



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 18 May 2021

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Garry Stephens (Mayor)
Cr Scott Rossetti (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Ian Bye
Cr Carolyn Crossley
Cr Marcus McKenzie
Cr Gayle Maher
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr John Tatterson
Cr Jill Wood

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Brent McAlister, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment
Sharon Houlihan, General Manager Community and Culture
Denise Teo, Governance Officer
Wendy Reeves, Coordinator Communications and Media

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

In order to undertake the role of a Councillor, all persons elected as Councillors must take the oath or affirmation of office.

In accordance with sections 30(1) and (2)(a)-(c) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, all Councillors must first take their oath or affirmation of office, which is to be signed either before the Chief Executive Officer or in accordance with section 5 of the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020* and recorded in the minutes of Council.

Following the recent passing of one of our Councillors and a recount by the Victorian Electoral Commission, the Chief Executive Officer will invite the Councillor-elect to take either the oath or affirmation of office.

BACKGROUND

Due to the recent and sad passing of Councillor Malcolm Hole, an extraordinary vacancy has become available in Wellington Shire Council's Northern Ward.

The vacancy will be filled through a Victorian Electoral Commission recount of all the votes from the October 2020 local council election which includes all remaining eligible candidates who were not elected at the general election. This recount will be undertaken on Wednesday 12th May 2021.

Councillor Carmel Ripper has taken and signed the Oath of Office in front of Council and the Chief Executive Officer.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

4.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 May 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 May 2021.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 May 2021.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

6. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

7. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

8. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

8.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

9. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Councillor Crossley announced awards won by two local businesses in the Australian Hotels Association (Vic) 2021 State Awards for Excellence:

- Best Hotel – Pub Style Accommodation: Criterion Hotel
- Best Pub Restaurant - Regional: Tinamba Hotel

She also highlighted the achievement of the Heyfield Community Resource Centre which has been announced as a finalist in the Neighbourhood House Victoria Awards for Climate Action for their entry - MyTown Microgrid Feasibility Study.

Councillor Wood celebrated the efforts of Council and the community for taking part and supporting the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia on Monday 17 May 2021. She spoke about it being a proud day for Wellington Shire through our demonstration of support for diversity and respect for all, regardless of how they identify by gender or sexual identity, by flying the rainbow flag to signify the importance of the day.

10. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

10.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

11.1. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR GARRY STEPHENS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR BYE

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.

CARRIED

12. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

13.2. APRIL 2021 COUNCIL PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

For Council to receive and note the April 2021 Council Plan Highlights.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the April 2021 Council Plan Highlights as attached.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council receive and note the April 2021 Council Plan Highlights as attached.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

14.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 26 April 2021 to 9 May 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 26 April 2021 to 9 May 2021.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 26 April 2021 to 9 May 2021.

CARRIED

14.2. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

For Council to note and receive the minutes and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021 as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021 as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

15.1. MARCH 2021 PLANNING DECISIONS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of March 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 March and 31 March 2021.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 March and 31 March 2021.

CARRIED

16. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to Councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all Councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including Councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes.

ONLINE COMMENTS – NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS – NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 6:24pm

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider matters under Section 66(5)(b) as defined by Section 3(1) being:

f) Personal information

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council move into open session and ratify the decision made in closed session.

CARRIED