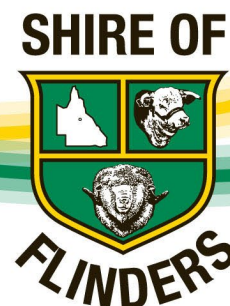


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**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

- Mayor Kate Peddle
- Cr Nicole Flute
- Cr Kelly Carter
- Cr Kerry Wells – via ZOOM
- Cr Peter Fornasier
- Cr Shane McCarthy
- Cr Kim Middleton

**Staff**

- Hari Boppudi – Chief Executive Officer
- Melanie Wicks – Director of Corporate & Financial Services
- Barbra Smith – Director of Community Services & Wellbeing
- Jackie Coleman – Executive Support Officer

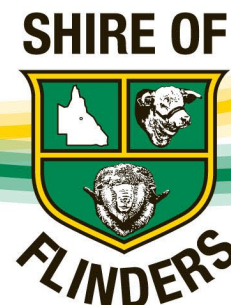
**Members Of The Public**

- Barbara Baillie
- Phil Warburton
- Aroha Warburton

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### COUNCIL CHAMBERS



#### 1. OPENING PRAYERS

Lord,  
Please guide and direct us,  
In that the decisions to be made,  
Will be for the benefit,  
Of our whole community  
Amen

#### 2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Flinders Shire Council would like to acknowledge our Local First Nations People as well as the Yirendali people as the Traditional Owners and the oldest living culture of the Land on which our Council operates, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

#### 3. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

##### Background

Under the Local Government Act 2009, a Councillor must not act in office until the Councillor makes the Declaration of Office.

The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to take the Declaration of Office.

The Chief Executive Officer must keep a record of the taking of the Declaration of Office.

A person ceases to be a Councillor if the person does not take the Declaration within one month after being elected.

**The following Councillors previously took their Declaration of Office on 02 April 2024:**

- Mayor Kate Mable Peddle
- Cr Nicole Grace Flute
- Cr Kelly Anne Carter
- Cr Kerry Lee Wells
- Cr Peter John Fornasier
- Cr Shane Thomas McCarthy
- Cr Kim Ian Middleton

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 March 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

##### Resolution No: 3908

**Moved** Cr Kim Middleton

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

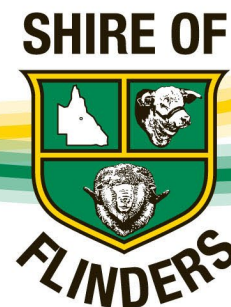
That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 March 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

CARRIED 7/0

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### COUNCIL CHAMBERS



#### 5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

##### Purpose

To appoint a Deputy Mayor from within the elected Councillors.

##### Background

Council is required to appoint a Deputy Mayor from its Councillors, by resolution, at its first meeting after the conclusion of each of its quadrennial elections.

**Officer's Recommendation** - That Councillor's appoint a Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009.

##### Resolution No: 3909

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Shane McCarthy

That Cr Nicole Flute be appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 6. DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL'S ORDINARY MEETINGS

##### Purpose

To decide on the day and times of Council's Ordinary Meetings

##### Background

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires that each Local Government holds an Ordinary Meeting at the times and places it decides, provided that it meets at least one in each month.

For reference, the Council currently meets every third Tuesday of the month commencing at 9:00am. This Ordinary Meeting is preceded by a Briefing Day on the Monday, also commencing at 9:00am where Council Officers can present their briefing. No Council decisions can be made at the Briefing Day which are not open to the public.

**Officer's Recommendation** - For Council discussion

##### Resolution No: 3910

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

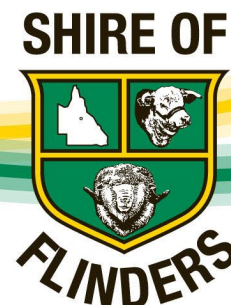
That Council agree the Ordinary Meeting of Council is to be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month, commencing April 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

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### COUNCIL CHAMBERS



#### 7. COUNCILLOR WORKING GROUPS

##### Purpose

To allocate Working Groups to Councillors.

