



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 77-79 NELSON STREET NHILL COMMENCING AT 6:06PM.

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Present:

Crs M Albrecht, B Ireland, R Ismay, R Gersch, D Nelson and W Bywaters (via Zoom).

In Attendance:

Mr Greg Wood (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Ms Jessie Holmes (Director Infrastructure Services) and Ms Shauna Johnson (Executive Assistant).

1 WELCOME

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Greg Wood, declared the meeting open at 6:06pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Mr G Wood acknowledged the Indigenous Community.

3 APOLOGIES

No apologies.

4 MAYORAL REPORT 2021/2022

Cr Melanie Albrecht to present the Mayor's report for 2021/2022.

Mayoral Report 2021/2022

Cr Melanie Albrecht presented a verbal Mayoral report for 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the outgoing Mayor's report for 2021/2022.

MOVED: CRS R Ismay/B Ireland

That Council accepts the outgoing Mayor's report for 2021/2022.

CARRIED

5 TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR

Section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to determine the length of the Mayoral term prior to the election of the Mayor. The term decided will apply to the Deputy Mayor, if one is also elected. The term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor may be a 1-year term or a 2-year term.

Under the Act, where the Mayor is elected for a 1-year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by Council that is as close to the end of the 1 year term as is reasonably practicable.

Where the Mayor is elected for a 2-year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by Council that is as close to the end of the 2 year term as is reasonably practicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determines that the Term of Office of the Mayor be a period of one year.

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/M Albrecht

That Council determines that the Term of Office of the Mayor be a period of one year.

CARRIED

6 ELECTION OF MAYOR – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The election of the Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* Section 25

25 Election of Mayor

- (1) *At a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.*
- (2) *Subject to section 167, any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.*
- (3) *The election of the Mayor must—*
 - (a) *be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer; and*
 - (b) *subject to this section, be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.*
- (4) *Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.*
- (5) *If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.*

- (6) *If only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.*
- (7) *In this section, **absolute majority** means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.*

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations and conducted the election for Mayor.

**Cr R Gersch nominated Cr B Ireland, seconded by Cr R Ismay.
Cr D Nelson nominated Cr W Bywaters, seconded by Cr R Ismay.**

Voting was by a show of hands.

Cr B Ireland was declared elected 4 votes to 2 votes.

Following declaration of voting, Cr B Ireland assumed the chair as Mayor.

7 CONGRATULATORY REMARKS TO MAYOR

Councillors congratulated Mayor.

8 MAYORAL RESPONSE

Incoming Mayor thanked Councillors for their support.

9 DETERMINATION OF POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020*:

Section 20A Office of Deputy Mayor

- (1) A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.
- (2) If the Council has established an office of Deputy Mayor, the provisions of this Act relating to the office of Deputy Mayor apply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/R Ismay

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

CARRIED

10 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer will conduct the election for a Deputy Mayor.

The election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* Section 27

27 Election of Deputy Mayor

- (1) Section 25, other than subsection (3)(a), applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor by the Councillors as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.*
- (2) Section 26 applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.*

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations and conducted the election for Deputy Mayor.

**Cr D Nelson nominated Cr W Bywaters, seconded by Cr B Ireland.
Cr R Ismay nominated Cr M Albrecht, seconded by Cr R Gersch.**

Voting was by a show of hands.

Cr M Albrecht was declared elected 4 votes to 2 votes.

11 APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The following Council organisations and external committees require the appointment of Council delegates for the period 2022/2023.

It is important that this list of Council appointments to external organisations is as complete as possible, as Council policy provides that travelling expenses and out of pocket expenses are payable for attendance at meetings of these organisations.

A Councillors role with these organisations is to provide strategic input, influencing outcomes that are consistent with goals in Council's Plan, and be a communication conduit between the organisation and Council.

Previous delegates, and appointments, are listed for convenience.

No.	COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES	2021/2022 DELEGATE	2022/2023 DELEGATE
1	Audit Committee (2 required)	Cr D Nelson Cr M Albrecht	Cr D Nelson Cr B Ireland
2	Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan Advisory Committee	Cr W Bywaters	Cr W Bywaters
3	Nhill Town Committee	Cr M Albrecht	Cr M Albrecht
4	Dimboola Town Committee	Cr D Nelson	Cr D Nelson
5	Jeparit Town Committee	Cr B Ireland	Cr B Ireland
6	Rainbow Town Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
7	LGBTIQ+ Reference Group	New committee	Cr M Albrecht
	COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES		
8	Rainbow Civic Centre Committee	Cr B Ireland	Cr B Ireland
9	Rainbow Recreation Reserve Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
10	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee	Cr B Ireland	Cr B Ireland
11	Yurunga Homestead Committee	Cr B Ireland	Cr B Ireland
	EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		
12	Municipal Association of Victoria (Mayor and Deputy Mayor as substitute)	Cr M Albrecht Cr B Ireland (Substitute)	Cr B Ireland (Mayor) Cr M Albrecht (Deputy Mayor/substitute)
13	National General Assembly of Local Government (Mayor and Deputy Mayor as substitute)	Cr M Albrecht Cr B Ireland (Substitute)	Cr B Ireland (Mayor) Cr M Albrecht (Deputy Mayor/substitute)
14	Rural Councils Victoria	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch
15	North West Municipalities Association	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch
16	Wimmera Development Association	Cr M Albrecht	Cr M Albrecht
17	Wimmera Regional Transport Group	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch
18	Western Highway Action Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
19	Rail Freight Alliance	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
20	Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
21	Hindmarsh Landcare Network	Cr W Bywaters	Cr W Bywaters
22	Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance	Cr D Nelson	No delegate
23	Local Learning and Employment Network	Cr D Nelson	Cr D Nelson
24	Strategic Meetings on Recycling and Waste Matters	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council delegates for 2022/2023 as proposed be adopted.

MOVED: CR R Gersch/R Ismay

That the Council delegates for 2022/2023 as proposed be adopted.

CARRIED

12 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The date of the next Annual Meeting must be held to allow for the election of the next Mayor, on a day to be determined by the Council, that is as close to the end of the mayoral term as is reasonably practicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Special Meeting to elect a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appoint delegates be held at 6pm Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/R Gersch

That a Special Meeting to elect a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appoint delegates be held at 6pm Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill.

CARRIED

13 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr B Ireland declared the meeting closed at 6:26pm.
