



Minutes

Special Meeting of Council
Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Held in the
Council Chambers
1 Merrijig Drive, Torquay
Commencing at 5.45pm

Council:

Cr Brian McKitterick (Mayor)
Cr David Bell
Cr Libby Coker
Cr Martin Duke
Cr Clive Goldsworthy
Cr Rose Hodge
Cr Carol McGregor
Cr Margot Smith
Cr Heather Wellington

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 MERRIJIG DRIVE, TORQUAY
ON TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 5.45PM

PRESENT:

Cr Brian McKitterick (Mayor)
Cr David Bell
Cr Martin Duke
Cr Clive Goldsworthy
Cr Rose Hodge
Cr Carol McGregor
Cr Margot Smith
Cr Heather Wellington

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer – Keith Baillie
General Manager Governance & Infrastructure – Anne Howard
General Manager Culture & Community – Chris Pike
General Manager Environment & Development – Phil Rowland
Team Leader Governance – Danni Vasiloski
1 member of the public
0 members of the press

OPENING:

Council acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we meet today and pay respect to their elders past and present and Council acknowledges the citizens of the Surf Coast Shire.

PLEDGE:

Cr Margot Smith recited the pledge on behalf of all Councillors.

As Councillors we carry out our responsibilities with diligence and integrity and make fair decisions of lasting value for the wellbeing of our community and environment.

APOLOGIES:

Cr Libby Coker

Council Resolution

MOVED Cr Rose Hodge, Seconded Cr Margot Smith

That an apology be received from Cr Libby Coker.

CARRIED 8:0

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nil

BUSINESS:

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Appendix:

1. Review of Councillor Code of Conduct SCS-002 (D16/118674)

Officer Direct or Indirect Conflict of Interest:

Status:

In accordance with Local Government Act 1989 –
Section 80C:

Information classified confidential in accordance with
Local Government Act 1989 – Section 77(2)(c):

Yes

No

Yes

No

Reason: Nil

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Code of Conduct for review and adoption in order to comply with the Local Government Act.

Summary

The Councillor Code of Conduct is required to be reviewed by 22 February 2017, being four months after the election, pursuant to section 76C of the Act by calling a special meeting solely for the purpose of reviewing the Code. At that special meeting Council is required to approve any amendments to be made to the Code following the review.

Within one month of any amendments to the Code being approved, each Councillor must make a further declaration stating that they will abide by the Code.

The Code was reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 29 November 2016 and a minor edit to numbering was made as a result.

The Code is now ready for Council approval which will be followed by Councillors making a declaration that they have read and agreed to abide by it.

Recommendation

That Council approves the Councillor Code of Conduct SCS-002 as presented at Appendix 1.

Council Resolution

MOVED Cr Heather Wellington, Seconded Cr Martin Duke

That Council approves the Councillor Code of Conduct SCS-002 as presented at Appendix 1.

CARRIED 8:0

1.1 Review of Councillor Code of Conduct SCS-002

Report

Background

In accordance with section 64 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) Councillors previously signed the Code of Conduct and have taken the Oath of Office.

Discussion

Council is now required to review the Councillor Code of Conduct by 22 February 2017, being 4 months after the election, pursuant to section 76C of the Act, by calling a special meeting solely for the purpose of reviewing the Code. At that special meeting Council is required to approve any amendments to the Code.

Within one month of any amendments to the Code being approved, each Councillor must make a further declaration stating that they have read and will abide by the Code as per section 76C(6A) of the Act.

Accordingly the Code was initially reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 29 November 2016 and a minor edit to correct the numbering was made as a result. No other changes were suggested.

The Code is now ready for Council's review and endorsement, followed by Councillors making a fresh declaration that they have read and agree to abide by it.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Council Plan

Theme 2 Governance
Objective 2.2 High performing accountable organisation
Strategy Nil

Policy/Legal Implications

The adoption of the Code of Conduct and signing by Councillors within one month will ensure Council's legal obligations have been met.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has any conflicts of interest.

Risk Assessment

Not applicable.

Social Considerations

Not applicable.

Community Engagement

Not applicable.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Communication

The Code will be posted on Council's website and a copy provided to each Councillor.

Conclusion

By completing a review of the Councillor Code of Conduct and ensuring this is read and signed by Councillors within one month of this meeting, Council will ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Close: There being no further items of business the meeting closed at: 5.50pm