##### Background

The previous Council established a Working Group system as part of its corporate governance structure. The system provided for nominated Councillors to be assigned specific responsibilities for a key strategic focus area of the Council.

##### Working Groups Designations:

- Water and Major Projects Working Group
- Infrastructure and Services Working Group
- Community Services and Wellbeing Working Group
- Rural Services and Environmental Health Working Group

##### Powers and Authorities

The Working Group system provides no formal delegated authority to the Working Group Councillor. It provides, however, the Councillor with an opportunity to develop and maintain a heightened level of knowledge and leadership across the Shire in a specific field.

**Officer's Recommendation** - For Council discussion.

##### Resolution No: 3911

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Shane McCarthy

That Council re-table this item to a future meeting of Council to allow time for further consideration.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 8. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL'S AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

##### Background

The Audit and Risk Committee of a local government must –

- (a) Consist of at least 3 and not more than 6 members; and
- (b) Include –
  - a. 1, but no more than 2, councillors appointed by the local government.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee is currently chaired by Mr Graeme Kanofski.

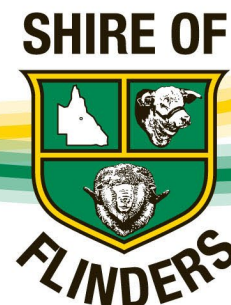
**Officer's Recommendation** - That Council continue to appoint Mr Graeme Kanofski as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and appoint 2 Councillors to such Committee.



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### COUNCIL CHAMBERS



#### Resolution No: 3912

**Moved** Cr Nicole Flute

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That Council re-table this item to the April Ordinary Council Meeting to allow time for further consideration.

CARRIED 7/0

## 9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL'S PLANT COMMITTEE

### Background

The plant committee consist of:

- Councillors
- Director of Engineering
- Senior Civil Works Coordinator
- Senior Operational Works Coordinator
- Senior Fleet Services Coordinator
- Engineering officer – to record minutes

The Plant Committee normally meets every quarter or occasionally when there is a specific issue to be addressed.

### Purpose

Discuss major plant i.e. Heavy earthmoving plant purchases that have been recommended.  
Proposed changes in the type of plant based on future Strategic Initiatives of Council.  
Workshop activities and equipment to support plant maintenance.

**Officer's Recommendation** - That Council appoint Mayor and 3 Councillors to be on the Plant Committee.

#### Resolution No: 3913

**Moved** Cr Shane McCarthy

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

That Council appoint Cr Shane McCarthy as Chair and Cr Kim Middleton as Vice Chair of Council's Plant Committee and Mayor Kate Peddle and Cr Peter Fornasier as members.

CARRIED 7/0

**Attendance** – Hari Boppudi left the meeting at 3:08pm for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 3:11pm

**Attendance** – Barbra Smith left the meeting at 3:09pm for personal reasons

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### COUNCIL CHAMBERS



#### 10. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

**Attendance** – Hari Boppudi left the meeting at 3:16pm for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 3:17pm

##### Background

Council is represented on the following local and regional organisations:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Hughenden District Community Advisory Network (CAN)
- Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone (MITEZ)
- North Queensland Games Foundation
- North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC)
- North West & Gulf Regional Roads Group (NWQRRGTG)
- North West Outback Queensland Tourism Authority Group (NWOQTA)
- Overlanders Way & Australia Dinosaur Trail (ADT))
- Regional Arts & Development Fund (RADF)

**Officer's Recommendation** - That Council appoint Council representative on such local and regional organisations.

##### Resolution No: 3914

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

That Council appoint the listed Councillors to the following Local and Regional Organisations:

