

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting Monday, 18 October 2021

Date: Monday, 18 October 2021

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Civic Centre
McGregor St
Port Hedland

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Mayor

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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 5.31pm.

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged Veronica Fuller JP and the Town's Returning Officer Jeff Solliss.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged the Kariyarra people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which they met and recognised their strength and resilience, and paid respect to elders past, present and emerging.

Item 3 Public Time

Important note:

'This meeting is being recorded on audio tape and streamed live online as an additional record of the meeting and to assist with minute-taking purposes which may be released upon request to third parties. If you do not give permission for recording your participation please indicate this at the meeting. The public is reminded that in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders nobody shall use any visual or vocal electronic device or instrument to record the proceedings of any meeting unless that person has been given permission by the chairperson to do so. Members of the public are also reminded that in accordance with section 6.17(4) of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders mobile telephones must be switched off and not used during the meeting.'

In accordance with section 6.7(3) of the Town of Port Hedland Local Law on Standing Orders, members of the public are required to complete a question form and place the completed form in the tray provided.

If the Presiding Member determines that questions and statements are out of order due to the use of an offensive or objectionable expression or are defamatory, they will not be recorded or responded to.

3.1.1 Public Question Time

The Chief Executive Officer declared Public Question Time open at 5:41pm.

There were no questions asked by members of the public.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Public Question Time closed at 5:41pm.

3.1.2 Public Statement Time

The Chief Executive Officer declared Public Statement Time open at 5:41pm.

There were no statements made by members of the public.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Public Statement Time closed at 5:42pm.

Item 4 Declaration by Newly Elected Members of Council

In accordance with Section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations 13 of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998* a person elected as Mayor or Councillor has to make a declaration, in the prescribed form, before acting in the Office and that the statutory declaration is to be taken or made before an authorised person under the *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005*.

Veronica Fuller JP, as a Justice of the Peace, declared that she is an authorised person before whom a statutory declaration can be made under the *Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declaration Act 2005*.

Veronica Fuller JP invited the Mayor and Elected Members to make the 'Declaration by Elected Member of Council' as prescribed under Form 7 of Schedule 1 (Attachment 1) of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*.

Firstly the Mayor, and then each Elected Member were called upon by Veronica Fuller JP to make their declaration in the prescribed form.

Mayor Peter Carter made the declaration in the prescribed form at 5:34pm

Councillor Flo Bennett made the declaration in the prescribed form at 5:36pm

Councillor Ash Christensen made the declaration in the prescribed form at 5:37pm

Councillor Tim Turner made the declaration in the prescribed form at 5:38pm

Councillor David Eckhart made the declaration in the prescribed form at 5:39pm

The Mayor then assumed the Chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Item 5 Recording of Attendance

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5.1 Attendance

Scheduled for Attendance: Mayor Peter Carter
Councillor Flo Bennett
Councillor Ash Christensen
Councillor David Eckhart
Cr Renae Coles
Cr Jan Gillingham
Cr McDonogh
Cr Elmar Zielke
Carl Askew (Chief Executive Officer)
Karren MacClure (Director Corporate Services)
Craig Watts (Director Regulatory Services)
Lee Furness (Director Infrastructure Services)
Josephine Bianchi (Director Community Services)
Lindy Ang (Senior Legal Counsel)
Rebecca Wilkinson (Governance Officer)
Naomi Murcott (Corporate Support Officer / Minute Taker)

Staff: 2
Public: 12
Media: 0

5.2 Attendance by Telephone / Instantaneous Communications

Nil.

5.3 Apologies

Nil.

5.4 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil.

5.5 Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

Item 6 Election of the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor and declared the close of nominations at 5:43pm.

All nominations were provided in writing and were given to the Chief Executive Officer either before the meeting or at this point in the meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that he had received three (3) nominations in writing for the position of Deputy Mayor, being:

- Cr Renae Coles;
- Cr Warren McDonogh; and
- Cr Tim Turner

A brief adjournment was called to allow ballot papers to be prepared in accordance with Regulation 11A of the *Local Government (Constitution) Amendment Regulations 2005* and distributed to the Elected Members.

The Chief Executive Officer, Senior Legal Counsel and Governance Officer oversaw the counting of the votes for the position of Deputy Mayor with the results being as follows

Cr Renae Coles: Three (3) votes;
Cr Warren McDonogh: Two (2) votes; and
Cr Tim Turner: Four (4) votes.

In accordance with of the *Local Government (Constitution) Amendment Regulations 2005*, the Mayor declared Councillor Tim Turner elected as Deputy Mayor of the Town of Port Hedland for a two year term ending at the Ordinary Elections 2023.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor Tim Turner made his declaration before the Mayor and Veronica Fuller JP at 5:48pm.

