MINUTES of the *STATUTORY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC-OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL* held in the COPACC Meeting Room, Rae Street, Colac on Friday, 5 December 2008 at 5.00 pm.

Jack Green, Acting Chief Executive Officer took the Chair.

## 1. OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we seek your blessing and guidance in our deliberations on behalf of the people of the Colac Otway Shire. Enable this Council's decisions to be those that contribute to the true welfare and betterment of our community.

**AMEN** 

## 2. PRESENT

Cr Frank Buchanan

Cr Brian Crook

Cr Stephen Hart

Cr Stuart Hart

Cr Geoff Higgins

Cr Lyn Russell

Cr Chris Smith

Jack Green, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Colin Hayman, General Manager, Corporate & Community Services Neil Allen, General Manager, Infrastructure & Services

Althea Wright, Executive Officer

## 3. APOLOGIES

Nil

# 4. STATEMENT BY ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Colac Otway Shire encourages active community input and participation in Council decisions. Council meetings provide one of these opportunities as members of the community may ask questions relating to matters being considered by Council at the current meeting. Questions not related to current agenda items can be made in writing and will be addressed if received within two days of the Council meeting. Council meetings also enable Councillors to debate matters prior to decisions being taken.

I ask that we all respect each other during this process by:

- being courteous and respectful in the way in which you speak:

- not speaking unless you have been permitted to by me as chairperson;
- respecting the local laws which govern meeting procedure (copies of these are here for your information); and
- understanding that I have a responsibility to ensure proper meeting procedure and the upholding of the local law.

Thank you, now question time. 30 minutes is allowed for question time.

- 1. Questions received in writing prior to the meeting
- 2. Questions from the floor

# 5. QUESTION TIME

# **Questions Received in Writing Prior to the Meeting**

Nil

# **Questions Received Verbally at the Meeting**

Nil

# 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

# **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

# **Chief Executive Officer**

OM080512-1	ELECTION OF MAYOR
OM080512-2	CREATION OF POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR
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	BODIES

## OM080512-1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

AUTHOR:	Colin Hayman	ENDORSED:	Jack Green
DEPARTMENT:	Executive	FILE REF:	GEN0460

## <u>Recommendation</u>

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council elects Councillor ...... to be the Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire Council for the next twelve months.

Jack Green, Acting Chief Executive Officer called for nominations to the position of Mayor.

## Resolution

Cr Stuart Hart nominated Cr Brian Crook to the position of Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire for the next twelve months.

Cr Crook accepted the nomination.

Jack Green, Acting Chief Executive Officer called for further nominations.

No further nominations were received.

MOVED Cr Stuart Hart seconded Cr Stephen Hart that pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council elects Cr Brian Crook to be the Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire Council for the next twelve months.

#### CARRIED 7:0

Cr Crook was therefore duly elected unopposed to the position of Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire Council for the next twelve months.

Mayor Crook took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor thanked his family and the community for their support.

## OM080512-2 CREATION OF POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

# **Recommendation**

That Council create the position of Deputy for the next twelve months for the Colac Otway Shire Council.

# Resolution

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Stuart Hart that Council create the position of Deputy for the next twelve months for the Colac Otway Shire Council.

## CARRIED 5:2

**DIVISION called by Cr Stuart Hart** 

For the Motion: Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Russell, Cr Stuart Hart, Cr Higgins, Cr Crook

Against the Motion: Cr Smith, Cr Buchanan

# OM080512-3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

AUTHOR:	Colin Hayman	ENDORSED:	Jack Green
DEPARTMENT:	Executive	FILE REF:	GEN0460

# **Recommendation**

That Council elect Cr. ..... as Deputy Mayor of Colac Otway Shire Council for the next twelve months.

# Resolution

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Higgins that Council elect Cr Russell as Deputy Mayor of Colac Otway Shire council for the next twelve months.

CARRIED 7:0

#### OM080512-4 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO INTERNAL COMMITTEES

AUTHOR:	Colin Hayman	ENDORSED:	Jack Green
DEPARTMENT:	Executive	FILE REF:	GEN0460

#### Recommendation

That Council make the following appointments to the following committees until the next Statutory Meeting of Council in December 2009.

- (a) That Council appoint Cr Smith and Cr Crook as members of the Contracts Committee.
- (b) That Council appoint Cr Stephen Hart and Cr Stuart Hart as members of the Audit Committee.
- (c) That Council appoint Cr Smith, Cr Russell, Cr Buchanan and Cr Crook as members of the Australia Day Advisory Committee.
- (d) That Council appoint Cr Smith, Cr Buchanan, Cr Crook and Cr Russell as members of the Festival and Events Support Scheme Advisory Committee.
- (e) That Council appoint Cr Smith, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Crook and Cr Stuart Hart as members of the Grants/Community Funding Advisory Committee.
- (f) That Council appoint Cr Russell, Cr Stuart Hart, Cr Smith and Cr Higgins as members of the Small Town Improvement Program Advisory Committee.

