

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peta Pinson (Mayor)
Councillor Lisa Intemann (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Rob Turner
Councillor Sharon Griffiths
Councillor Peter Alley
Councillor Geoff Hawkins

Other Attendees:

Chief Executive Officer (Dr Clare Allen)
Director Corporate Performance (Rebecca Olsen)
Director Development and Environment (Melissa Watkins)
Director Infrastructure (Dan Bylsma)
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Governance (Michael Ferguson)
Governance Support Officer (Bronwyn Lyon)

The meeting opened at 5:00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the Meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all in attendance viewing on line.

02 REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT MEETING

RESOLVED: Griffiths/Alley

That due to the current COVID-19 health emergency all Councillors attend by remote means.

CARRIED: 6/0
FOR: Alley, Griffiths, Hawkins, Intemann, Pinson and Turner
AGAINST: Nil

03 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRAYER

Due to the current COVID-19 health emergency, the Local Government Prayer was not delivered as part of this meeting.

04 APOLOGIES

Nil.

05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: Hawkins/Griffiths

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4 August 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED: 6/0
FOR: Alley, Griffiths, Hawkins, Intemann, Pinson and Turner
AGAINST: Nil

06 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

07 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

08 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

There are no confidential attachments to reports for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

09.01 CREATION OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOVED: Pinson/Griffiths

That Council:

1. Note the postponement of the Local Government elections from 4 September 2021 to 4 December 2021 as Gazetted by the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Shelly Hancock MP.
2. Note the Office of Deputy Mayor expired on 4 September 2021 as per Council's resolution dated 23 September 2020.
3. Not create the Office of Deputy Mayor.
4. Note the Office of Local Government (OLG) Council Circular dated 13 August 2021 as tabled.
5. Note the advice from the OLG in Council Circular 21-24 / 13 August 2021 / A784280 which states:
"Deputy mayors hold their office for the term specified by the council's resolution. If a deputy mayor's term expires before election day on 4 December 2021, an election may need to be held for deputy mayor. It should be noted however, that councils are not required to have a deputy mayor".

LOST: 2/4

FOR: Griffiths and Pinson

AGAINST: Alley, Hawkins, Intemann and Turner

RESOLVED: Turner/Hawkins

That Council:

1. Create the Office of Deputy Mayor.
2. Set the term of the Office of Deputy Mayor to expire 4 December 2021, or the date of the next Local Government elections, whichever is the later.
3. Elect the Deputy Mayor by way of open voting, if more than one nomination for Deputy Mayor is received.

CARRIED: 4/2

FOR: Alley, Hawkins, Intemann and Turner

AGAINST: Griffiths and Pinson

At this juncture, the Chief Executive Officer acting as Returning Officer invited nominations for the election of the office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period with the following written nomination received:

Councillor L Intemann nominated by Councillor R Turner and Councillor G Hawkins.

Councillor L Intemann formally accepted her nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer declared that as only one nomination was received for the position of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor L Intemann is duly elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council for the ensuing period.

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Councillor Intemann on her election to the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Item 10 Your Community Life - Nil.

Item 11 Your Business and Industry - Nil.

**12.01 PETITION - SUPPORT FOR FLUORIDATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY
AND PROPOSED COMMUNITY POLL ON FLUORIDATION OF THE
WATER SUPPLY**

RESOLVED: Turner/Griffiths

That Council:

1. Note the petition received by residents regarding the fluoridation of the water supply and proposed community poll on fluoridation of the water supply at the Local Government Election on 4 December 2021.
2. Respond to the organiser of the petition with the outcome of Council's consideration in the matter.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: Alley, Griffiths, Hawkins, Intemann, Pinson and Turner

AGAINST: Nil

12.02 RESCISSION MOTION - COMMUNITY POLL ON FLUORIDATION

RESOLVED: Intemann/Turner

That the undermentioned motion adopted at the August 2021 Ordinary Council meeting held on 4 August 2021:

12.01 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMUNITY POLL ON FLUORIDATION

That Council:

1. Note the correspondence of Minister for Health & Medical Research, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.
2. Note the postponement of Local Government elections on 4 September 2021, as Gazetted by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelly Hancock MP.
3. Note the intended Yes or No Poll for continuing the addition of Fluoride in the Port Macquarie-Hastings drinking water as resolved by Council.
4. Word the new Poll to ask: "Do you want Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to permanently cease adding fluoride (hydrofluorosilicic acid) to the drinking water supply"?
5. Request the Chief Executive Officer make arrangements for the Fluoridation Poll to be held at the Local Government elections on 4 December 2021, allowing the voting community to have their say.

be rescinded.

CARRIED: 4/2

FOR: Alley, Hawkins, Intemann and Turner

AGAINST: Griffiths and Pinson

RESOLVED: Intemann/Turner

That Council:

1. Accept the public invitation by the Hon Leslie Williams MP, for Council to engage in direct talks with NSW Health regarding water fluoridation locally, rather than hold a community poll.
2. Resolve not to hold a Community Poll on fluoridation as had been planned in conjunction with the upcoming Local Government elections.
3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Advise the Electoral Commission and the community that Council will not be holding a community poll in conjunction with the local government election.
 - b) Invite Councillors to provide within two weeks any questions they would want asked of NSW Health, to be conveyed to the Hon Leslie Williams MP and the Secretary of the Department of NSW Health.
 - c) Advise Councillors of replies as received, and consult with the new Council on this matter as part of their initial briefings.
 - d) Provide a report to the October 2021 Ordinary Council meeting on the community poll process to date including financials.

CARRIED: 4/2

FOR: Alley, Hawkins, Intemann and Turner

AGAINST: Griffiths and Pinson

13 ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH BY EXCEPTION

Nil.

The meeting closed at 6:02pm.

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Peta Pinson
Mayor