



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 26 November 2024

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake

Contents

1 Procedural	4
1.1 Acknowledgement of Country	4
1.2 Prayer	4
1.3 Live streaming of Council Meetings	4
1.4 Apologies	4
1.5 Mayoral Term of Office	5
1.6 Election of Mayor	6
1.7 Election of Deputy Mayor	7
1.8 Declarations of Conflict Interest	9
1.9 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings	9
1.10 Public Participation	9
2 Officers Reports	10
2.1 Installation of Councillors	10
2.2 Model Councillor Code of Conduct	11
2.3 Appointment of Councillors to Committees	12
2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - September Meeting	14
2.5 Monthly Finance Report - October 2024	15
3 Councillors' Items	16
3.1 Councillor Notice of Motion	16
3.2 General Matters	16
3.3 Urgent Business	17
4 CEO Meeting Schedule	18
5 CEO Activities Report	18
6 Confidential Items	18
7 Close Meeting	18

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Moyne Shire Council held on Tuesday 26 November 2024, at Council
Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
commencing at 2:00 pm.

Present

Councillors

- Cr Karen Foster (Mayor)
- Cr Jordan Lockett (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Myra Murrhy
- Cr Jim Doukas
- Cr Lisa Ryan
- Cr Susan Taylor
- Cr Lloyd Ross

Officers

- Mark Eversteyn, Chief Executive Officer
- Edith Farrell, Director Assets & Community
- Ed Small, Director Corporate & Governance Services
- Jodie McNamara, Director Environment, Economy & Place

1 Procedural

Temporary Chair

The Local Government Act 2020, Division 4 Section 25(3) requires the Chief Executive Officer to chair the election of the Mayor and preside over the meeting until the Mayor is elected and assumes the chair.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chief Executive Officer read the following statement:

We begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

1.2 Prayer

The Chief Executive Officer read the Prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech your blessing on the Council, direct and prosper its deliberations for the welfare of the people of the Moyne Shire. Amen.

1.3 Live streaming of Council Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer read the following statement:

Please note that today's meeting is being live streamed and can be viewed by the general public via Council's Facebook page, and later uploaded to Council's website. By participating in and addressing those present at the meeting, you consent to any information you disclose (including any personal information or sensitive information) being recorded and uploaded to the website.

1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.

1.5 Mayoral Term of Office

Overview: To provide Council with information required to determine the mayoral term in preparation for election of the Mayor.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024114

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council:

- 1. Determine the Mayoral term to be a period of one year.**
- 2. Determine that the next Mayoral election be held on Tuesday 25th November 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

1.6 Election of Mayor

Overview: To provide Councillors with information required to elect the Mayor under the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic), Division 4 s25(1).

Resolution ID: OCM 2024115

Cr. Jordan Lockett nominated Cr. Karen Foster for the position of Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr. Foster accepted the nomination.

Cr. Lloyd Ross nominated Cr Jim Doukas for the position of Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr Doukas accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate:

Cr Karen Foster received 4 votes - Cr. Foster, Cr. Lockett, Cr. Murrphy, Cr. Ryan

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Karen Foster elected as Mayor of Moyne Shire given the absolute majority vote.

Cr Foster took the Chair.

1.7 Election of Deputy Mayor

Overview: To provide Councillors with information required to elect the Deputy Mayor under the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic), Division 4 s27(1).

Resolution ID: OCM 2024116

Cr. Myra Murrhiy nominated Cr. Jordan Lockett for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr Lockett accepted the nomination.

Cr. Lloyd Ross nominated Cr. Jim Doukas for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr. Doukas accepted the nomination.

Cr Susan Taylor nominated Cr Susan Taylor for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate:

Cr Jordan Lockett received 4 votes - Cr. Foster, Cr. Lockett, Cr. Murrhiy, Cr. Ryan

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Jordan Lockett elected as Deputy Mayor of Moyne Shire given the absolute majority vote.

Cr Myra Murrhiy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that standing Orders be suspended for a short adjournment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

Meeting suspended at 2:14pm.

Cr Jordan Lockett moved to resume standing orders, seconded by Cr Myra Murrelhy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrelhy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

Meeting resumed at 2:37pm.

1.8 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

1.9 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 2024117

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murrphy seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 September 2024 and Special Council Meetings held on 8 October 2024 and 15 October 2024 with the amendment to the terminology of Special Council Meeting on pages 46 and 48 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrphy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

1.10 Public Participation

None registered at this meeting.

