



**STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL (STATUTORY) MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M. AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE.**

<b>Chair:</b>	Amanda McClaren (Mayor)*	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
<b>Councillors:</b>	Debra Bower	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	John Mason	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Kate Stothers	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Alistair Thomson	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme (Mick) Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)
<b>Officers:</b>	Phil Howard	Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)
	David Roff	Group Manager, Corporate and Community (GMCC)
	Jeff Saker	Group Manager, Community Assets (GMCA)
	Emma Kubeil	Acting Group Manager, Innovation and Performance (AGMIP)

*\*Please note: At the 2018 Special (Statutory) Meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council, the term of the Mayor was determined to be for two (2) years (2018 – 2020)*

**BUSINESS**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised the public gallery of clarification on the following:–*

As noted above, the Mayor was elected for a two-year term at the 2018 Special (Statutory) Meeting, hence, there is no requirement to elect a Mayor for the 2019/2020 term.

In relation to Item 5 on the Agenda, under Section 79C(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 19898, the Mayor is not required to declare an Interest during consideration / determination of this matter.

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4. Report by Mayor
5. Provision of a Motor Vehicle for the Mayor
6. Determination / Election of Deputy Mayor
7. 2020 Ordinary Council Meetings Timetable
8. 2020 Planning Committee Meetings Timetable
9. Councillor Committees Representation – 2019/2020

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## **BUSINESS**

1. **Welcome**

2. **Apologies**

3. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners**

'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'

4. **Report by Mayor**

The Mayor, Amanda McClaren, commented on major achievements of Council and significant events held during the municipal year just concluded.

5. **Provision of a Motor Vehicle for the Mayor**

Council may determine whether or not a motor vehicle is provided for use by the Mayor. Council has previously determined that a vehicle would be provided for use by the Mayor and/or Councillors, or as a staff 'pool' vehicle, if available.

Council may also determine whether the Mayor sacrifices an amount for the additional cost of having private use of the Mayoral vehicle. The Mayor currently sacrifices an amount of \$200 per month from the Mayoral Allowance.

Consideration and determination by Council is now sought on the following -

1. Whether a vehicle is provided.
2. The amount the Mayor sacrifices for use of the vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**For determination.**

**CRS MASON/BOWER –**

**Motion:**

1. That the Mayor be provided with a motor vehicle.
2. That the Mayor sacrifices an amount of \$200 per month from the Mayoral allowance for use of a motor vehicle.

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**ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

## 6. Determination / Election of Deputy Mayor

It is at the discretion of Council as to whether a Deputy Mayor is elected. It should be noted that a Deputy Mayor does not receive a separate allowance; their allowance is the same as for a Councillor. There is also no additional allowance if a Deputy Mayor is required to Chair Council meetings in the absence of the Mayor.

### **Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law states that –**

- (1) *If the Mayor is unable to attend a Council meeting for any reason:*
  - (a) *the Deputy Mayor will be acting Chair;*
  - (b) *if no Deputy Mayor has been elected, an acting Chair shall be elected; and*
  - (c) *the Chief Executive Officer shall chair any meeting to determine the Chair.*

### **Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1989 states that –**

#### **73. Precedence of Mayor**

- (1) *The Mayor of a Council takes precedence at all municipal proceedings within the municipal district.*
- (2) *The Mayor must take the chair at all meetings of the Council at which he or she is present.*
- (3) *If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor or the Mayor is absent, incapable of acting or refusing to act, the Council must appoint one of the Councillors to be the acting Mayor.*
- (4) *An acting Mayor may perform any function or exercise any power conferred on the Mayor.*

An excerpt from the Good Governance Guide, a collaboration between the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA), Local Government Professionals (LGPro) and State Government reads -

*The Local Government Act 1989 does not deal with the election of a Deputy Mayor. Accordingly, Councils may choose to appoint a Deputy Mayor if they believe this will assist their governance. The Act does not prescribe a role or permit a level of remuneration over and above that available to Councillors.*

*For Councils that have a Deputy Mayor, the position is in name only. Unlike the roles of Deputy Premier or Prime Minister, a Deputy Mayor is not able to automatically step into the role of Mayor if this becomes necessary. An Acting Mayor must be appointed when the role is required and this does not have to be the Deputy Mayor.*

