



Loddon Shire Council 23rd Statutory Meeting Minutes

(a Special Council Meeting)

7.00pm – 16 November 2018, Pyramid Hill Bowling Club

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting and read the Council Prayer.

“Almighty God, we humbly ask you to bless this Council, direct and prosper its deliberations towards the true welfare of your people of the Shire of Loddon.”

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chief Executive Officer provided an acknowledgement of Country.

“The Loddon Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered and pays its respects to their Elders both past and present.”

3. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were acknowledged by the Chief Executive Officer:

Hon Andrew Broad MP
The Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Ms Maree Edwards MP
The Hon Peter Walsh MLA
The Hon Damian Drum, MP
The Hon Wendy Lovell, MLC
Jaclyn Symes MP
Louise Staley MP
Daniel Young MLC
Cr Bronwen Machin, Mayor, Mt Alexander Shire
Cr Simon Clemence, Mayor, Mildura Rural City Council
Chief Administrator Noel Harvey, Central Goldfields
Shire Council
Cr Jennifer Anderson, Mayor, Macedon Ranges Shire
Council
Cr Margaret O’Rourke, Mayor, Greater City of Bendigo
Cr Ann Young, Mayor, Swan Hill Rural City Council

Robert Condliffe
Richard Morrison
Lynne Habner and Greg Deimos
Tony Coombes
David & Joan James
Ron & Marie Vinnecombe
Margaret Williamson
Sandra Steel
Mrs Lorna McKinnon
Richard Hicks
Glen & Kate Bartels
Deborah Pinyon

4. MAYORAL REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer invited the Mayor to report on her term of office in 2017/18.

Dignitaries, visiting Councillors and Mayors, fellow Councillors, Mr CEO, Executive Staff, Community Representatives, family, and friends.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and expertise of my fellow Councillors – who work incredibly hard in the interest of their Wards, and for the greater good of the Shire, and our CEO, Mr Pinyon, our Directors, Managers and staff, who put in 100% to ensure our Council Plan is being delivered on target and that we are being responsive to the community.

I have great pleasure in reporting to you on some of the achievements and activities of Loddon Shire over the past year. I have had a busy year, representing Loddon at a local, regional and national level, and building on past relationships, and establishing new ones, with our neighbouring councils and regional leaders that will hold us in good stead going forward.

These relationships enable our Council to work collaboratively with our neighbours, and our CEO and staff now have a number of joint projects with other councils that will enable more efficient and economical delivery of services to our shire.

We have joined with seven other councils to our north, including over the river into NSW, in a joint submission to the Federal Government's Regional Growth Fund. Our application was one of more than 300 applications Australia wide. It has progressed to the next stage, being one of only 16 projects invited to progress to the submission of a Full Business Case. If successful, this funding should net us around \$1.7m towards our Caravan Park upgrades, and Stage 2 of the Bridgewater foreshore project.

We have invested in infrastructure projects that enhance the livability of our towns and region: our streetscapes (with Wedderburn's Streetscape Project being officially opened just this week), footpath upgrades in Pyramid Hill, our road and bridge network, and secure water supplies. Stage 2 of the South West Loddon Pipeline Project is now well underway, and will no doubt change the landscape in that part of the shire. We continue to advocate strongly for the Mitiamo Pipeline, which will supply the Mitiamo township and 80,000ha of farmland with permanent, reliable water, providing new economic development opportunities.

I have also chaired the Murray River Group of Councils over the past year, emphasizing to the Commonwealth Government, in the strongest possible terms, the detrimental impact our communities would experience if further on-farm water was removed from our irrigation district under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Along with some of our Filipino residents, I have had several opportunities to share Pyramid Hill's experience of Rural Migration. These opportunities have created some great, positive media coverage, but the driver is addressing the much bigger issues of population decline, and skilled labour shortages in rural Victoria.

Our staff have been racing the clock to get our five swimming pools ready for the coming season. All of our pools are now between 50 and 60 years old, and the cost of maintaining them will continue to rise, however we know how vital these facilities are for healthy resilient communities, and will continue to invest in keeping these facilities safe and attractive family gathering places during our long, hot summers.

With state & federal elections around the corner, the Priorities Document we have developed has been put to effective use, finding its way into the office of a number of MPs. This Document outlines the benefits, and the funding, required to deliver a number of significant Projects such as the Pyramid Hill Community Centre development, the Donaldson Park Pavilion upgrade and replacement of our aging Caravan park amenities blocks, to help our populations to grow, our businesses to prosper, and our communities to thrive.

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Report for 2017/18 be received and noted.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Condliffe Seconded: Cr Curnow

That the Mayoral Report for 2017/18 be received and noted.

