

Special Council Meeting MINUTES

23 October 2023



HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK
ON TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2023.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect the Shire President and Deputy Shire President; and
2. Conduct the table seating draw.



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SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEW COUNCILLORS

The following newly elected councillors were sworn in by Mr Colin Burton JP prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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| Cr Kingsley Gibson | Term expires 2027 |
| Cr Janine Phillips | Term expires 2027 |
| Cr Nathan Devenport | Term expires 2027 |
| Cr Aaron Wiggins | Term expires 2027 |
| Cr Dominic Youel | Term expires 2027 |

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

5.12pm – The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS:

Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Jackie Ormsby
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Gibson
Cr Devenport
Cr Wiggins
Cr Phillips
Cr Youel

STAFF:

David King (Chief Executive Officer)
Rob Westerberg (Director Infrastructure & Assets)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)
Kristie Buss (Executive Support Officer)

APOLOGIES

Nil

ON APPROVED LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE

Nil

ABSENT

Nil

VISITORS

Colin Burton JP

3. ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT & DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

3.1 ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Shire President.

Cr Lewis nominated Cr Gibson, who accepted the nomination in writing.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Gibson elected unopposed.

Cr Gibson assumed the chair as the Presiding Person.

3.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Shire President.

Cr Youel nominated Cr Devenport, who accepted the nomination in writing.

Cr Phillips nominated Cr Lewis, who accepted the nomination in writing.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted a ballot, the result being Cr Lewis five votes, and Cr Devenport four votes.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Lewis as elected as the Deputy Shire President.

4. TABLE SEATING DRAW

Pursuant to Clause 8.2 of the Shire of Denmark Standing Orders Local Law 2000, the names of Councillors, with the exception of the Shire President (who will sit at the top of the table), were drawn randomly by the Chief Executive Officer for the purpose of seating arrangements.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

Cr Gibson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held and thanked his fellow councillors for their support in electing him as the Shire President.

Cr Gibson welcomed the new councillors, acknowledged those councillors who had been re-elected and congratulated Cr Lewis on her election as the Deputy Shire President.

Cr Gibson acknowledged the departing councillors, Cr Gearon and Cr Clarke and thanked staff who had worked long hours at the election count to get a result as quickly as possible.

Cr Gibson said that he would encourage all councillors to embrace training and professional development opportunities.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

In accordance with Section 5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council conducts a public question time to enable members of the public to address Council or ask questions of Council.

For a Special Meeting of Council, such as this, **they must however relate to the item(s) on the Agenda.**

Questions from the public are invited and welcomed at this point of the Agenda.

Should you wish to address Council please note that the Presiding Person (the Shire President) may have to limit the time of individual speakers in order to allow sufficient time for all speakers present at the meeting to address Council. The rules of this process and the time allocated will be determined by the Presiding Person at the Meeting dependent upon the indicative number of speakers.

Questions from the Public

There were no questions.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

5.58pm – There being no further business to discuss the Shire President declared the meeting closed.

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting.

Signed: _____
David King – Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on the _____.

Signed: _____
(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed)