

# Minutes



## POST-ELECTION MEETING OF COUNCIL

### MINUTES

5 APRIL 2024

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillors Present**

- Cr Tanya Milligan (Mayor) (Chairperson)
- Cr Chris Wilson (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Michael Hagan
- Cr Julie Reck
- Cr David Neuendorf
- Cr Cheryl Steinhardt
- Cr Anthony Wilson

**Officers Present**

- Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer
- Dan McPherson, Group Manager People, Customer & Corporate Services
- Amanda Pugh, Group Manager Community & Regional Prosperity
- John Keen, Group Manager Infrastructure
- Bella Greinke, Council Business Officer
- Neil Williamson, Coordinator Engagement and Communications
- Christie Wytenburg, Coordinator Business Improvement
- Susan Boland, Senior Governance Officer
- Vickie Wieland, Executive Assistant to the CEO
- Kayla Gill, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors

**Media Present**

- Grace Crichton, The Lockyer and Somerset Independent

## **1.0 MEETING OPENED**

*The Mayor, Cr Milligan as Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:00am and welcomed all present.*

## **2.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*No Leave Of Absence.*

## **3.0 DECLARATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST/DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS**

### **3.1 Declaration of Prescribed Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 2 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who has a prescribed conflict of interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of a local government, or any of its committees must:

- (a) inform the meeting of the prescribed conflict of interest in the matter, including the following about the interest –
  - i. if it arises because of a gift, loan or contract, the value of the gift, loan or contract
  - ii. if it arises because of an application or submission, the subject of the application or submission
  - iii. the name of any entity other than the councillor that has an interest in the matter
  - iv. the nature of the councillor's relationship with the entity that has an interest in a matter
  - v. details of the councillor's and any other entity's interest in the matter; and
- (b) leave the meeting room, including any area set aside for the public, and stay out of the meeting room while the matter is being discussed and voted on unless the subject councillor has written notice from the Minister to participate in the matter.

### **3.2 Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the local government or any of its committees must inform the meeting about the personal interest in the matter, including the following particulars about the interests:

- (a) the nature of the interests
- (b) if it arises because of the councillor's relationship with a related party:
  - i. the name of the related party to the councillor
  - ii. the nature of the relationship of the related party to the councillor
  - iii. the nature of the related party's interest in the matter
- (c) if it arises because of a gift or loan from another person to the councillor or a related party:
  - i. the name of the other person
  - ii. the nature of the relationship of the other person to the councillor or related party
  - iii. the nature of the other person's interest in the matter
  - iv. the value of the gift or loan and the date the gift or loan was made.
- (d) how the councillor intends to handle the matter i.e. leave the meeting or proposes to stay in a meeting.

*Cr Anthony Wilson informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in Item 5.1 of the agenda, "Appointment of Deputy Mayor," as there is a conflict between the personal interests of a related party of Cr Anthony Wilson's and the public interest, and because of that conflict Cr Wilson's participation might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest. The nature of the conflict is that Cr Anthony Wilson's brother, Cr Chris Wilson, intends to run for the Deputy Mayor role. Although Cr Anthony Wilson has a declarable conflict of*

*interest, he believes that he can be impartial when dealing with this matter in an open and transparent way, and that he can make a valuable contribution to the discussion. Therefore, Cr Anthony Wilson advised that he wishes to remain in the meeting and requested the eligible Councillors decide if he may participate and vote despite the declarable conflict of interest.*

## **RESOLUTION**

**THAT Cr Anthony Wilson may participate in the discussion and vote on Item 5.1, “Appointment of Deputy Mayor”, despite Cr Wilson’s conflict of interest declaration because Council believes that he can be impartial when dealing with this matter in an open and transparent way.**

**Moved By: Cr Hagan**

**Seconded By:**

**Cr Steinhardt**

**Resolution Number: 24-28/0001**

**CARRIED**

**5/1**

*For: Councillors Milligan, C Wilson, Hagan, Steinhardt and Reck*

*Against: Councillor Neuendorf*

*In accordance with section 150ET(2) of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor A Wilson was ineligible to vote, and therefore refrained from voting on the matter.*

