



Shire of
Peppermint Grove

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023
AT
5.00PM



Shire of Peppermint Grove

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1 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL OPENING

At 5.01pm, the Shire President declared the meeting open and requested the recording of attendance and apologies.

Council recognises that it is permissible to record the Shire's Council and Forum Meetings in the written, sound, vision medium (or any combination of the mediums) when open to the public, however, people who intend to record meetings are requested to inform the Presiding Member of their intention to do so.

2 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Shire President	Cr R Thomas
Deputy Shire President	Cr C Hohnen
Elected Member	Cr D Horrex
Elected Member	Cr P Macintosh
Elected Members	Cr P Dawkins
Elected Member	Cr D Jackson

Chief Executive Officer	Mr D Burnett
Manager Corporate Services & Community Services	Mr M Costarella
Manager Development Services	Mr J Gajic

Gallery 0 Members of the Public
 1 Members of the Press

2.2 APOLOGIES

Elected Member	Cr K Farley
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3 DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

3.1 DELEGATIONS

NIL

3.2 PETITIONS

NIL

3.3 PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NIL

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Presiding Member will open council for public question time by asking the gallery if there were any questions or deputation for council.

- The Agenda
- Question to Council Forms and
- Deputation Forms

Have been placed at the end of the Council Meeting table in front of the public gallery, for the public, as well as on the Shire Webpage. In the event there are no public members present, the Presiding Member will dispense with Public Question Time.

Rules for Council Meeting Public Question Time

- Public Question Time provides the public with an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Questions should only relate to the business of the Council and should not be a statement or personal opinion.*
- During the Special Council meeting, after Public Question Time no member of the public may interrupt the meeting's proceedings or enter into conversation.*
- Whenever possible, questions should be submitted in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.*
- All questions should be directed to the President and only questions relating to matters affecting Council may be answered at an Ordinary meeting, and at a Special meeting only questions that relate to the purpose of the meeting may be answered. Questions may be taken on notice and responded to after the meeting, at the discretion of the President.*
- The person presiding will control Public Question Time and ensure that each person wishing to ask a question should state his or her name and address before asking the question. If the question relates to an item on the agenda, the item number should also be stated. In general, persons seeking to ask a question will be given 2 minutes*

within which to address their question to the Council. The person presiding may shorten or lengthen this time in their discretion.

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

NIL

4.2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NIL

4.3 DEPUTATIONS OF THE PUBLIC

NIL

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors / Staff are reminded of the requirements of section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed, and also of the requirement to disclose an interest affecting impartiality under the Shire's Code of Conduct. Councillors / staff are required to submit declarations of interest in writing on the prescribed form.

5.1 FINANCIAL INTEREST

A declaration under this section 5.60 of the Act requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration.

Other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest and the other members decide that the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.

5.2 PROXIMITY INTEREST

A declaration under this section 5.60 of the Act requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration.

Other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest and the other members decide that the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.

5.3 IMPARTIALITY INTEREST

Councillors and staff are required (Code of Conduct), in addition to declaring any financial interest, to declare any interest that might cause a conflict. The member / employee is also encouraged to disclose the nature of the interest. The member / employee must consider the nature and extent of the interest and whether it will affect their impartiality. If the member / employee declares that their impartiality will not be affected then they may participate in the decision making process.

5.4 INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

Councillors and staff are required (Code of Conduct), in addition to declaring any financial interest, to declare any interest that might cause a conflict. The member / employee is also encouraged to disclose the nature of the interest. The member / employee must consider the nature and extent of the interest and whether it will affect their impartiality. If the member / employee declares that their impartiality will not be affected then they may participate in the decision making process.

5.5 STATEMENT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

Councillors and staff are required (Code of Conduct), to disclose gifts and acts of hospitality which a reasonable person might claim to be a conflict of interest. Gifts and acts of hospitality which exceed that amount of prescribed by regulation are to be recorded in the Councils Gift Register.

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

Written announcements by the Presiding Member or important forthcoming functions to be tabled at this point. The Presiding Member may, at their discretion, wish to make verbal announcements.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil adoption of Minutes at this meeting.

8 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 MANAGER CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1.1 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CORPORATE

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	Details
Attachment	2021/22 Annual Report and Audited Annual Financial Statements

Voting Requirement	:	Absolute Majority
Subject Index	:	Financial Management
Disclosure of Interest	:	Nil
Responsible Officer	:	Michael Costarella, Manager Corporate & Community Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to receive the 2021/22 Annual Report and Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

- The 2021/22 Audited Annual Financial Statements have been completed and Council is requested to adopt the document.
- It is proposed that the Annual Electors meeting is set for 5.00pm, Tuesday 28th February 2023.

BACKGROUND

The financial statements for the year ended the 30 June 2022, were presented to the Auditor for audit purposes and following a number of amendments were presented to the Office of Auditor General (OAG) for final endorsement.

The 2021/22 Audited Annual Financial Statements were presented to the Audit, Governance & Risk Committee on the 13 December 2022 and further endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Council meeting on the 20th December 2022.

The OAG has also provided comment on the financial report and these are also included as an attachment.

CONSULTATION

There has been no specific consultation undertaken in respect to this matter.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act states:

6.4 Financial report

- (1) A local government is to prepare an annual financial report for the preceding financial year and such other financial reports as are prescribed.*
 - (2) The financial report is to —*
 - (a) be prepared and presented in the manner and form prescribed; and*
 - (b) contain the prescribed information.*
 - (3) By 30 September following each financial year or such extended time as the Minister allows, a local government is to submit to its auditor —*
 - (a) the accounts of the local government, balanced up to the last day of the preceding financial year; and*
 - (b) the annual financial report of the local government for the preceding financial year.*
- **5.27. Electors' general meetings**
 - (1) A general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.*
 - (2) A general meeting is to be held on a day selected by the local government but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.*
 - (3) The matters to be discussed at general electors' meetings are to be those prescribed.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

OFFICER COMMENT

The audit for the 2021/22 financial year has been completed and provides an overview of the financial activities for the 2021/22 year.

Council is required to hold an annual electors meeting and it is recommended that this be held at 5.00pm, Tuesday 28 February 2023, prior to the February OCM.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 8.1**MOVED Cr Hohnen****SECONDED Cr Horrex****That Council:-**

- 1. Receives the audited 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report and Completion Report.**
- 2. Holds the Annual Electors meeting on Tuesday 28 February 2023 in the Council Chambers commencing at 5.00pm.**

CARRIED 6/0

9 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

NIL

10 MOTIONS ON NOTICE*(Automatically sent back to Administration for consideration at the next Council meeting)***11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

NIL

12 CLOSUREAt 5.03pm, there being no further business the meeting closed.Confirmed  this day of 28/2/2023 2023

PRESIDING MEMBER

DECLARATION OF
FINANCIAL / PROXIMITY / IMPARTIAL INTEREST
THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

TO: Chief Executive Officer
SHIRE OF PEPPERMINT GROVE

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

MEETING DATE: _____

ITEM NO & SUBJECT: _____

NATURE OF INTEREST: Financial / Proximity / Impartiality Interest that may cause a Conflict* * Please Circle applicable

EXTENT OF INTEREST: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Section 5.65(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* states that:

FINANCIAL & PROXIMITY INTERESTS

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DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

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“A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Agenda Briefing Forum meeting that will be attended by that member must disclose the nature of the interest”:

- (a) In a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or*
- (b) At the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.*