

Town of
Port Hedland



TOWN OF PORT HEDLAND

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015 AT
5:00PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MCGREGOR
STREET, PORT HEDLAND**

Purpose of the Meeting:
1. Deputy Mayor Election

**“A nationally significant, friendly city that people
are proud to call home”**

*M.J. (Mal) Osborne
Chief Executive Officer*

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ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5pm.

ITEM 2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Mayor acknowledged the traditional owners, the Kariyarra people.

ITEM 3 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**3.1 Attendance**

Mayor Kelly Howlett
Councillor Jan Gillingham
Councillor David Hooper
Councillor Lorraine Butson
Councillor Troy Melville
Councillor Louise Newbery
Councillor Camilo Blanco
Councillor Richard Whitwell

Officers

Mal Osborne	Chief Executive Officer
Sid Jain	Director Corporate Services
Brendan Smith	Director Works and Services
Chris Linnell	Director Community and Development Services
Josephine Bianchi	Governance Coordinator/Minute Taker

Justice of the Peace Kirk Lenton

Public	10
Media	1
ToPH officers	10

3.2 Apologies

Councillor Julie Arif

3.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

ITEM 4 PUBLIC TIME

Important note:

'This meeting is being recorded on audio tape 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 also 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 presiding member to do so.'

Mayor opened Public Question Time at 5:03pm

4.1 Public Question Time

Nil.

Mayor closed Public Question Time at 5:03pm

Mayor opened Public Statement Time at 5:03pm

4.2 Public Statement Time

Nil.

Mayor closed Public Statement Time at 5:04pm

ITEM 5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

ITEM 6 DECLARATION OF ALL MEMBERS TO HAVE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE BUSINESS PAPER BEFORE THE MEETING

Mayor Howlett	Councillor Melville
Councillor Gillingham	Councillor Newbery
Councillor Hooper	Councillor Blanco
Councillor Butson	Councillor Whitwell

Disclaimer

Members of the public are cautioned against taking any action on Council decisions, on items on this evening's Agenda in which they may have an interest, until formal notification in writing by the Town has been received. Decisions made at this meeting can be revoked, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995.

ITEM 7 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**7.1 Deputy Mayor Election**

NOTE: Mayor advised that an email had been received by Cr Arif on 20 October 2015, and asked the Chief Executive Officer to read it to everybody in attendance at the meeting.

“Mayor, fellow elected members, CEO and staff,

I am extremely disappointed that a Special Council Meeting has been called for the election of the position of Deputy Mayor.

This election was set down for the 28th October and circulated as such, to all candidates and elected members just after nominations for local government elections closed.

I had booked important family commitments around these important functions of government and I am disappointed that I am unable to take part in this democratic procedure.

I believe there is no urgency in filling this position so quickly and cannot understand why this has been called.

Once again, I am extremely disappointed.

Cr Julie Arif”

Councillor Whitwell asked whether the Town had contacted Cr Arif to offer her teleconference attendance at this meeting. Mayor Howlett advised that this option was considered, however, because there was no prior Council resolution in place allowing Cr Arif to attend via teleconference and because she is currently not in the state of Western Australia, this was not a viable.

Mayor requested Chief Executive Officer to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor on her behalf.

Chief Executive Officer advised that one nomination had been received by Councillor Blanco and asked as to whether there were any further nominations.

The Chief Executive Officer declared that the following nominations were received at 5:10pm

- Cr Camilo Blanco
- Cr David Hooper

The Chief Executive Officer advised all Elected Members of the process to be followed to conduct the election of Deputy Mayor, which is included under Schedule 2.3, Part 8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

All eight Elected Members cast their votes by way of secret ballot.

Votes were counted at 5:15pm by the Chief Executive Officer in the presence of the Director Corporate Services and Justice of the Peace Kirk Lenton.

Outcome of the vote count:

- Cr David Hooper 3 votes
- Cr Camilo Blanco 5 votes

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Cr Camilo Blanco was the Councillor elected as Deputy Mayor.