## **4.0 ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR**

*The Mayor gave the following address:*

*Can I start with congratulations to the newly elected Councillors and say the real work starts now. The next four years will be some of the most interesting, some of the most challenging, yet some of the most rewarding years of your life.*

*In times of crisis and in the day to day grind of business our real strength as a Council will be in our ability to work together to put aside personal opinion and be clearly focussed on the greater good of our community; because this is what great public service looks like service to others.*

*There will be days when we might not always get it right and we will need to own those times. There will be times when the right decision will not be popular, but we need to remain steadfast. And there will be good times and we should celebrate and acknowledge these and our people because this nurtures a culture of respect and appreciation.*

*To the staff and the organisation, those who provide us with information and guidance in our decision making, I / we look forward to working with you all to deliver for our community.*

*Collectively, I remain confident that our shared vision remains the same; and that is;*

*“To deliver sustainable services to enhance the liveability of our community while embracing our economic, cultural and natural diversity, as we lead, engage and empower.”*

*Again congratulations to those newly elected, those returned, and lets deliver great things for our community that we can all be very proud of and our community can be proud of the outcomes.*

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## 5.0 EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORTS

*In accordance with resolution 24-28/0001, Councillor Anthony Wilson participated in the discussion and vote on agenda item 5.1 Appointment of Deputy Mayor.*

### 5.1 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

**Author:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer

**Responsible Officer:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer

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**Purpose:**

Section 175(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires that Council appoint a Deputy Mayor by resolution at the post-election meeting following a Quadrennial election. The Deputy Mayor will also become the Acting Mayor under Section 165 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, in the absence of or a vacancy in, the office of the Mayor.

**The Mayor shall call for nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor.**

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed Deputy Mayor for Lockyer Valley Regional Council, in accordance with Section 175(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.**

*The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.*

*Councillor Steinhardt nominated Councillor Hagan. Councillor Hagan accepted the nomination.*

*Councillor Reck nominated Councillor C Wilson. Councillor C Wilson accepted the nomination.*

*There were no other nominations.*

*The Mayor called for votes to support Councillor Hagan. Councillors Steinhardt, Hagan and Neuendorf were supportive of this.*

*The Mayor called for votes to support Councillor C Wilson. Councillors Milligan, Reck, A Wilson and C Wilson were supportive of this.*

**RESOLUTION**

**THAT Councillor Chris Wilson be appointed Deputy Mayor for Lockyer Valley Regional Council, in accordance with Section 175(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.**

**Moved By: Cr Neuendorf**

**Seconded By:**

**Cr Hagan**

**Resolution Number: 24-28/0002**

**CARRIED**

**7/0**

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**5.3 Councillor Representative on Council of Mayors South East Queensland Board**

**Author:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer

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**Purpose:**

The Council of Mayors South-East Queensland (COMSEQ) was established in 2005 as an independent advocacy organisation to represent the interests of Australia's fastest growing region, South-East Queensland (SEQ). It followed on from the work of the South-East Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils founded in 1995. COMSEQ actively seeks cooperation with the Australian and Queensland Governments to ensure the long-term sustainability and liveability of SEQ communities. COMSEQ is actively involved in projects such as:

- Resilient Rivers (rehabilitation of catchments including within the Lockyer region).
- South-East Queensland City Deal (including funding for the Lockyer and Somerset Water Collaborative and the SEQ Liveability Fund).
- Regional Waste Management.
- 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games planning.
- Regional and Economic Development projects.
- Regional Planning.

The membership of COMSEQ consists of the Mayors representing the eleven SEQ local governments; Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan and Redland City Councils and Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, Toowoomba, Somerset, Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast Regional Councils and Noosa Council.