## Resolution

MOVED Cr Smith seconded Cr Russell that Council make the following appointments to the following committees until the next Statutory Meeting of Council in December 2009.

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- (e) That Council appoint Cr Smith, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Crook and Cr Stuart Hart as members of the Grants/Community Funding Advisory Committee.
- (f) That Council appoint Cr Russell, Cr Stuart Hart, Cr Smith and Cr Higgins as members of the Small Town Improvement Program Advisory Committee.

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# OM080512-5 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

AUTHOR:	Colin Hayman	ENDORSED:	Jack Green
DEPARTMENT:	Executive	FILE REF:	GEN0460

## **Recommendation**

That Councillor and officer nominations to committees and external bodies be agreed to as set out in Attachment 1 until the appointment of new representatives after the next Statutory Meeting of Council in December 2009.

# Resolution

MOVED Cr Russell seconded Cr Stuart Hart that Councillor and officer nominations to committees and external bodies be agreed to as set out in Attachment 1 until the appointment of new representatives after the next Statutory Meeting of Council in December 2009.

CARRIED 7:0



# NOMINATION OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

Committee	Representatives	Previous Councillor Representation	Appointment to Dec 09	Meeting Schedule	Additional Information
Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment Community Reference Group Involvement in the planning of the redevelopment of the harbour precinct.	(1) Councillor	Cr Joe Di Cecco	Cr Frank Buchanan	As required	Meetings at Apollo Bay
Apollo Bay Leisure Centre Committee  Management of the Leisure Centre at  Apollo Bay.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Joe Di Cecco	Cr Frank Buchanan	As required	Meetings at Apollo Bay
Australian Local Government Association	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	Annually in June	Meetings in Canberra
Barnard Trust Committee Administer scholarship fund bequeathed to 2 Colac public secondary schools	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	Twice yearly	Meetings at Colac High School when all results received
Barwon Regional Waste Management Committee To provide a framework for strategic regional waste management planning.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Stephen Hart	Quarterly Thursday 10 am – 2 pm	Regional meetings at various municipalities.
Colac Affordable Housing Strategy To provide local input and advice on the implementation of the Housing Strategy.	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith Cr Fran Lehmann	Cr Lyn Russell	As required	Meetings in Colac
Colac Livestock Selling Centre Advisory Committee Provide advice on the operations of the Centre and make recommendations to Council.	(1) Councillor (2) Officers	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Geoff Higgins	Annual budget meeting – others as required Thursday pm or Friday am	Meetings at saleyards.
Colac Otway Network of Community Centres To participate in the development of community strengthening initiatives, sharing of community information and discussing community planning.	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Lyn Russell	Quarterly Tuesday 10 am – 12.30 pm	Meetings alternate between centres
COPACC Trust The Trust is an independent committee appointed to accept donations to be used for the development of COPACC facilities and programs.	(2) Councillors (2) Officers (4) Community Reps	Cr Peter Mercer Cr Warren Riches Manager Recreation, Arts & Culture COPACC Manager	Cr Chris Smith Cr Brian Crook Manager Recreation, Arts & Culture COPACC Manager	Quarterly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 8 – 9 am	Meetings at COPACC

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Corangamite Regional Library Corp. The Corporation determines policy in the delivery of services throughout the region (Warrnambool, Moyne, Corangamite, Colac Otway)	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Peter Mercer General Manager, Corporate & Community Services	Cr Stephen Hart General Manager, Corporate & Community Services	Quarterly	Meetings at Terang or Camperdown
Dairy Industry Training Committee To assist the Dairy Industry with suggested training.	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	Monthly or as required	Meetings at Colac Otway Shire Offices
Friends of the Botanic Gardens An advisory committee undertaking projects and advising Council on the care and protection of the Gardens.	(1) Councillor	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Chris Smith	Monthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7.30 pm	Meetings at Botanic Gardens Café
Geelong Otway Tourism Board To set strategic long term direction and priorities for Geelong Otway Tourism Inc, a well-recognised regional tourism body, incorporating Geelong, Bellarine, Colac Otway and Surfcoast.	(1) Councillor	Cr Joe Di Cecco Cr Carol Wilmink (Reserve)	Cr Lyn Russell	Monthly Thursday 9 am	Meetings at Geelong Otway Tourism Offices
G21 Board To oversee the management of the company, set the strategic direction of the company, monitor overall performance, financial performance and governance.	Councillor or Officer	Tracey Slatter Mayor to attend if CEO unavailable	Chief Executive Officer Mayor	Monthly Last Friday of month 9 – 11 am	Meetings at member Councils
Great South Coast Municipalities Group To advocate and co-ordinate planning on regional issues (8 municipalities)	Mayor	Cr Chris Smith	Mayor	Quarterly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 10 am	Meetings at member Councils
Lake Colac Co-Ordinating Committee To produce a management plan for Lake Colac with environmental, recreational, business & social actions. Assign responsibility to various agencies.	(2) Councillors (4) Officers Community/ Organisation Reps	Cr Chris Smith Cr Warren Riches	Cr Chris Smith Cr Geoff Higgins	Quarterly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month 19 am – 12 noon	Meetings at COPACC
Lavers Hill Swimming Pool Committee of Management To monitor and review management of the Lavers Hill Pool.	(1) Councillor	Cr Carol Wilmink	Cr Stephen Hart	Quarterly	Meetings at Lavers Hill

