



MINUTES

OF THE

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD ON

4 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT

Councillors

G Babbage

D Batten

A Bunter

I Freeth

P Mann

B Mockler

N Mudford

G Peart

A Walker

Employees

D J Neeves  
General Manager

N J Alchin  
Acting Director Corporate Services

D Colwell  
Director Infrastructure

L Mathieson  
Director Planning & Environment

J Prout  
Executive Assistant

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at 9.27am  
with the General Manager assuming the Chair

ADJOURNMENTS

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

LISTING OF MATTERS  
TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

**SUMMARY**

To elect Council's Mayor for the forthcoming period.

<b>RESOLVED 1/22</b>	Cr Batten/Cr Walker
That, should there be two or more nominations received for the position of Mayor for the ensuing term, an election be conducted by way of ordinary ballot.	

**Proceedings in Brief**

Nominations were called for the position of Mayor and only one nomination, that of Cr Batten, was received.

The General Manager/Returning Officer declared Cr Batten duly elected to the position of Mayor for the ensuing two year term.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

**SUMMARY**

To consider election of a Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming period.

<b>RESOLVED 2/22</b>	Cr Batten/Cr Mann
1. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing two year Mayoral term.	
2. That should there be two or more nominations received for the position of Deputy Mayor, an election be conducted by way of ordinary ballot.	

**Proceedings in Brief**

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Mayor and only one nomination, that of Cr Walker, was received.

The General Manager/ Returning Officer declared Cr Walker duly elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing two year term.

Cr Batten assumed the Chair.

(GO.CO.1)

**COUNCILLOR CASUAL VACANCIES**

**SUMMARY**

To consider how best to fill any vacancies occurring in the office of Council within 18 months of the election.

<b>RESOLVED 3/22</b>	Cr Peart/Cr Walker
That Council fill any vacancies occurring in the office of Council, within 18 months of the election, by means of a countback of votes cast at the 2021 elections.	

(GO.CO.1)

**DATES AND TIMES FOR ORDINARY MEETINGS**

**SUMMARY**

To consider the date and time of Council's ordinary meetings.

<b>RESOLVED 4/22</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Babbage
That Council continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 4pm.	

(GO.CO.1)

**COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES**

**SUMMARY**

To consider Councillor representation on Council and external Committees.

**Proceedings in Brief**

It was noted that there would be a meeting of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council and Joint Regional Planning Panel prior to the February meeting.

<b>RESOLVED 5/22</b>	Cr Walker/Cr Mudford
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That a report on Committee structure and membership be considered at the February meeting following a workshop on the topic to be held in early February 2022.</li><li>2. That Council determine membership on the external Committees at this meeting.</li></ol>	

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

<b>RESOLVED 6/22</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Peart
That the Mayor and Cr Peart continue to represent Council on the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.	

Joint Regional Planning Panel

<b>RESOLVED 7/22</b>	Cr Babbage/Cr Bunter
That Cr Peart and Cr Mockler continue to represent Council on the Joint Regional Planning Panel.	

North West Library

<b>RESOLVED 8/22</b>	Cr Bunter/Cr Mudford
That Cr Babbage represent Council on the North West Library committee.	

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION**

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

Proceedings in Brief

- In relation to the report on bank balances and investment balances it was noted that the breakdown of funds, reserves, restricted and non-restricted assets would be included as a topic in an upcoming workshop.
- The General Manager gave a brief overview of the outstanding matters from previous meetings.

<b>RESOLVED 9/22</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Mockler
That the reports be noted.	

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted that Council would issue an invitation to the new Deputy Premier, the new Minister for Western NSW and the Deputy Prime Minister to visit Gilgandra to view the outcome of completed projects and discuss proposed projects.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>RESOLVED 10/22</b>	Cr Mudford/Cr Walker
That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 23 November 2021, which were circulated to members prior to this meeting, be hereby confirmed as a faithful record of the meeting referred to.	

LATE ITEM

Remote Roads Pilot Program

The General Manager advised of the Federal Government's \$150m Remote Roads Pilot Program offering funding opportunities for road upgrades >20km long and it was noted a workshop would be held with Councillors at the earliest possible convenience to discuss roads and this road funding opportunity.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50AM.

Cr D Batten  
Mayor