Member Councils each hold one share in COMSEQ and are represented on the Board of Directors. The Board is supported by an Executive Committee, operational team, formal working groups and officer working groups. The Board and Executive Committee meet bi-monthly to review priority projects and receive updates on the business.

COMSEQ is supported by an annual budget set by its Directors and its activities are dependent on membership levies from its eleven shareholder member Councils, which are set on an annual basis. The annual levy paid by LVRC for the 2023/2024 financial year was \$38,018.

As noted, member Councils are represented on the COMSEQ Board by their Mayors who are required to act as Directors under the *Corporations Act 2001*. Council is also required to nominate an alternate Director (usually the Deputy Mayor).

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT the Mayor, Councillor Tanya Milligan, be appointed as Council's Director on the Board of the Council of Mayors South-East Queensland Inc and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, be confirmed as the Alternate Director.**



**RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Mayor, Councillor Tanya Milligan, be appointed as Council's Director on the Board of the Council of Mayors South-East Queensland Inc and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Wilson, be confirmed as the Alternate Director.**

**Moved By: Cr Hagan**

**Seconded By:**

**Cr Reck**

**Resolution Number: 24-28/0004**

**CARRIED**

**7/0**

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**5.4 Setting of Dates and Times for Ordinary Meetings of Council**

**Author:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer

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**Purpose:**

Section 256(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to consider the days and times for holding Council meetings, at its post-election meeting following the Quadrennial elections. Section 257 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* prescribes that the local government must meet at least once each month, and all meetings are to be held at the local government's public offices, or another place determined by resolution of the local government.

During the previous term Council held an Ordinary Meeting once a month, on the third Wednesday, to decide Council business. The Ordinary Meetings are supported by Councillor information sessions and tours held on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The officer's recommendation is that this meeting cycle continues, except for the first Ordinary Meeting after the Quadrennial election due to be held on 17 April 2024. It is proposed to hold this meeting on the fourth Wednesday, 24 April 2024, as the Mayor is required to attend a workshop hosted by the Local Government Association of Queensland on 17 April 2024.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT the Lockyer Valley Regional Council determine that the Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 9:00am, except for the April 2024 meeting which is to be held at 9.00am on Wednesday 24 April 2024.**

**RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Lockyer Valley Regional Council determine that the Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 9:00am, except for the April 2024 meeting which is to be held at 9.00am on Wednesday 24 April 2024.**

**Moved By: Cr Hagan**

**Seconded By:**

**Cr Reck**

**Resolution Number: 24-28/0005**

**CARRIED**

**7/0**

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.



NOTICE OF ELECTION RESULTS  
2024 Local Government Elections  
Lockyer Valley Regional  
Saturday, 16 March 2024



The local government quadrennial elections were held on Saturday, 16 March 2024.

In accordance with section 100 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, this notice advises that the following person(s) has been duly elected for Lockyer Valley Regional.

POSITION	FULL NAME OF ELECTED CANDIDATE	DECLARATION DATE
MAYOR	MILLIGAN, Tanya Lee-Anne	25 Mar 2024

**Pat Vidgen**  
Electoral Commissioner

## NOTICE OF ELECTION RESULTS

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**Lockyer Valley Regional Division 1**  
**Saturday, 16 March 2024**

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In accordance with section 100 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, this notice advises that the following person(s) has been duly elected for Lockyer Valley Regional Division 1.

POSITION	FULL NAME OF ELECTED CANDIDATE	DECLARATION DATE
COUNCILLOR	WILSON, Christopher John	27 Mar 2024
COUNCILLOR	NEUENDORF, David Ronald	27 Mar 2024
COUNCILLOR	STEINHARDT, Cheryl Fay	27 Mar 2024
COUNCILLOR	WILSON, Anthony Gerard	27 Mar 2024
COUNCILLOR	HAGAN, Michael John	27 Mar 2024
COUNCILLOR	RECK, Julie Anne	27 Mar 2024

**Pat Vidgen**  
Electoral Commissioner

**6.0 MEETING CLOSED**

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:27am.*