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Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480





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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.45am.

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Lyn Barnes

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 REPORTS

6.1 (04/20) – Election of Deputy Mayor

Section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009* stipulates that a local government must, by resolution, appoint a deputy mayor from its councillors (other than the mayor) at the post-election meeting of Council.

Resolution No: (01S-04-20)

Moved by: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council appoints Councillor Jenny Hewson as Deputy Mayor.

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6.2 (04/20) – Day and Time of Council Meetings

Section 256 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* stipulates that the matters a local government must consider at a post-election meeting include the day and time for holding other meetings.

Resolution No: (02S-04-20)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council set the day and time for Ordinary Meetings of Council as the second Friday of each month commencing at 9.30am.

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6.3 (04/20) – Appointment of Chair Local Disaster Management Group

The chairperson of each Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) must be a Mayor or Councillor appointed by Council. When ECQ declares the election results the caretaker period ends immediately.

A continuing Councillor who has been appointed as the chairperson of the LDMG cannot act in that role until they take the new declaration of office. The Quilpie Shire LDMG is currently at "ALERT" status and is meeting weekly due to the current COVID-10 pandemic.

Resolution No: (03S-04-20)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council appoint Mayor Stuart Mackenzie to the role of Chair of the Quilpie Shire Local Disaster Management Group.

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Following the formal proceedings, Mayor Mackenzie asked each Councillor to briefly outline their expectations of the new term of Council and / or reflect on the previous term.

Cr Mackenzie noted that following the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, there will be challenges in addressing the impacts the virus will have on the economy and the shire. Mayor Mackenzie believes highlights during the past four (4) years included the development of tourism and encouraging businesses, the support of graziers (especially in relation to funding for exclusion fencing) and lifting the profile of the shire across the region.

Cr Hewson noted that during the past eight (8) years she has been delighted in what Council has been able to achieve in securing grant funding and the forward planning to develop 'shovel ready' projects as opportunities arise. Cr Hewson believes the next four (4) years will be very challenging for Council in terms of a potential decrease in external funding opportunities and cautioned that this council will need to be very prudent in terms of expenditure. She is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities over this term.

Cr Volz thanked the Mayor and all Councillors for their leadership during the last term of Council. He believes while Council has invested significantly in infrastructure in recent years, the outlying communities of the shire need more support in terms of the provision of facilities and services that are economically sound. He also stressed the importance of maintaining shire roads in a good condition.

Cr Paulsen thanked Mayor Mackenzie and the Chief Executive Officer for their leadership during the past term. He congratulated all election candidates for nominating and for taking a keen interest in contributing to the communities of the shire. Cr Paulsen believes the Coronavirus is going to present many challenges and is concerned that funding shortfalls are on the horizon. He believes common sense decision making, along with maintaining the workforce and liveability of our communities is vital.

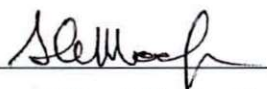
Cr Lyn Barnes congratulated the previous Council on the past four (4) years, noting she believes the community is proud of their council. She feels the Coronavirus pandemic will result in many challenges, with people likely to be focused on more 'self-sufficiency'. Cr Barnes believes this may also present a number of opportunities for the shire as a whole. Over the 2020-2024 term of Council, Cr Barnes would like to see progress made toward the construction of a bridge at the South Comogin crossing and increasing the economic opportunities than can be realised via the mining sector.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

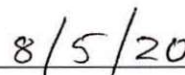
There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.27am.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Post-election meeting of Council held Friday 17 April 2020.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 8 May 2020.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council