

Council Meeting

Minutes

11 November 2020 at 7:00pm

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street,
Ballarat**



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The next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballarat City Council will be held on Wednesday 2 December 2020.

1. OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Chief Executive Officer, Janet Dore opened the meeting.

“Good Evening,

Councillors-elect, Deanne Gilson, elders and members of the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work, the Wadawurrang and Dja Dja Wurrung People, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to this meeting of the Council of the City of Ballarat.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting has been closed to the public but is live broadcasted on Council’s website and it will be made available on the website in the following days.

For the first part of this meeting I will act as Chairperson while we complete several formal procedures.

Councillors-elect will individually take an oath or an affirmation as Councillors of the City of Ballarat that includes a declaration with regard to the City of Ballarat Councillor Code of Conduct.

Councillors will also formally elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor to lead the Council of the City of Ballarat.

It is both an honour and a great privilege to formally introduce the nine people elected by the community of Ballarat to represent us for the next four years. Our Councillors-elect bring an exceptional blend of new ideas, skills and experience to the Chamber. I am sure our community will benefit from their enthusiasm, their energy, their dedication and their commitment to a better Ballarat. A warm congratulations to all.’

I would now like to declare the meeting open and I invite Deanne Gilson to provide the *‘Welcome to Country.’*”

In acknowledgment of the traditional custodians of the land, the Wadwurrung people, indigenous Elder Deanne Gilson was invited by the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the formal Welcome to Country.

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer thanked Deanne Gilson.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Present

Cr Ben Taylor
Cr Samantha McIntosh
Cr Belinda Coates
Cr Mark Harris
Cr Des Hudson
Cr Amy Johnson
Cr Daniel Moloney
Cr Peter Eddy
Cr Tracey Hargreaves

Ms Janet Dore - Chief Executive Officer

Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Governance and Risk

2.2 Apologies

Nil

3. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

The Chief Executive Officer invited each Councillor-elect to recite the Oath of Office or Affirmation. After reciting and signing the Oath or Affirmation, each Councillor took the opportunity to address the Gallery.

Belinda Coates recited the Affirmation
Peter Eddy recited the Oath of Office
Mark Harris recited the Affirmation
Tracey Hargreaves recited the Affirmation
Des Hudson recited the Oath of Office
Amy Johnson recited the Oath of Office
Samantha McIntosh recited the Oath of Office
Daniel Moloney recited the Affirmation
Ben Taylor recited the Oath of Office

OATH OF OFFICE

"I swear by all mighty god that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct. I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

AFFIRMATION

"I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct. I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

The Chief Executive Officer, Janet Dore, invited Councillors to recite the Councillors affirmation.

Councillors: *"We, the Councillors of the City of Ballarat, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interests of the community, and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."*

4. MANAGING OUR BUSINESS

4.1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2020/21

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Janet Dore
Author/Position: Janet Dore - Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

1. The report outlines the process and statutory requirements for the election of the Mayor for the City of Ballarat in accordance with section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and section 3.5.1 of Council's Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION:

That Council

Determine the Mayoral term to be for 1 year.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates

(R258/20)

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer, advised that she received two nominations for the position of Mayor for 2020/21, being Cr Moloney and Cr Harris.

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer asked that the nominations be accepted.

Cr Moloney accepted his nomination for the position of Mayor for 2020/21.

Cr Harris noted that he withdrew his nomination for the position of Mayor.

RESOLUTION:

Elect Cr Moloney as Mayor of the Ballarat City Council for the year 2020/21.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

(R259/20)

RESOLUTION:

That standing orders be suspended to allow the Mayor to put on the Mayoral Robe and Chains.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Samantha McIntosh

(R260/20)

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer, invited Mayor, Cr Moloney to take the chair.

RESOLUTION:

That standing orders be resumed.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson

Seconded: Cr Mark Harris

CARRIED

(R261/20)

Mayor, Cr Moloney, addressed the Council and Gallery.

4.2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2020/21

Division: Executive Unit
Director: Janet Dore
Author/Position: Janet Dore – Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

1. The report outlines the process and statutory requirements for the election of the Deputy Mayor for the City of Ballarat in accordance with section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and section 3.5.5 of Council's Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Determine the Deputy Mayor term for 1 year.

Moved: Cr Des Hudson
Seconded: Cr Ben Taylor

CARRIED
(R262/20)

Mayor, Cr Moloney advised that two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2020/21, being Cr Johnson and Cr Coates.

Mayor, Cr Moloney asked that the nominations be accepted.

Cr Johnson accepted her nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2020/21.

Cr Coates noted that she withdrew her nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION:

Elect Cr Johnson as Deputy Mayor of the Ballarat City Council for the year 2020/21.

Moved: Cr Amy Johnson
Seconded: Cr Ben Taylor

CARRIED
(R263/20)

Cr Johnson, Deputy Mayor, addressed the Council and Gallery.

RESOLUTION:

That standing orders be suspended to allow for presentations.

Moved: Cr Mark Harris
Seconded: Cr Des Hudson

CARRIED
(R264/20)

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer invited Cr Taylor as Mayor of 2019/20 to receive a gift on behalf of the community.

Cr Taylor addressed the Council and Gallery.

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer invited Cr Coates as Deputy Mayor of 2019/20 to receive a gift on behalf of the community.

Cr Coates addressed the Council and Gallery.

Janet Dore, Chief Executive Officer presented gifts to the incoming Mayor and incoming Deputy Mayor.

Mayor, Cr Moloney thanked Cr Taylor and Cr Coates for their efforts over 2020/21.

RESOLUTION:

That standing orders be resumed.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh

Seconded: Cr Amy Johnson

CARRIED

(R265/20)

5. CLOSE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:14pm.

Confirmed this

day of

2020.

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Chairperson