



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

26 September 2017

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630
ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW 2630**

**ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Rooney
Deputy Mayor Lynley Miners
Councillor Peter Beer
Councillor John Castellari
Councillor Rogan Corbett
Councillor James Ewart
Councillor Sue Haslingden
Councillor John Last
Councillor Anne Maslin
Councillor Brian Old
Councillor Bob Stewart

APOLOGIES: Nil

Staff: Joe Vescio, General Manager
Suneil Adhikari, Director Operations & Infrastructure
Peter Smith, Director Environment & Sustainability
Peter Cannizzaro, Director Corporate & Community Services
Erin Donnelly, Secretary Council and Committees
Nola Bowen, Group Manager Governance
Robin Guthrie, Manager Corporate Governance (Public Officer)

Notes: *The General Manager opened the meeting at 5.30PM, AT 5.41PM the meeting adjourned to prepare the ballot (1) for election of mayor, The meeting resumed at 5.46pm, At 5.50pm the meeting adjourned to prepare the ballot 2 for election of Mayor, The meeting resumed at 5.53pm, At 5.59pm the meeting adjourned to prepare the ballot for election of Deputy Mayor, The meeting resumed at 6.01pm.*

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The General Manager opened the meeting at 5.30PM.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

2.1 COUNCILLOR OATH OF OFFICE

Councillors Peter Beer, Rogan Corbett, John Last, Anne Maslin, Lynley Miners, John Rooney and Bob Stewart took an oath of office for Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

2.2 COUNCILLOR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

Councillors John Castellari, James (Boo) Ewart, Sue Haslingden and Brian Old took an affirmation of office for Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

Note 1: Chair of Meeting

The General Manager asked the meeting if they wanted to elect a Councillor to Chair the meeting or were happy for him to continue chairing the meeting until the election of the Mayor. The meeting indicated that the General Manager continue as Chair until the election of Mayor.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CORPORATE BUSINESS - KEY DIRECTION 7. PROVIDING EFFECTIVE CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

5.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Record No:

Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate & Community Services
Author:	Manager Corporate/Governance
Key Direction:	7. Providing Effective Civic Leadership and Citizen Participation
Delivery Plan Strategy:	DP7.1.1.2 Council's leadership is based on ethics and integrity to enable informed and appropriate decisions in the community's best interest.
Operational Plan Action:	OP7.8 Ensure that appropriate governance structures are in place enabling open, transparent government.
Attachments:	1. Nomination Form for Election of Mayor ⇨ 2. Nomination Form for Election of Deputy Mayor ⇨
Cost Centre	Mayor and Council
Project	Annual operational undertaking

Further Operational Plan Actions:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The election of Mayor for the inaugural Snowy Monaro Regional Council is required to be conducted pursuant to Section 225 of the Local Government Act 1993 which states:-

An area must have a mayor who is elected in accordance with this Division.

The Mayor of Snowy Monaro Regional Council is to be elected by the Councillors.

Section 230 of the Local Government Act states:-

(1) A mayor elected by the Councillors holds the office of mayor for 2 years, subject to this Act.

The term of Council is usually for four years, however, Councils whose elections were held in September 2017 have a three year term to September 2020 to align with the Council election cycle.

Advice from the Office of Local Government is that the Mayor will be elected for a two year term followed by a one year term for this three year term of the Council.

Section 230 of the Local Government Act 1993 states:-

(1) A mayor elected by the Councillors holds the office of mayor for 2 years, subject to this Act.

(2) A mayor elected by the electors holds the office of mayor for 4 years, subject to this Act.

(3) The office of mayor:

(a) commences on the day the person elected to the office is declared to be so elected, and

(b) becomes vacant when the person's successor is declared to be elected to the office, or on the occurrence of a casual vacancy in the office.

(4) A person elected to fill a casual vacancy in the office of mayor holds the office for the balance of the predecessor's term.

Section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 states:

1. *The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.*

2. *The person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term.*

The Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the Office of Mayor.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice states:

76 Election of Deputy Mayor and Delegate to Committees

The election of Deputy Mayor, shall by resolution, be elected in accordance with section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

184/17

That Council

- A. In accordance with Section 255 of the Local Government Act elect a Mayor for the term of two years, ie, from September 2017 to September 2019
- B. In accordance with Section 231 of the Local Government Act elect a Deputy Mayor for the term of two years, ie, from September 2017 to September 2019
- C. Invite nominations for the election of Mayor to September 2019;
- D. Invite nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor to September 2019;
- E. That in the event of there being more than one candidate nominated for either the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, an election be held in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the method of voting be by ordinary ballot.

