



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2021
COMMENCING AT 6.30PM
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Councillors:

Cr George Weston, Cr Paul Smith, Cr Krystal Maytom, Cr Tony Ciccica, Cr Tony Reneker, Cr Sandra Nardi, Cr Tracey Morris, Cr Michael Kidd and Cr Matt Holt.

Staff:

Jackie Kruger (General Manager), Mandy Rogers (Group Manager Corporate), Tom Steele (Group Manager Operations), Kerrie-Anne Hare (Executive Manager IPR Governance and Engagement), Melissa Seymour (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and General Manager), Michelle Evans (Economic and Strategic Development Manager), Monica Armanini (Communications Coordinator), Gerard Simms (Manager ICT), Tony Aloisi (IT Systems Engineer)

Press: Talia Pattison

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1. **CIVIC PRAYER** – Tony Ciccia
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** – Jackie Kruger, General Manager
3. **APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Not applicable.

5. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Cr Krystal Maytom declared a significant non-precuniary interest item 8.4 – Payment of Mayoral Fee to Emeritus Mayor for Carrying out Civic Duties in December 2021.

The reason for the declaration is that Cr Krystal Maytom is a close family member of Emeritus Mayor Paul Maytom (retired).

Having made the declaration, Cr Maytom advised of her intent to vacate the meeting, not participate in the debate and not vote on the matter.

6. **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Nil

7. **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

8. **REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

Item 8.1 NEW COUNCIL OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

21/177

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Notes the oaths or affirmations completed by each Councillor elected at the Local Government Election held on 4 December 2021.
2. Notes the minutes of this meeting will serve as the official record of the completion of the oath or affirmation by each councillor.

Cr Tracey Anne Morris
Cr Sandra Marie Nardi
Cr Krystal Maytom
Cr Paul Anthony Smith
Cr Tony Ciccia
Cr George Patrick Weston
Cr Michael John Kidd
Cr Anthony Mark Reneker
Cr Matthew Joseph Holt

All Councillors acknowledged receiving the Leeton Shire Council Code of Conduct.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 8.2 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Cr George Weston and Cr Tony Reneker were both nominated for the position of Mayor by the Returning Officer.

21/178

Resolved

THAT:

1. The Returning Officer proceeds with the election of the Mayor in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 for a term of office from December 2021 to September 2023.
2. The method of electing the Mayor be by the Ordinary Ballot Voting Method.
3. Cr Tony Reneker serve as Mayor until September 2023

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 8.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Cr Tracey Morris and Cr Michael Kidd were both nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor by the Returning Officer.

21/179

Resolved

THAT:

1. The Returning Officer proceeds with the election of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and

the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 for a term of office from December 2021 to September 2023.

2. The method of electing the Deputy Mayor be by the Ordinary Ballot Voting Method.
3. Council determines no fees be paid to the Deputy Mayor.
4. Cr Michael Kidd serve Deputy Mayor until September 2023.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Ciccia)

All Councillors were given the opportunity to speak about their aspirations and what they hoped to achieve during their term of office.

Adjourn the Meeting

21/180

Resolved

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 7.15pm to allow for the Media to take photographs.

(Moved Cr Ciccia, seconded Cr Nardi)

Return to Full Council

21/181

Resolved

THAT the meeting return to Full Council at 7.25pm.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Nardi)

Item 8.4 PAYMENT OF MAYORAL FEE TO EMERITUS MAYOR FOR CARRYING OUT CIVIC DUTIES IN DECEMBER 2021

21/182

Resolved

THAT Council approves payment to the Emeritus Mayor of a one-off allowance of \$2,285, that amount being the monthly Mayoral fee, in recognition of the civic duties Paul Maytom has undertaken on behalf of Council during December 2021.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Kidd)

CORPORATE MATTERS

Item 8.5 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2021

21/183

Resolved

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for November 2021.

(Moved Cr Morris, seconded Cr Kidd)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Note: Pursuant to Section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the Council meeting before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

21/184

Resolved

- 1 That Council moves into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
- 2 That in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting to enable Council to determine items listed in Confidential Matters for the reasons indicated.
- 3 That the report relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by Section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Morris)

Item 11.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 39-45 BROBENAH ROAD LEETON

This report is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, as the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)c).

The Mayor asked the gallery if there were any objections to Council going into Closed Session to consider the matters listed.

No objections were received from the Gallery.

Council closed its meeting at 7.31pm and the public and press left the Chambers.

CLOSED COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Item 11.1 OFFER TO PURCHASE 39-45 BROBENAH ROAD LEETON

21/185

Resolved

THAT Council:

1. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate the terms of the sale of Lot 1, DP 871761, 39–45 Brobenah Road, Leeton with Mr Antonio Catanzariti at a figure no less than current valuation.
2. Authorises the Mayor and the General Manager to execute all the documents relating to the Contract for Sale and Transfer of Lot 1, DP 871761, 39–45 Brobenah Road, Leeton between Leeton Shire Council and Antonio Catanzariti.
3. Authorises a deed or memorandum of understanding be negotiated (terms to be determined) with Mr Catanzariti to ensure that if the proposed childcare centre development does not proceed by January 2024, that Council regains ownership of the allotment and suffers no financial loss as a result of the entire transaction.

(Moved Cr Kidd, seconded Cr Nardi)

Cr Holt has asked for his vote against to be recorded.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

21/186

Resolved

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 7.55pm.

(Moved Cr Weston, seconded Cr Smith)

The Mayor advised that during the Closed Council resolutions were passed. The General Manager read out the resolutions made in Closed Council for Items

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57pm.

..... signed by
the Chairman of the meeting held on
23 Feb 2022 at which meeting the
signature hereon was subscribed.