



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 27 September 2017
9am

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Simon Murray (Chair), Deputy Mayor Dorothy Robinson, Councillor Peter Bailey, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Diane Gray, Councillor Libby Martin, Councillor Andrew Murat, Councillor Debra O'Brien, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Ian Tiley, and Councillor Bradley Widders.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Peter Dennis (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Group Leader Organisation Services), Mr Mark Piorkowski (Group Leader Service Delivery), Mr Keith Lockyer (Service Leader Finance and Information Technology), Mr Ambrose Hallman (Service Leader Sustainability and Development), Ms Nathalie Heaton (Service Leader Governance Risk and Corporate Planning), Ms Krista Schmidt (Service Leader Community and Customer Services), Mr Peter Wilson (Senior Governance Officer) Ms Hayley Ward (Executive Officer), and Ms Jo Harrison (Communications Officer).

MINUTES

The CEO opened the meeting.

1. CIVIC PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS
2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETING
3. APOLOGIES
Nil.

Items 8.1 and 8.2 were brought forward and dealt with at this juncture.

4. DISCLOSURE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
Nil.
5. HAVE YOUR SAY
Nil.
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2017

236/17

Moved Cr Tiley

Seconded Cr Murat

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION
Nil.

Next item of business Item 8.3.

8. REPORTS FOR DECISION - LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION

8.1 FOR DECISION: Election of Mayor for September 2017 - September 2019*Ref: AINT/2017/13*

Moved Cr Tiley

Seconded Cr Gray

- a) That the CEO, as Returning Officer, call for nominations for the election of Mayor for the two year term of office, from September 2017 to September 2019; and
- b) That the method of voting be by open voting (show of hands).

The Motion on being put was LOST

237/17

Moved Cr Murray Seconded Cr Murat

- a) **That the CEO, as Returning Officer, call for nominations for the election of Mayor for the two year term of office, from September 2017 to September 2019; and**
- b) **That the method of voting be by ordinary ballot.**

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr Bailey Seconded Cr Galletly

That candidates for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be permitted to give a short speech prior to the vote.

The Procedural Motion on being put was LOST.

The CEO, acting as Returning Officer, called for nominations for the office of Mayor for 2017-2019. There were two nominations received, those of Cr Murray and Cr Tiley. Following the vote, the Returning Officer declared Cr Murray elected as the Mayor for 2017-2019 term by seven votes to four votes.

8.2 FOR DECISION: Election of Deputy Mayor for September 2017 - September 2019

Ref: AINT/2017/13720 (ARC17/2268)

238/17

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr Widders

That Council create the position of Deputy Mayor.

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED.

239/17

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Murray

- a) **That Council set the term of appointment for the position of Deputy Mayor of two (2) years.**
- b) **That the CEO, as Returning Officer, call for nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the two year term of office, from September 2017 to September 2019.**

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

240/17

Moved Cr O'Connor

Seconded Cr O'Brien

That the method of voting be by ordinary ballot.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

The CEO, acting as Returning Officer, called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for 2017-2019. There were three nominations received, those of Cr Bailey, Cr O'Connor and Cr Robinson.

The vote by ordinary ballot resulted in three votes for Cr Bailey, four votes for Cr O'Connor and four votes for Cr Robinson. Cr Bailey was therefore excluded.

Following a further vote the Returning Officer duly declared Cr Robinson elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2017-2019 term by six votes to five votes.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

241/17

Moved Cr Murray

Seconded Cr Bailey

That standing orders be suspended at 9.34am to allow Councillors to take a recess.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

The meeting reconvened at 10am.

The Mayor assumed the Chair.

Next item of business Item 4 – Disclosure and Declaration of Business.

8.3 FOR DECISION: Council meeting cycle for Ordinary Meetings for the remainder of 2017-2018

Ref: AINT/2017/13740 (ARC16/0759)

MOTION

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr O'Brien

- a) That Ordinary Meetings of Council be held in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, Part D Operative Parts, Clause 1.1.
- b) That the Ordinary Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 25 October 2017, 9am in Armidale.
- c) That a workshop be held to review the remainder of the meeting cycle for 2017-2018.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Bailey Seconded Cr Murat

- a) That Ordinary Meetings of Council be held in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, Part D Operative Parts, Clause 1.1.
- b) That the Ordinary Council Meeting cycle for the remainder of 2017-2018 be as follows:
 - i. Wednesday 25 October 2017, 2pm in Armidale
 - ii. Wednesday 22 November 2017, 2pm in Guyra
 - iii. Wednesday 13 December 2017, 2pm in Armidale (Second Wednesday)
 - iv. Wednesday 28 February 2018, 2pm in Armidale
 - v. Wednesday 28 March 2018, 2pm in Guyra
 - vi. Thursday 26 April 2018, 2pm in Armidale (Public Holiday Wednesday 25 April)
 - vii. Wednesday 23 May 2018, 2pm in Armidale
 - viii. Wednesday 27 June 2018, 2pm in Guyra

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr Robinson

That standing orders be suspended at 10.10am to discuss starting times for the Council meetings.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

243/17 Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr Robinson

That standing orders be resumed at 10.21am.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

244/17 Moved Cr Bailey Seconded Cr Murat

a) That Ordinary Meetings of Council be held in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, Part D Operative Parts, Clause 1.1.

b) That the Ordinary Council Meeting cycle for the remainder of 2017-2018 be as follows:

- i. Wednesday 25 October 2017, 1pm in Armidale**
- ii. Wednesday 22 November 2017, 1pm in Guyra**
- iii. Wednesday 13 December 2017, 1pm in Tingha (Second Wednesday)**
- iv. Wednesday 28 February 2018, 1pm in Armidale**
- v. Wednesday 28 March 2018, 1pm in Guyra**
- vi. Thursday 26 April 2018, 1pm in Armidale (Public Holiday Wednesday 25 April)**
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- viii. Wednesday 27 June 2018, 1pm in Guyra**

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

**8.4 FOR DECISION: Council representation on New England Weeds Authority 2017
- 2020**

Ref: AINT/2017/14108 (ARC16/0463-2)

245/17 Moved Cr Galletly Seconded Cr Martin

That Council appoint three (3) Councillors to the New England Weeds Authority (County Council), for the term of the Council, in accordance with the advice received from the Office of Local Government.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

246/17 **Moved Cr Murat** **Seconded Cr Martin**

That standing orders be suspended at 10.37am to consider the appointments to the New England Weeds Authority.

