



SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL (ELECTION AGENDA)

23rd OCTOBER 2019
Commencing at 1:30pm

Council Chambers
28 Yougenup Road, Gnowangerup WA 6335

COUNCIL'S VISION

Gnowangerup Shire – A thriving, inclusive and growing community built on opportunity

Shire of Gnowangerup

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Council Member

A Special Meeting of the Shire of Gnowangerup was held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019, at the Council Chambers 28 Yougenup Road Gnowangerup, commencing at 1:30pm.

Signed: 

Robert Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Meaning of and CAUTION concerning Council's "In Principle" support:

When Council uses this expression it means that:

- (a) Council is generally in favour of the proposal BUT is not yet willing to give its consent; and*
- (b) Importantly, Council reserves the right to (and may well) either decide against the proposal or to formally support it but with restrictive conditions or modifications.*

Therefore, whilst you can take some comfort from Council's "support" you are clearly at risk if you act upon it before Council makes its actual (and binding) decision and communicates that to you in writing.



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These minutes are not a verbatim record but include the contents pursuant to Regulation 11 of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

Signed: _____

Robert Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Chief Executive Officer, Bob Jarvis welcomed Councillors, Staff and Mr Philip O’Meehan JP and opened the meeting at 1:30pm.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Fiona Gaze
Richard House
Frank Hmeljak
Michael Creagh
Kate O’Keeffe
Shelley Hmeljak
Greg Stewart
Chris Thomas

Bob Jarvis	Chief Executive Officer
Vin Fordham Lamont	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Yvette Wheatcroft	Manager of Works
John Skinner	Asset and Waste Management Coordinator
Kirsty Buchanan	Community Development Coordinator
Anita Finn	Executive Assistant

Philip O’Meehan JP

2.2 APOLOGIES

Carol Shaddick Senior Finance Officer

2.3 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Keith House

3. TAKING OF OATH AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE

All four of the newly Elected Councillors took the Declaration of Office administered by Mr Philip O’Meehan JP.

- Cr Michael Creagh
- Cr Fiona Gaze
- Cr Shelley Hmeljak
- Cr Kate O’Keeffe

4. ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Election of Shire President was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer Bob Jarvis.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he had received a two written nominations for Cr Fiona Gaze for the position of Shire President. The Chief Executive Officer then called for any other nominations. None were received.

- Cr F Gaze was nominated by herself and by Cr Greg Stewart

As only Cr Fiona Gaze was nominated, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Fiona Gaze as the Shire President for the Shire of Gnowangerup, elected unopposed.

5. DECLARATION BY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire President Fiona Gaze undertook the Declaration of Office Administered by Mr Philip O'Meehan JP.

The Shire President took over as presiding member of the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Election of Deputy Shire President was conducted by the Shire President.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he had received the following 3 written nomination for the position of Deputy Shire President.

- Cr Fiona Gaze & Cr Richard House nominated Cr Greg Stewart
- Cr Chris Thomas nominated Cr Shelley Hmeljak

The Shire President then called for any other nominations. None were received.

The Shire President asked Crs Shelley Hmeljak and Greg Stewart if they would accept the nomination.

Both Councillors agreed.

As there were two candidates nominated, a secret ballot was conducted.

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Cr G Stewart had received the majority of votes (5 votes) as a result of the secret ballot. Cr Shelley Hmeljak received 3 votes.

The Shire President announced that Cr Greg Stewart was therefore elected as the Deputy President for the Shire of Gnowangerup.

7. DECLARATION OF DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Deputy Shire President Greg Stewart undertook the Declaration of Office Administered by Mr Philip O’Meehan JP.

8. SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS (COUNCILLORS)

The Shire President Fiona Gaze conducted the seating arrangement in the council chambers. The Shire President and Deputy Shire President seats remained as per custom.

	CEO	SHIRE PRESIDENT	DEPUTY CEO
	Bob Jarvis	Cr Fiona Gaze	Vin Fordham Lamont
CR S Hmeljak			DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT CR G Stewart
CR R House			CR K House
CR C Thomas			CR K O’Keeffe
CR M Creagh			CR F Hmeljak
STAFF			STAFF
STAFF			STAFF

9. CLOSURE

The Shire President thanked Council, Mr Philip O’Meehan JP and staff for their time and declared the meeting closed at 1.45pm.