Carried

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2018/19

The Chief Executive Officer acted as temporary Chairperson for the election of the Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor of the Loddon Shire Council for 2018/19.

Cr Beattie nominated Cr McKinnon.

Cr McKinnon accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer invited other nominations.

There being no other nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr McKinnon elected as Mayor.

Cr Curnow presented Cr McKinnon with the Shire Gavel.

6. FORMAL ADDRESS

The Mayor gave her acceptance speech.

Cr Beattie as the previous Mayor from 2016/17 congratulated the Mayor on behalf of Councillors.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated the Mayor and responded on behalf of staff.

The Mayor, Cr McKinnon took the Chair.

7. MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

These committees are largely advisory or management committees established by Council or external committees on which it is appropriate that Council has representation. Should Council be asked to nominate representatives for any further Committees, nominations may be made at any time of the year.

Election to Committees.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the appointments to committees as listed.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES (2018/19)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL (SECTION 86 COMMITTEES)	
Boort Aerodrome Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Memorial Hall Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Park Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Boort Tourism Development Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Bridgewater on Loddon Development Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Campbells Forest Hall Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL (SECTION 86 COMMITTEES)	
Donaldson Park Reserve Committee of Management	Cr Holt
East Loddon Community Centre Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Inglewood Community Sports Centre Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Inglewood Community Elderly Persons Units Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Inglewood Town Hall Hub Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Jones Eucalyptus Distillery Site Committee of Management	Cr Condliffe
Kingower Development and Tourism Committee of Management	Cr Curnow
Korong Vale Mechanics Hall Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Korong Vale Sports Centre Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Little Lake Boort Committee of Management	Cr Beattie
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Pyramid Hill Swimming Pool Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Serpentine Bowls and Tennis Pavilion and Reserve Committee of Management	Cr McKinnon
Wedderburn Community Centre Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Wedderburn Engine Park Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Wedderburn Mechanics and Literary Institute Hall Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Wedderburn Tourism Committee of Management	Cr Holt
Yando Public Hall Committee of Management	Cr Beattie

COMMITTEES EXTERNAL TO COUNCIL	
AFL Central Victoria Project Control Group	Manager Community Support
Bendigo Regional Tourism Board	Manager Executive and Commercial Services Tourism and Marketing Officer
Bendigo Loddon Primary Care Partnership Board	Director Community Wellbeing
Calder Highway Improvement Committee (1 representative, 1 substitute)	Cr Condliffe Cr Curnow (substitute)
Children and Youth Area Partnership Steering Committee	Director Community Wellbeing

Loddon Mallee Waste Resource Recovery Group	Cr Curnow
L2P Steering Committee	Recreation Officer
Loddon Mallee Sports Assembly (Sports Focus)	Community Development Officer
Municipal Association of Victoria (1 representative, 1 substitute)	Cr Holt Cr Beattie (substitute)
Murray Darling Association	Cr Beattie
North Central Goldfields Regional Library (2 representatives: one councillor, one officer)	Cr McKinnon Chief Executive Officer
North Central Local Learning and Employment Network	Manager Organisational Development
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr Beattie
Rural Councils Victoria Executive	Cr Holt
South West Loddon Pipeline Project Steering Committee	Cr Holt Chief Executive Officer
South West Loddon Pipeline Project Community Consultative Committee	Cr Holt Chief Executive Officer

ADVISORY COMMITTEES, STEERING COMMITTEES, ETC	
Audit Committee (1 substantive representative) (1 alternate representative)	Cr Holt
Australia Day Committee (1 Councillor representative and 1 staff member)	Cr Condliffe Australia Day Secretary
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Condliffe Community Development Officer
Healthy Minds Network (1 representative and 1 staff member)	Cr Condliffe Director Community Wellbeing
Central Victoria Rural Women's Network	Cr Condliffe
Municipal Emergency Management Plan Committee (1 representative)	Cr Curnow
Municipal Fire Management Plan Committee (1 representative)	Cr Curnow
Nature Tourism Advisory Team	Cr McKinnon Tourism and Marketing Officer
Nature Tourism Festival Committee (Sub Committee of Nature Tourism Advisory Team)	Tourism and Marketing Officer Cr McKinnon

MOTION

Moved: Cr Holt

Seconded: Cr Condliffe

That Council adopt the appointments to committees as listed.

Carried

Cr Holt acknowledged the work done by committees, and thanked all participants who gave their time and energy to these committees.

The Mayor, called for a nomination to appoint one alternate representative to the Audit Committee resulting from an amendment to the Audit Committee Charter.

Cr Holt nominated Cr Beattie for the role of audit committee, Cr Beattie accepted.

8. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chief Executive Officer made a presentation to Councillors' partners in recognition of their contribution and support over the past twelve months.

9. CLOSE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.23pm.