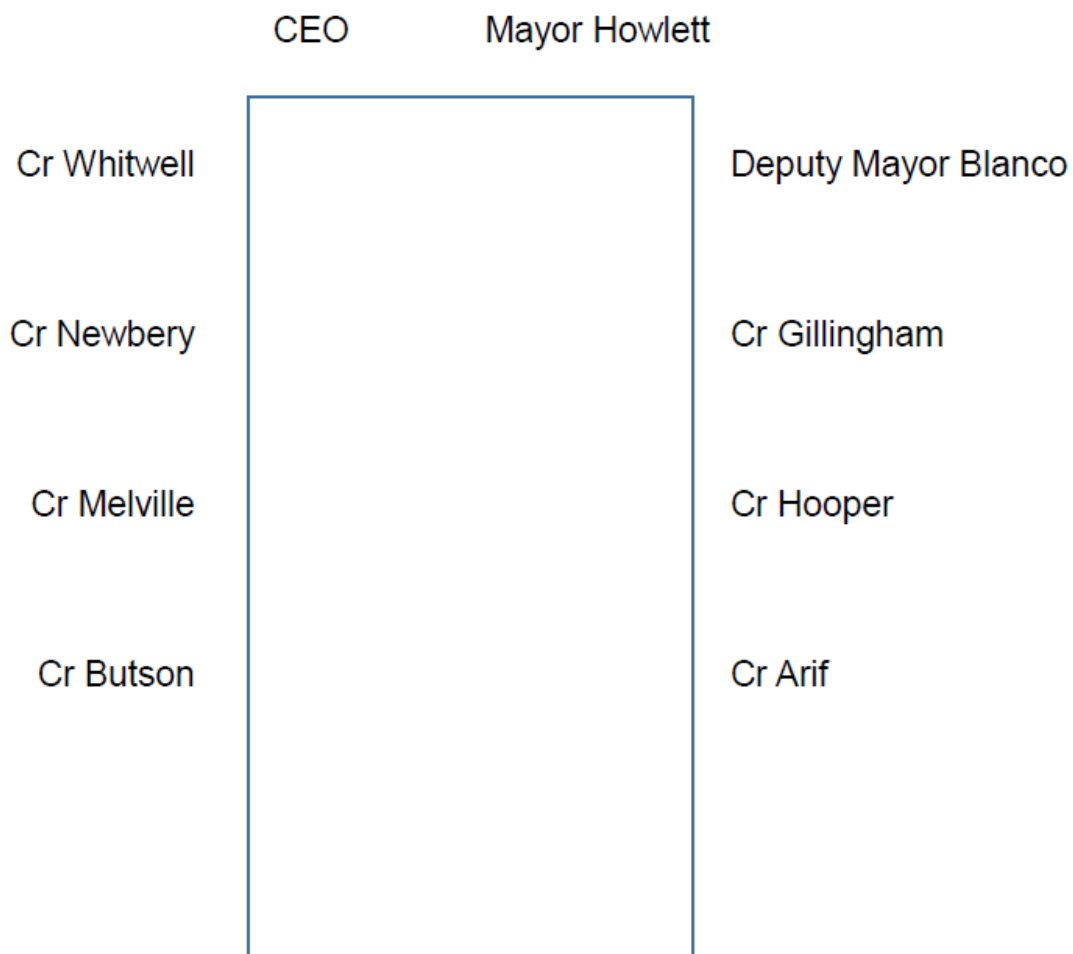
Cr Camilo Blanco read the Declaration by Elected Member as listed under Form 7 of under the Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1996 and as required under s 2.29 of the Local Government Act 1995, before Justice of the Peace Kirk Lenton.

ITEM 8 ELECTED MEMBERS SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Section 9.1 'Members to be in their proper places' of the Town of Port Hedland Standing Orders states:

- (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.*

Chief Executive Officer advised that the new order of seating for Elected Members will be as indicated below.



ITEM 9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

ITEM 10 CLOSURE

10.1 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 28 October 2015, commencing at 5:30pm, with the Public Agenda Briefing being held at 6pm on 21 October 2015.

10.2 Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:18pm.

DECLARATION OF CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

I certify that these Minutes were confirmed by the Council at its Ordinary Meeting of _____ 2015.

CONFIRMATION:

MAYOR

DATE