councillors to stand for the Affirmation of Office.

Councillors stood and reaffirmed their commitment as Councillors by reciting the following:

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal district of the Pyrenees Shire Council and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act (1989) or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

4. 2018/2019 MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr Clark presented Cr Vance's report for the past 12 months as Mayor (see attachment 7.1).

Good evening everyone,

I would firstly like to express or relate my pleasure in working with a group of progressive and respectful Councillors. Our ability to be able to deliberate over contentious issues is a special ability. It is unique to our Council and one to be treasured. Let's not ever let the standard fall.

I personally thank Jim, Kathy and Douglas. Senior staff have not only the responsibility of making sure that Council functions in the desired manner but also provide advice to Councillors in the direction that is expected mostly by the wider community. It is not always the case but Councillors always have the final decision so the responsibility lies with them at the end of the day. I would also like to thank Jane Bowker who keeps me, as Mayor, grounded and assists me in a manner which makes my role so much easier.

Being Mayor in an election year has its benefits when it comes to funding. Significant projects such as the Snake Valley Female Friendly Facility, Snake Valley Skate Park, Straw Pellet Project, East Grampians Pipeline, to name a few, are coming to fruition which is really exciting. Securing funding for the Lexton Community Hub and our road network are a great achievement. It is disappointing that we haven't secured funding for the Moonambel Water Supply but rest assured we won't give up.

Turning the tables, it is pleasing to be able to provide community grants to local community groups and organisations. Our community groups do a wonderful job and a big thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly. Your efforts are congratulated.

Highlights for me have been attending the National Roads and Infrastructure Conference in Alice Springs, the National Local Government Conference in Canberra, official opening of the Crowlands Wind Farm with a delegation of 24 people from China and visits to Ministers in State Government to advocate for projects for the betterment of our communities. I get a great deal of pleasure in networking with other local government leaders.

In the Mayoral role I get the opportunity to work with the community members directly and I thank them for the respect they have shown me in the role of Mayor. It is fair to say that things mostly travel well but not always. Councillors have the ability to close ranks, make their thoughts known respectfully and move on which makes the Mayor's role so much easier.

Council's strong financial position continuing to be debt free is a credit to Council staff for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks to my backstop, Jan, for her full support during a busy time. She spent many quiet nights on her own. Thank you Jan. I also thank my children for their ongoing support.

I apologise for my absence this evening. My indulgence in promoting the Pyrenees to China was a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed. Let's hope it opens doors for Pyrenees to be internationally recognised as a fantastic place to live and invest in.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2019/2020

Cr Clark called for nominations for Mayor for the 2019/2020 term.

Cr Ferrari nominated Cr Kehoe, Cr Eason seconded the nomination.

As no other nominations were put forward Cr Clark put the nomination to the vote. All Councillors present were all in favour and the nomination was carried.

Cr Clark declared Cr Kehoe Mayor for Pyrenees Shire Council for the 2019/2020 term.

Cr Clark congratulated Cr Kehoe and presented her with the gavel as a gesture for the coming twelve months. Cr Clark then passed the Chair to Cr Kehoe.

Cr Kehoe then took the Chair and expressed her thanks and that it is an honour and privilege to take on the position. She thanked Cr Vance for his term as Mayor and noted that it was his fourth term as Mayor which shows his commitment and dedication not only to this Council but also his local community and the wider community. She spoke of the extent of Cr Vance's network and of his love of this municipality. Cr Kehoe thanked his wife Jan for her contribution and support of Cr Vance.

6. PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Cr Kehoe noted that due to the outgoing Mayor Cr Robert Vance not being present, a gift in recognition of his year of service as Mayor will be presented at a subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council. She added that Ms Jan Vance will also be presented with a gift.

7. ITEMS FOR DECISION

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.1 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

Kathy Bramwell – Director Corporate and Community Services

File No: 18/02/04

Declaration of Interest: As author of this report I have no disclosable interest in this item

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine Councillor representation on committees.

