



## SHIRE OF CARNARVON

# MINUTES

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on

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as a true and accurate record

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Chairman

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To be noted that, in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the minutes of the Council Meeting are a record of the decisions of the Council, any additional officers' advice, and explanatory notes as required. The minutes contain a summary of questions asked by members of the public and the answers given. The minutes are not a transcript of the proceedings of the meetings.

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## INFORMATION ON PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following information is provided should you wish to ask a question of Council at the Ordinary Meetings held on a monthly basis.

Please note that questions that have not been filled out on the Submission Form will not be accepted.

- The Local Government Act 1995 allows members of the public to ask questions in regard to any issue relating to the Shire.
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for public question time and the Presiding Member will allow a maximum of three (3) verbal/written questions per person.
- Prior to asking a question, the speaker must state his/her name and address.
- Members of the public are discouraged from asking questions which contain defamatory remarks, offensive language or questioning the competency of staff or Council members.
- The Presiding Member may nominate a member or officer to answer the question and may also determine that any complex questions requiring research be taken on notice and answered in writing.
- No debate or discussion is allowed to take place on any question or answer.
- A summary of each question asked and the response given will be included in the minutes of the meeting –

*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Pt 2, r.11 – (in part reads -)*

*11. Minutes, content of (Act s.5.25(1)(f))*

*The content of minutes of a meeting of a council or a committee is to include –*

*(e) a summary of each question raised by members of the public at the meeting and a summary of the response to the question.*

Responses to questions that are taken on notice will be responded to as soon as possible.

- If you wish to ask a question, please complete the Public Question Time Submission Form at the back of this information sheet. Alternatively, questions can be submitted in writing to the Shire of Carnarvon 3 days prior to the meeting.

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### SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Members of the public are welcome to attend a Special Meeting of Council if open, and ask questions of the Council within the allotted public question time ***subject to the questions being asked only relating to the purpose of the Special Meeting*** (s5.23 of the Act and regulation 12 (4) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Department of Local Government and Communities Guide to Meetings and Governance Bulletin April 2014 and Guideline No. 3 Managing Public Question Time.)

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## 1.0 ATTENDANCES , APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(The Local Government Act 1995 Section 2.25 provides that a Council may, by resolution, grant leave of absence to a member for Ordinary Council Meetings. The leave cannot be granted retrospectively and an apology for non-attendance at a meeting is not an application for leave of absence.)

## 2.0 PUBLIC AND ELECTED MEMBER QUESTION TIME

(In accordance with Section 5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995, a 15 minute public question time is made available to allow members of the public the opportunity of questioning Council on matters concerning them. All questions are to be provided on the Public Question Time Submission Form.)

### 2.1 QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING –

### 2.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

## 3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Councillors and Staff are reminded of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting or when the matter is to be discussed.)

## 4.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

## 5.0 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING TO BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

## 6.0 CLOSURE



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STUART STREET,  
CARNARVON ON FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

The meeting was declared open by the Presiding Member at 1.12pm

*The Shire of Carnarvon acknowledges the Yingarrda people as the Traditional Custodians of this land which we work and live on. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future and extend this respect to all Aboriginal people and their ongoing connection to this Country.*

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**1.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr E Smith.....Presiding Member/Shire President  
Cr B Maslen..... Councillor, Gascoyne/Minilya Ward  
Cr J Nelson ..... Councillor, Town Ward  
Cr K Pinner ..... Councillor, Town Ward  
Cr L Skender .....Councillor, Plantation Ward  
Cr A Fullarton ..... Councillor, Town Ward

Mrs D Hill .....Senior Executive Officer

Observers ..... Nil  
Leave of Absence ..... Nil  
Apologies ..... Cr K Simpson; Cr L Vandeleur

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*(In accordance with Section 5.24 of the Local Government Act 1995, a 15 minute public question time is made available to allow members of the public the opportunity of questioning Council on matters concerning them. All questions are to be provided on the Public Question Time Submission Form.)*

There was no public question time.

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*(Councillors and Staff are reminded of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting or when the matter is to be discussed.)*

Nil

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#### 4.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No items for discussion

#### 5.0 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING TO BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**SFC 1/10/20**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*Cr Maslen/Cr Fullarton*

*That Standing Orders Section 13 be suspended at 1.12pm in order for the Shire President to update Councillors on staff matters.*

**CARRIED**

**F6/A0**

**SFC 2/10/20**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*Cr Maslen/Cr Pinner*

*That Standing Orders Section 13 be resumed at 1.43pm.*

**CARRIED**

**F6/A0**

**SFC 3/10/20**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*Cr Maslen/Cr Pinner*

*That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (a) as this item relates to a matter affecting employees.*

**CARRIED**

**F6/A0**

#### **5.1 STAFF MATTERS**

Date of Meeting:	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Location/Address:	N/A
Name of Applicant:	N/A
Name of Owner:	Shire of Carnarvon
Author/s:	David Nielsen, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Jennifer MacKellin, Executive Manager Corporate/Community Services
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Previous Report:	N/A

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council notes and supports action taken regarding these staff matters as detailed.*

**SFC 4/10/20**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*Cr Maslen/Cr Pinner*

*That Council notes and supports an investigation into this matter being conducted as soon as possible.*

**CARRIED**

**F6/A0**

(Note to Minute – If Elected Members are contacted by any staff member in relation to this matter, Elected Members are directed not to engage in any discussion and are to advise the Shire President should they be approached.)

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**SFC 5/10/20**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

*Cr Maslen/Cr Nelson*

*That the meeting be reopened to the public at 1.45pm*

**CARRIED**

**F6/A0**

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**6.0 CLOSURE:**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 1.46PM