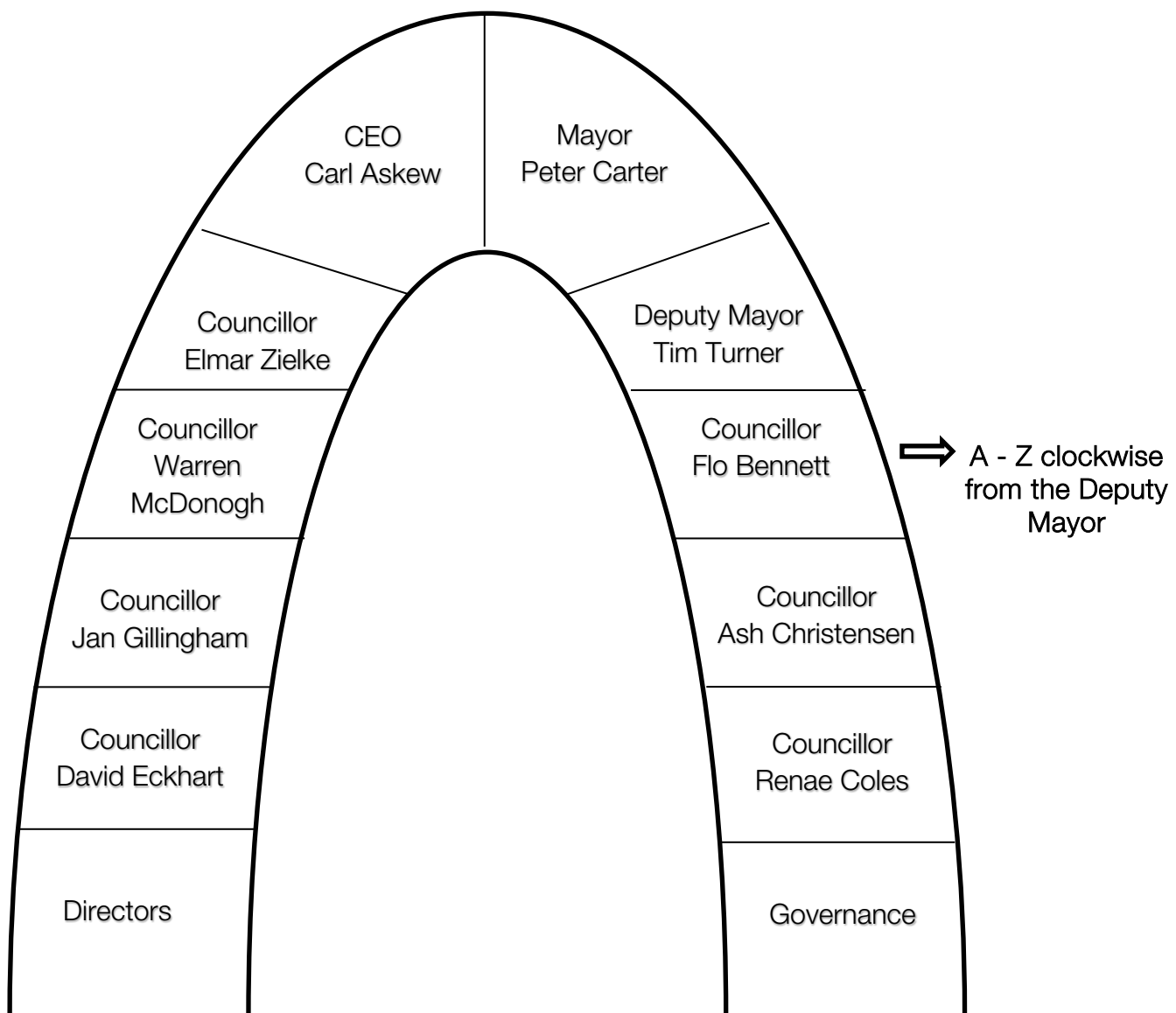
Item 7 Elected Member Seating

In accordance with the Town of Port Hedland's *Standing Orders Local Law 2014*:

Section 9.1 - Members to be in their proper places

- (1) *At the first meeting held after each election day, the CEO is to allot a position at the council table to each member.*
- (2) *Each Member is to occupy his or her allotted position at each council meeting.*

Councillor seating will be arranged so the Deputy Mayor is seated to the left of the Mayor, and Councillors will be seated clockwise in alphabetical order of their surnames, starting from the left of the Deputy Mayor as shown below:



Item 8 Closure

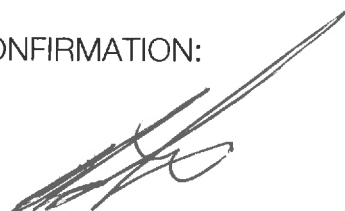
In honour of Port Hedland celebrating it's 125th birthday, The Mayor congratulated the Town in reaching this milestone and thanked all those involved in the upcoming celebrations. Councillor Coles provided a birthday cake which was cut by the Mayor and distributed to all those present in the gallery.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at **5:51pm**, and thanked the Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, his staff and members of the public for attending.

DECLARATION OF CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

I certify that these Minutes were confirmed by the Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 3 November 2021.

CONFIRMATION:



PRESIDING MEMBER

8/11/2021

DATED