BACKGROUND

Each year at the Statutory Meeting of Council, Council determines the Councillor representation on committees. Below is a list of Committees that Council has representation on as adopted by Council on 30 October 2018.

Committee	Dept	Staff Member	Councillor
External-Formal			
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	CEO	J Nolan	Cr Clark / Cr Vance
Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)			Any Councillors
Central Highlands Councils Victoria (CHCV)	CEO	J Nolan	Mayor
Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee	CEO		Cr Vance
Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)	CEO	J Nolan	Mayor
Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group	A&DS		Cr Ferrari
Central Highlands LLEN	CEO	Nil	Cr Clark
Visit Ballarat		R Davies	N/A
Timber Towns Victoria	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
National Timber Councils Association	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
Central Highlands Regional Partnership	CEO	J Nolan	N/A
Western Highway Action Committee (WHAC)	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Ferrari
Sunraysia Highway Action Committee	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Eason
Committee for Ballarat	CEO	J Nolan	Mayor
Beaufort Bypass – EES Technical Reference Group	A&DS	D Gowans	N/A
Beaufort Bypass – PEG Public Engagement Group	A&DS	N/A	Cr Ferrari
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	CEO	D Gowans	Cr Clark
Central Highlands Children and Youth Area Partnership	C&CS	K Bramwell / M Walmsley	Nil
Grampians Women’s Health – CORE Governance Group		K Bramwell	Nil
Cultivate Agribusiness Central Highlands	CEO	R Davies	Nil
Rail Freight Alliance	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Eason
Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership (GPPCP)	C&CS	J Nolan / M Walmsley	N/A
Ballarat Rail Action Committee	A&DS	D Gowans	N/A

External-Representative only			
Crime Prevention Reference Group	CEO	J Nolan	Cr Kehoe
Library Advisory Council	C&CS	R Davies	N/A
Business for Beaufort	CEO		Cr Ferrari
Advance Avoca	CEO	Nil	Cr Eason
Beaufort Secondary College Committee			Cr Ferrari
Youth Foundations Victoria Beaufort Initiative	C&CS		Cr Kehoe
Langi Kal Kal Community Advisory Group	CEO	J Nolan	Cr Clark
Central Highlands Integrated Water Management Forum	CEO	J Nolan / R Davies	
Internal			
Audit & Risk Committee	C&CS	K Bramwell	Cr Ferrari / Cr Eason
Services and Assets Management Steering Group	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	C&CS	K Bramwell	Cr Kehoe
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	A&DS	D Gowans	Cr Vance
CEO Review	CEO	J Nolan	All Councillors
Committees of Management			
Brewster Hall		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Landsborough Community Precinct		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Lexton Community Centre		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Snake Valley Hall		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Waubra Recreation Reserve		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Goldfields Rec Reserve		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor
Beaufort Community Bank Complex		K Bramwell	Ward Councillor

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council is now required to determine the allocation of Councillors to the various committees that Pyrenees Shire Council is associated with for the 2019/20 year.

COUNCIL PLAN / LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Strategic Objective 2 - Relationships and Advocacy. We will build and maintain effective relationships with community, government and strategic partners, and advocate on key issues.

2.3 - Maintain strategic partnerships, and participate with peak bodies for support and to enhance advocacy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

FINANCIAL / RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial impacts relating to this report.

CONCLUSION

On an annual basis at the Statutory Meeting Council is required to allocate Councillors to a range of committees that Council is associated with.

CR CLARK / CR EASON

That Council appoints the Councillor Representation on Committees for 2019/20 as follows:			
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8. CLOSE OF MEETING

Cr Kehoe thanked her fellow Councillors. She noted there are a lot of exciting projects coming up such as the wind farms, OPAN Project, Rural Transformation Project, Lexton Community Hub, Snake Valley Linear Park and Snake Valley Female Friendly Facilities, to name a few. She expressed her commitment to helping build stronger more resilient communities and that she is very proud to be representing the Pyrenees. She also expressed her excitement for a very purposeful twelve months ahead.

Cr Kehoe declared the meeting closed at 6.15pm

Minutes of the meeting confirmed

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Mayor

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