

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 23 DECEMBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

Present: Crs A Ewin, S Ferguson, C Gosewisch, J Newstead, M Pryse Jones, B Reynolds and D Somervaille

General Manager (Mrs R Ryan) (Chair), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr G Baker) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

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PRAYER – PASTOR GRAEME SUMMERSON

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Director of Corporate Services reported the following Disclosure of Interest form had been submitted:

Councillor /Staff	Interest	Item	Pg	Report	Reason
Cr Gosewisch	Pecuniary	4	11	Central Tablelands Water County Council	Cr Gosewisch is an employee of Central Tablelands Water

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

COUNCILLOR OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

The General Manager invited each Councillor to take the Oath or Affirmation of Office and these public declarations are recorded as follows:

Cr Reynolds

I Bruce Reynolds solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Cr Somervaille

I David Somervaille swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Cr Ewin

I Allan Ewin swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Cr Pryse Jones

I Michelle Pryse Jones solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Cr Newstead

I John Newstead swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Cr Gosewisch

I Craig Gosewisch solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Cr Ferguson

I Scott Ferguson swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

The General Manager as the Returning Officer conducted the election of Mayor, election of Deputy Mayor; and the appointment of Council Delegates to both Central Tablelands Water County Council and Upper Macquarie County Council.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The General Manager announced that 1 nomination had been received for the position of Mayor, being Cr Ferguson, nominated by Cr Somerville and Cr Gosewisch

Cr Ferguson accepted this nomination.

The General Manager declared Cr Ferguson as Mayor.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

2112/E001 RESOLVED:

That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the same term of office as the Mayor.

(Newstead/Reynolds)
CARRIED

The General Manager announced that 2 nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor, being Cr Somerville, nominated by Cr Ewin and Cr Ferguson; and Cr Reynolds, nominated by Cr Newstead and Reynolds.

Cr Somerville accepted this nomination.
Cr Reynolds accepted this nomination.

2112/E002 RESOLVED:

That Council accept the nominations for position of Deputy Mayor; and if more than one nomination is received, conduct the election by the open voting method.

(Somerville/Ewin)
CARRIED

The General Manager conducted the election. Cr Reynolds received 2 votes and Cr Somerville received 5 votes.

The General Manager declared Cr Somerville as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Mayoral term.

Cr Gosewisch having declared an interest abstained from voting.

CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

The General Manager announced that 3 nominations had been received for the 2 delegate positions to Central Tablelands Water County Council. This being Cr Newstead, nominated by Cr Newstead and Cr Reynolds, Cr Somerville nominated by Cr Pryse Jones and Cr Ewin and Cr Ewin, nominated Cr Somerville and Cr Ferguson.

Cr Newstead accepted this nomination.

Cr Somerville accepted this nomination.

Cr Ewin accepted this nomination.

The General Manager conducted the election for the first delegate position.

Cr Ewin received 1 vote, Cr Newstead received 2 votes and Cr Somerville received 3. Cr Ewin's second preference was distributed which gave the absolute majority to Cr Somerville with 4 votes.

The General Manager declared Cr Somerville as the first Council Delegate to Central Tablelands Water County Council.

The General Manager conducted the second election.

Cr Ewin received 3 votes and Cr Newstead received 3 votes. To exclude a Councillor the names were drawn out of a hat. Cr Newstead was excluded.

The General Manager declared Cr Ewin as the second Council Delegate to the Central Tableland Water County Council.

UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

The General Manager announced that 2 nominations had been received for the 2 delegate positions to Upper Macquarie County Council. This being Cr Reynolds, nominated by Cr Gosewisch and Cr Pryse Jones and Cr Ewin nominated by Cr Ferguson and Cr Gosewisch.

Cr Reynolds accepted this nomination.

Cr Ewin accepted this nomination.

The General Manager declared Cr Reynolds and Cr Ewin as Council Delegates to the Upper Macquarie County Council.

The General Manager vacated the Chair. The Mayor assumed the role of Chairperson and presided over the remainder of the Council Meeting.

COUNTBACK BY-ELECTIONS

2112/E003 RESOLVED:


Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act (1993) (the Act) Blayney Shire Council declares that casual vacancies occurring within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on Saturday 4 December 2021 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and direct the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision.

(Reynolds/Somervaille)

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

The Minute Numbers 2112/E001 to 2112/E003 were confirmed on 17 January 2022 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 23 December 2021.



Cr S Ferguson
MAYOR

Mrs R Ryan
GENERAL MANAGER