Moved Councillor Last

Seconded Councillor Corbett

CARRIED

Note 2: Nominations for Mayor

The Returning Officer (General Manager) called for nominations for Mayor and advised that he had received three (3) nominations from the following Councillors (Clr); Clr Peter Beer, Clr Bob Stewart, Clr John Rooney. Councillors having accepted the nominations, the Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received. The Returning Officer advised the order in which the names will appear on the ballot paper will be determined by a draw out of the barrel and advised the order:-

1. Clr Bob Stewart
2. Clr Peter Beer
3. Clr John Rooney.

Note 3: Adjournment of Meeting

At 5.41pm the meeting adjourned to prepare ballot 1 for election of Mayor.

Note 4: Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 5.46pm.

Note 5: Ordinary Ballot One

The Returning Officer advised the meeting that the results of the vote were:- Clr Bob Stewart four (4) votes, Clr Peter Beer two (2) votes and Clr John Rooney five (5) votes. Clr Peter Beer, having the lowest number of votes, was excluded. The Returning Officer advised the order for ballot number 2 for election of Mayor:-

1. John Rooney
2. Bob Stewart.

Note 6: Adjournment of Meeting

At 5.50pm the meeting adjourned to prepare ballot 2 for election of Mayor.

Note 7: Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 5.53pm.

Note 8: Declaration of Mayor

The Returning Officer advised the meeting the results of the vote were:- Clr John Rooney seven (7) votes and Clr Bob Stewart four (4) votes, and declared Clr John Rooney elected Mayor for the term September 2017 to September 2019.

Note 9: Chair of Meeting

At the conclusion of the election of Mayor the General Manager congratulated the Mayor on his election and vacated the chair and the Mayor assumed the chair. The Mayor invited the General Manager to continue in the role as Returning Officer to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor.

Note 10: Nominations for Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer called for nominations for Deputy Mayor and advised that he had received 2 nominations from the following Councillors; Clr Brian Old and Clr Lynley Miners. Councillors having accepted the nominations, the Returning Officer asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were received. The Returning Officer advised the order in which the names will appear on the ballot paper will be determined by a draw out of the barrel and advised the order:-

1. Clr Lynley Miner,
2. Clr Brian Old.

Note 11: Adjournment of Meeting

At 5.59pm the meeting adjourned to prepare the ballot for election of Deputy Mayor.

Note 12: Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed at 6.01pm

Note 13: Declaration of Deputy Mayor

The Returning Officer advised the meeting the results of the vote were:- Clr Lynley Miners eight (8) votes and Clr Brian Old three (3) votes, and declared Clr Lynley Miners elected Deputy Mayor for the term September 2017 to September 2019.

5.2 MEETING DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2018

Record No:

Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate & Community Services
Author:	Manager Corporate/Governance
Key Direction:	7. Providing Effective Civic Leadership and Citizen Participation
Delivery Plan Strategy:	DP7.1.1.2 Council's leadership is based on ethics and integrity to enable informed and appropriate decisions in the community's best interest.
Operational Plan Action:	OP7.8 Ensure that appropriate governance structures are in place enabling open, transparent government.
Attachments:	Nil
Cost Centre	Mayor and Councillors
Project	Operational Activity

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the key matters to be dealt with at the inaugural meeting of the Snowy Monaro Regional Council is setting of meeting dates and times for the Council meetings for the next 12 months. During the Administration period, Council meetings were held at 5.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month as discussion with senior staff had identified this as the best time. To enable staff to organise meetings and to advise the community, the meeting date and time for the September and October meetings of Council has been set and advertised at 5.30pm for Wednesday, 27 September and Wednesday, 28 October 2017.

To enable better communication with its community, Council has also resolved to webcast its Council meetings.

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

185/17

That Council

- (a) Subject to the right to amend the schedule for any reason from time to time, schedule Council Meetings for the period September 2017 to September 2018 be held on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month commencing at 5.00pm at the Cooma Council Chambers and be rotated on the basis of even months in Cooma Council Chambers and odd months to rotate between Berridale and Bombala;
- (b) Bring the December ordinary meeting of Council forward by one week and this be held on Thursday 14 December 2017; and
- (c) Determine that no Council meetings be held during the month of January 2018.

Moved Councillor Beer

Seconded Councillor Stewart

CARRIED

Note 14: Amendment to Original Motion

The above recommendation was an amendment to the original motion. The amendment on being put to the vote was carried and became the substantive motion.

The original motion Moved: Clr Ewart, Seconded: Clr Miners was:

"That Council".

- (a) *Subject to the right to amend the schedule for any reason from time to time, schedule Council Meetings for the period September 2017 to September 2018 be held on the last Wednesday of each month commencing at 5.30pm at the Cooma Council Chambers.*
- (b) *Bring the December ordinary meeting of council forward by one week and this be held on Wednesday 20 December 2017.*
- (c) *Determine that no Council meetings be held during the month of January 2018."*

6. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.08pm



CHAIRPERSON

The above minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Snowy Monaro Regional Council held on 26 September 2017 were confirmed by Council at a duly convened meeting on 27 September 2017 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.