The Motion being put was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

247/17 **Moved Cr Gray** **Seconded Cr Robinson**

That standing orders be resumed at 10.40am.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

248/17 **Moved Cr Robinson** **Seconded Cr Widders**

That Councillors Galletly, Martin and Murat be appointed to the New England Weeds Authority (County Council), for the term of the Council.

The motion on being put was CARRIED.

8.5 FOR DECISION: Council Representation on External Bodies for 2017 - 2020*Ref: AINT/2017/.*

249/17 **Moved Cr Tiley** **Seconded Cr Murat**

That Council determine the Councillor representation on the external bodies listed in the report, for the term of the council.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

250/17 Moved Cr Gray Seconded Cr Murat

That standing orders be suspended at 10.41am to consider the appointments to the external bodies.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

251/17 Moved Cr Martin Seconded Cr Gray

That standing orders be resumed at 10.48am.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

252/17 Moved Cr Martin Seconded Cr Murat

That the councillor representation on the external bodies be as follows:

- **Country Mayors Association – Mayor and Deputy Mayor**
- **New England Group of Councils – Mayor and Deputy Mayor**
- **Joint Regional Planning Panel – Mayor and Cr Gray (Alternate)**
- **New England Bush Fire Management Committee – Cr Galletly**

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

Cr Ian Tiley left the meeting, the time being 10:44 am.

8.6 FOR DECISION: Delegation to the Mayor *Ref: AINT/2017/15230 (ARC17/2144)*

253/17 Moved Cr Murat Seconded Cr Gray

That Council delegate to the Mayor the delegations contained in the “Instrument of Delegation Mayor”.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

Cr Ian Tiley returned to the meeting, the time being 10.51am.

8.7 FOR DECISION: Review of CEO Delegations of Authority*Ref: AINT/2017/15176 (ARC17/214*

254/17

Moved Cr Bailey Seconded Cr O'Connor

That the Review of CEO Delegations of Authority be deferred and workshopped.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

**8.8 FOR DECISION: Ratification of the Fixing of Mayor and Councillors Fees for
2017-2018**

Ref: AINT/2017/08906 (ARC16/1146)

255/17

Moved Cr Murat Seconded Cr Gray

That Council endorse Minute 126/17 (24 May 2017), fixing the 2017/18 fees payable to Councillors at the maximum of \$19,310 and fixing the 2017/18 fees payable to the Mayor at the maximum of \$42,120.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

8.9 FOR DECISION: Draft Media Policy

Ref: AINT/2017/15295 (ARC17/2331)

256/17

Moved Cr O'Connor Seconded Cr O'Brien

That the Draft Media Policy be deferred and workshopped.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

8.10 FOR DECISION: Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy*Ref: AINT/2017/15311 (ARC17/*

MOTION

Moved Cr Murat Seconded Cr Widders

- a) **That the Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy be endorsed.**
- b) **That the Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy go on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, from Friday 29 September to Monday 30 October 2017.**
- c) **That a further report be provided to the November 2017 Council meeting for consideration of any submissions received.**
- d) **That if no submissions are made within the submission period, then the Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy be adopted retrospectively.**
- e) **That it be acknowledged that the intent of the Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy is to be implemented immediately, in order to establish a good governance framework.**

AMENDMENT

257/17

Moved Cr Bailey

Seconded Cr O'Connor

That the Draft Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy be deferred and workshopped.

The Amendment on being put was CARRIED.

The Amendment then became the Motion and on being put was CARRIED.

9. REPORTS FOR DECISION - GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

10. REPORTS FOR DECISION - ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

11. REPORTS FOR DECISION - OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

Nil.

12. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 FOR INFORMATION: Councillor Onboarding and Induction Program *Ref: AINT/2017/15150*

258/17

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr Martin

That the Phase One program to induct and onboard the new council, to be delivered from September to December 2017, be received and noted.

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

12.2 FOR INFORMATION: Oath or Affirmation of Office Ref: AINT/2017/13717 (ARC17/2266)

259/17

Moved Cr Murat

Seconded Cr Robinson

a) That it be noted that the following Councillors took the Oath of Office, before the CEO, prior to the first Ordinary Meeting of the new Council, on 27 September 2017:

- Cr Peter Bailey
- Cr Jonathan Galletly
- Cr Diane Gray
- Cr Elizabeth Martin
- Cr Andrew Murat
- Cr Margaret O'Connor
- Cr Ian Tiley

b) That it be noted that the following Councillors took the Affirmation of Office, before the CEO, prior to the first Ordinary Meeting of the new Council, on 27 September 2017:

- Cr Simon Murray
- Cr Debra O'Brien
- Cr Dorothy Robinson
- Cr Bradley Widders

The Motion on being put was CARRIED.

13. AUTHORITY TO AFFIX COUNCIL SEAL
Nil.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Nil.

15. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil.

16. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE
Nil.

17. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Nil.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11.14am.