- Hughenden Chamber of Commerce – Cr's Nicole Flute and Peter Fornasier
- Hughenden District Community Advisory Network (CAN) – Cr's Kelly Carter & Peter Fornasier
- Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone (MITEZ) – Mayor Kate Peddle
- North Queensland Games Foundation – Cr's Nicole Flute and Kelly Carter
- North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) – Mayor Kate Peddle and Cr Nicole Flute
- North West & Gulf Regional Roads Group (NWQRRGTG) – Mayor Kate Peddle and Cr Nicole Flute
- North West Outback Queensland Tourism Authority Group (NWOQTA) – Cr's Kelly Carter and Kerry Wells
- Overlanders Way & Australia Dinosaur Trail (ADT) – Cr's Kelly Carter and Kerry Wells
- Regional Arts & Development Fund (RADF) – Cr's Kelly Carter and Kerry Wells

Further, Councillors welcome an invitation from local community organisations to attend their scheduled meetings to represent council and work with the individual community groups.

CARRIED 7/0

**Attendance** – Barbra Smith returned to the meeting at 3:27pm

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#### 11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND COUNCILLOR TO LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP (LDMG)

##### Background

Local government is the key management agency for disaster events at the local level. Local government is ideally placed to provide specific disaster management at the community level given its knowledge and understanding of social, environmental and economic issues. Local government achieves coordinated disaster management through the LDMG.

##### Membership of an LDMG

The Mayor, or another councillor of the local government, is appointed the Chair of the LDMG. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or another employee of the local government, is appointed as the Local Disaster Coordinator (LDC).

Membership of the LDMG is outlined in s33 of the Act.

Generally an LDMG is comprised of the following members:

- Chair (the Mayor or Councillor)
- Deputy Chair
- LDC (delegated local government staff member, often the CEO)
- Representatives of the various functional areas of local government
- Local representatives of the police and emergency services
- Regional representative from EMQ (membership role, not coordination of response)
- Local industry and community representatives as applicable
- Other members as deemed applicable

**Officer's Recommendation** - That Council appoint a Chair and 3 Councillors to be on the Local Disaster Management Group.

##### Resolution No: 3915

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Kim Middleton

That Council appoint Mayor Kate Peddle as Chair, Cr Kelly Carter as Deputy Chair and Cr's Peter Fornasier and Shane McCarthy to the Local Disaster Management Group and Cr Kelly Carter as Chair of the Local Disaster Recovery Sub Committee.

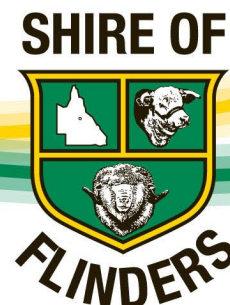
CARRIED 7/0



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#### 12. ELECTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND'S (LGAQ) POLICY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2024-2028

##### Background

In accordance with Rule 5.4 of the Association's Constitution and Rules, nominations are hereby called for the Election of District Representatives to the Association's Policy Executive for the period 2024-2028.

##### Meeting Obligations

The executive currently has six (6) regular meetings each year; however this frequency can be varied by the Policy Executive. With the exception of one regional meeting and the meeting which precedes the Annual Conference, the Policy Executive meets at Local Government House in Brisbane. The dates at present are generally as follows:

1. Early February (1 day)
2. Early April (1 day)
3. Late June/Early July
4. Induction Day and 30 June Policy Executive meeting day
5. Late August (1 day)
6. The day before Annual Conference (1 day)
7. Early December (1 day)

Special Meetings may be called as required. Meetings by way of teleconference may also be held.

Policy Executive Members may also be appointed to represent the Association on statutory boards and committees as well as ad hoc bodies. These appointments are made by the Policy Executive following consultation with member Councils.

Members elected at this time take up their positions on 30 June 2024, and subject to the Rules, hold office until mid June 2028.

**Officer's Recommendation** - For Council discussion and one to be nominated.

##### Resolution No: 3916

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Shane McCarthy

That Council nominate Mayor Greg Campbell of Cloncurry Shire Council as District Representative for District No. 11 (North West) and submit the nomination by 12:00pm on Wednesday, 01 May 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 13. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 3:41pm

Kate Peddle  
Mayor  
Flinders Shire Council