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Municipal Aerodrome Committee – Colac Manage day to day operations and maintenance.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Warren Riches	Cr Geoff Higgins	As required.	Meetings at 1 Bromfield St Colac
Municipal Association of Victoria To act as a Victorian Local Government Peak Body.	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	2 per year	Meetings in Melbourne
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee Ensure the prevention of, the response to and the recovery from emergencies that could occur within the Shire.	(1) Councillor	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Stuart Hart	Quarterly – Feb, May, Aug, Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2 - 4 pm	Meetings at COPACC
Municipal Fire Prevention Committee  Manage requirements of the Beeac and  Corangamite brigade groups.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Stuart Hart	Twice yearly	Meetings at COPACC
Old Beechy Line Committee To monitor and review development of the line. Section 86 Committee of Management under Council.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer Community/ Organisation Reps	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	Bi monthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month 10 am – 12 noon	Meetings at COPACC
Ondit Quarry Consultative Committee Required by VCAT to manage concerns between landholders and the quarry operations.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Geoff Higgins	Quarterly	Meeting location varies
Otways Tourism Inc. The Board is an independent body appointed to develop policy and implement strategies facilitating tourism marketing and information services.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Joe Di Cecco Cr Carol Wilmink (Reserve)	Cr Lyn Russell	Monthly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10 am – 1 pm	Alternate meeting venue between Colac and Apollo Bay
Port of Apollo Bay Consultative Group To consider issues related to the Port of Apollo Bay.	(1) Councillor (2) Officers	Cr Joe Di Cecco	Cr Frank Buchanan	Quarterly Thursday 4.30 pm	Meetings at AB Office. Meeting dates set at meeting.
Premier Recreation Reserve Committee To monitor and review development of Central Reserve.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Warren Riches	Cr Brian Crook	Bi monthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 6 – 7 pm	Meetings at Hockey Club rooms.

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Rural Councils Network (Vic) Cooperative grouping of Victoria's rural Councils that acts collectively to influence decision makers and tackle the longer term strategic challenges facing rural communities.	(1) Councillor	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	As required	
Rural Financial Counselling Service Vic – Wimmera Southwest (RFC)	(1) Councillor	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Lyn Russell	Bi monthly 12 – 1pm	Meetings at DPI Office Colac
Timber Towns Committee  MAV Working Group to further the interest of towns which have timber industries.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Geoff Higgins	Bi monthly. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of month 10.00 am	Meetings at MAV Melbourne
Tirrengower Drainage Scheme Committee of Management  Manage drainage scheme. Discuss maintenance issues etc	(1) Councillor (1) Officer	Cr Warren Riches	Cr Geoff Higgins	Monthly 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8 pm	Meetings at Swan Marsh Hall
Transport Connections Local Advisory Group To support and monitor the Transport Connections project at a local level	(1) Councillor	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Stuart Hart	6 weekly	Group includes shire staff plus a number of representatives from other community groups.
Victoria Regional Botanic Gardens Network Executive and BGANZ Council To participate on the Executive and Council.	(1) Councillor	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Chris Smith	Quarterly	Meetings at regional venues
Weeds Consultative Committee	(1) Councillor	Cr Peter Mercer	Cr Brian Crook	Quarterly	Meetings at COPACC
Youth Council To pursue initiatives for young people across the Shire in accordance with mission statement.	(1) Councillor (1) Officer Young People (up to 15)	Cr Chris Smith	Cr Chris Smith	Fortnightly as per charter Monday 4 – 5 pm	Meetings at COPACC Additional commitments ie.overnight Beechy Walk