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Minutes

Special Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 4 March 2025 – 9:00am

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Scheduled Meeting Time: 9:00am

Meeting Opened: 9:00am

Call for Nominations for Chairperson

Nomination received from Councillor Wendy McLennan.

Councillor Wendy McLennan elected as Chair for the Special Council Meeting and took the Chair in the interim, until the voting process can be undertaken and completed for an Acting Deputy Mayor in Item 34/2025.

Present: Councillors Nick Bicanic, James Cashion, Mervyn Chilcott, Wendy McLennan, Edwina Powell, Kahlia Simmons, Vincent Teichmann

General Manager: John Marik, Assistant General Manager: / Director – Community & Development: Rohan Willis, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Councillor Jan Hughes

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Dorset is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 34/2025

Acting Appointment | Deputy Mayor

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/25/1719

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to appoint an Acting Deputy Mayor for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued. In being appointed by Council as the Acting Deputy Mayor, the Councillor will then be expected to be appointed to the role of Acting Mayor for the same period.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report presented by the General Manager;
2. Notes that due to the resignation of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in late January 2025, it is necessary for a ballot to be conducted to appoint an Acting Deputy Mayor pursuant to Section 44(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued;
3. Notes that nominations for the position of Acting Deputy Mayor were received from Councillors _____;
4. Following the conduct of a ballot (if required) appoints Councillor _____ as the Acting Deputy Mayor for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued;
5. Authorises that the ballot papers (if a ballot is required) for the Acting Deputy Mayor position be destroyed;
6. Pursuant to Section 27(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* appoints the Acting Deputy Mayor, Councillor _____ as Acting Mayor for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued; and
7. Authorises that as Councillor _____ will be undertaking the role of Acting Mayor, it is reasonable that the prescribed allowance for the position of Mayor be payable for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued.

Nominations closed at 12 noon Monday, 3 March 2025 with nominations received from Councillor Edwina Powell and Councillor Mervyn Chilcott.

A secret ballot was conducted with the 7 councillors present indicating their preference in writing. After review by the Executive Assistant and Director – Infrastructure of votes received, the following results were read by the General Manager:

Councillor	Votes Received
Councillor Powell	5
Councillor Chilcott	2

Councillor Powell successful in the secret ballot.

DECISION

MOVED: Councillor Simmons | SECONDED: Councillor Teichmann

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3. Notes that nominations for the position of Acting Deputy Mayor were received from Councillors Edwina Powell and Mervyn Chilcott;
4. Following the conduct of a ballot appoints Councillor Edwina Powell as the Acting Deputy Mayor for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued;
5. Authorises that the ballot papers for the Acting Deputy Mayor position be destroyed;
6. Pursuant to Section 27(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* appoints the Acting Deputy Mayor, Councillor Edwina Powell as Acting Mayor for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued; and
7. Authorises that as Councillor Edwina Powell will be undertaking the role of Acting Mayor, it is reasonable that the prescribed allowance for the position of Mayor be payable for the period 4 March 2025 until the certificate of election for the by-election for the Mayoral vacancy is issued.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor McLennan left the Chair (9:07am)

Councillor Powell (Acting Deputy Mayor) took the Chair as Acting Mayor (9:07am)

Item 35/2025 **Tabling of Certificates of Election | Recount**
Ref: DOC/25/2322

The 2025 Certificates of Election by Recount issued by the Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner, dated 20 February 2025, were read and tabled.

DECISION

MOVED: Councillor McLennan | SECONDED: Councillor Cashion

That Declarations of Office made under Section 321 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and in accordance with Regulation 40 and Schedule 2 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* by the newly elected Councillors and as witnessed by the General Manager, be noted and form part of these minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Time Meeting Closed: 9:11am

Minutes Confirmed: 17 March 2025

Minute No: 39/2025



Acting Deputy Mayor / Acting Mayor