*There are arguments for and against having a Deputy Mayor and each Council must make its own decision.*

6. Determination / Election of Deputy Mayor (cont.)

Councillors are now required to consider whether to elect a Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**For determination.**

***CRS WILLIAMS/LITTLE –***

**That Councillor John Mason be elected Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.**

***Councillor Mason accepted the nomination.***

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***ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED***

7. 2020 Ordinary Council Meetings Timetable

Ordinary Meetings of Strathbogie Shire Council are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except January), at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Special Council meetings are scheduled on an 'as required' basis, for example, receiving / hearing of submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, or matters that it's considered require urgent consideration and determination, for example, contractual matters, etc.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council continues to conduct its monthly Ordinary Council Meetings (held on the third Tuesday of the month, except January) at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m.**

*03/20 CRS LITTLE/MASON : That the Recommendation be adopted.*

***CARRIED***

**8. 2020 Planning Committee Meetings Timetable**

In August this year, Council undertook a review of its programming of Planning Committee meetings, and determined to reschedule the meetings to the third Tuesday of every month (except January). The venue and time of the meetings remains unchanged, i.e. held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

This arrangement streamlines formal meetings for Councillors in that Planning Committee meetings and Ordinary Council meetings are held on the same day. It also enables the Planning Committee to conduct a meeting in December which, subsequently, shortens the period before the following meeting of the Planning Committee in February.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council continues to conduct its Planning Committee Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month (except January) at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 4.00 p.m.**

*04/20 CRS LITTLE/WILLIAMS : That the Recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**9. Councillor Committees Representation – 2019/2020**

Councillor representation on the following Committees is intended to create an indirect association with various organisations and for Council to provide input, if and when required.

Councillor representation (including a substitute representative, if required) on the Committees is now sought.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**For determination.**

***CRS BOWER/MASON –***

**Motion:**

**That Councillor representations on Committees, as listed in the attached report, be endorsed.**

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***ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED***

**Councillor Committees Representation – 2019/2020**

<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/S</b>
<b>Planning Committee</b>	<i>All Councillors Cr Little (Chair)</i>
<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEES</b>	<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/S</b>
<b>Access and Disability Advisory Committee</b>	<i>Cr Bower Cr Little (sub)</i>
<b>Audit Committee</b>	<i>Cr McClaren Cr Williams</i>
<b>Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Committee</b>	<i>Cr Stothers Cr Thomson (sub)</i>
<b>Nagambie Waterways Advisory Committee</b>	<i>Cr Bower Cr McClaren</i>
<b>Pools Advisory Committee</b>	<i>Cr Little Cr Mason</i>
<b>Public Open Space Working Group</b>	<i>Ward Councillor (relevant to area)</i>
<b>Roads Advisory Committee</b>	<i>Cr Williams Cr Little</i>
<b>Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group</b>	<i>Cr McClaren Cr Bower</i>
<b>Tracks and Trails Advisory Group</b>	<i>Cr Mason</i>



EXTERNAL COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	EXTERNAL COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
Municipal Association of Victoria	Mayor Deputy Mayor (sub)	Hume Region Local Government Network	Mayor
Victorian Local Governance Association	Cr Thomson Cr Stothers (sub)	Goulburn Valley Libraries	Cr Stothers Cr Thomson (sub)
Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Bower	Goulburn Valley Local Government Waste Forum Advisory Member	Cr McClaren
Goulburn Valley Highway Shepparton Bypass Action Group	Cr Williams Cr Mason (sub)	L2P (Learners to Probationary Licence) Program Committee	Cr Mason Cr Little (sub)
Calder Woodburn Memorial Avenue Advisory Committee Meeting	Cr Mason	Rail Freight Alliance	Cr Williams Cr Mason (sub)
Goulburn Valley Community Road Safety Council	Cr Williams Cr Mason (sub)	Euroa Inland Rail Working Group (ARTC)	Cr Thomson Cr Williams
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee	(Chair) Cr Mason Cr Williams	Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee	Cr Mason Cr Williams
Municipal Association of Victoria Emergency Management Committee	Cr Williams	Municipal Association of Victoria Environment Committee	Cr Stothers

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.29 P.M.**

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

  
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Chair

17/12/2019  
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Date

