



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL NUMURKAH TOWN HALL, KNOX STREET NUMURKAH MONDAY 20 JUNE 2016

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Gary Cleveland (Mayor)
Councillor Ed Cox
Councillor Kevin Bourke
Councillor Wendy Buck
Councillor Don McPhee
Councillor Peter Mansfield
Councillor Marie Martin
Councillor Alex Monk

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Henderson	Chief Executive Officer
Leanne Mulcahy	General Manager Corporate
Andrew Close	General Manager Infrastructure
Linda Nieuwenhuizen	Manager Governance and Communication

1. CALLING TO ORDER - CEO

2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

Read by the Mayor

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

Read by the Mayor

4. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Cr Brian Keenan is an apology for this afternoon's meeting.
- Cr Wendy Buck requested leave from the July Ordinary Council Meeting.

MOTION

CRS ALEX MONK / DON MCPHEE

That Council note Cr Brian Keenan's apology and grant Cr Wendy Buck's leave of absence.
(CARRIED)

5. DECLARATION UNDER ACTS, REGULATIONS, CODES OR LOCAL LAWS

NIL

6. DECLARATION OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NIL

7. OFFICER REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

7 CORPORATE

7.1 MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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FILE NO: 100012
5. DEMONSTRATING GOOD GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 7.1
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE AND
COMMUNICATIONS, LINDA
NIEUWENHUIZEN)
(GENERAL MANAGER - CORPORATE,
LEANNE MULCAHY)

MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Executive Summary

Following Councillor briefing and feedback, Moira Shire Council's draft Councillor Code of Conduct is now provided for consideration and adoption by Council at a Special Meeting convened solely for the purpose of reviewing the Councillor Code of Conduct.

All Victorian Councils are required to review and update their Councillor Code of Conduct to comply with the Local Government reforms introduced as part of the Local Government (Improved Governance) Act 1989 that came into effect in March this year.

The draft Councillor Code of Conduct has been prepared by Council officers with reference to:

- Council's existing Councillor Code of Conduct
- the MAV model Code of Conduct
- updated Codes recently adopted by other Victorian Councils
- the changes required to comply with the Local Government (Improved Governance) Act 1989
- and incorporates Best Practice guidance and proposals to improve understanding and use of the Code.

All Councils must adopt the Code at a Special Meeting of Council by 4 July 2016.

Following adoption, and in accordance with S76 (6) of the Act, Council will

- Provide a copy of the Code to each Councillor
- Make the Code available for inspection at Council's Service Centres and on Council's website

Within one month of adopting the Code, Councillors are required to individually declare they have read and will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct. The process for making the declaration is defined in the Act.

MOTION

CRS ALEX MONK / MARIE MARTIN

That Council adopt the Councillor Code of Conduct.

(CARRIED)

8. Close of Meeting

The Special Council Meeting closed at 4.35pm