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Installation of Councillors

Overview: This report provides Council with an opportunity to acknowledge and Minute the installation of Councillors.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024118

**Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded
That Council acknowledge that the installation of Councillors occurred in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)* in the Swearing-in Ceremonies conducted on Tuesday 12 November 2024 and Monday 25 November 2024.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

2.2 Model Councillor Code of Conduct

Overview: To provide Councillors with the Model Councillor Code of Conduct, detailing the amendment regulations that have been implemented that prescribe the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024119

Cr Myra Murrphy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council receives and notes the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrphy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

2.3 Appointment of Councillors to Committees

Overview: To provide Council with the Committees to which Councillors will be appointed. The first three pages of this report is the official recommendation to be adopted. The subsequent pages provide a brief overview of each of the Committee types, noting that information has been provided during transition session on Committees.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024120

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council appoints members to the Committees of Council and delegates to organisations as follows:

Committee	Councillor/s
DELEGATED COMMITTEE	
Port of Port Fairy Delegated Committee	Cr. Jordan Lockett Cr. Myra Murrihy
COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES (CAC)	
Koroit Theatre CAC	Cr. Susan Taylor
Mortlake Recreation Reserve CAC	Cr. Susan Taylor
Nirranda and District Community Facility CAC	Cr. Jim Doukas
Southcombe Park CAC	Cr. Jordan Lockett Cr Lisa Ryan
Victoria Park CAC	Cr. Myra Murrihy Cr. Jim Doukas
ADVISORY COMMITTEES	
Audit Committee and Risk Committee	Cr. Karen Foster Cr. Susan Taylor
CEO Employment & Remuneration Advisory Committee	Cr Jim Doukas Cr Karen Foster Cr Jordan Lockett Cr Lisa Ryan Cr Susan Taylor Cr Lloyd Ross Cr Myra Murrihy
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Cr. Jim Doukas Cr. Karen Foster
Mount. Shadwell Quarry Consultative Committee	Cr. Jim Doukas Cr. Lloyd Ross

Committee	Councillor/s
Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Committee	Cr. Susan Taylor
Environment and Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee	Cr. Lisa Ryan Cr. Jordan Lockett
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES (CEC)	
Dundonnell Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Myra Murrhiy
Hexham Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Karen Foster
Mortlake South Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Susan Taylor
Mt Fyans Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Jim Doukas
Willatook Wind Farm Proposal CEC	Cr. Jordan Lockett
Woolsthorpe Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Jim Doukas
Hawkesdale Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Lloyd Ross
Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Lisa Ryan
DELEGATES TO OTHER COMMITTEES	
South West Victoria Alliance	Mayor Karen Foster
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Mayor Karen Foster
	Sub-delegate:
Australian Coastal Councils	Cr Myra Murrhiy
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr. Karen Foster
	Cr. Susan Taylor
	Cr. Jim Doukas
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr. Lisa Ryan (and CEO)
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr. Lloyd Ross
	Cr Jim Doukas
Warrnambool Airport Reference Group	Cr. Jim Doukas

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - September Meeting

Overview: To provide Council with the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held Wednesday 11th September 2024.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024121

**Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murrhy seconded
That Council note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Management
Committee conducted on Wednesday 11 September 2024.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

2.5 Monthly Finance Report - October 2024

Overview: The purpose of the report is to inform the Council of the financial performance and position of the Council. This section provides a snapshot of some key financial indicators of our financial performance as at the end of the reporting period. It focuses on monitoring our operating performance, capital expenditure progress and the ready availability of/access to cash resources. It also provides a forecast of the year-end result.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024122

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murrhiy seconded that Council receive and note the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 October 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

3 Councillors' Items

3.1 Councillor Notice of Motion

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered.

No Councillor Notice of Motion has been received for this meeting Agenda.

3.2 General Matters

Overview: General Matters gives Councillors the opportunity to report on positive and good news items from around the Shire.

Cr. Murrhiy - gave a shout out to the hard working Committee and army of volunteers for putting on the Port Fairy Show earlier in November, and congratulated the committee on a lovely event.

Cr. Murrhiy - highlighted that 13th - 19th November 2024 was Transgender awareness week - culminated in Transgender Awareness Day on Wednesday 19th November 2024. Cr. Murrhiy acknowledged Moyne Shire Transgender and Non-Binary community and looks forward to highlighting and advocating for more of these events across the shire.

Cr. Murrhiy - highlighted that 16 Days of Activism commenced yesterday which is an international campaign to challenge and highlight violence against women and girls. Cr. Murrhiy acknowledged that it's a hard topic but one that needs to be talked about and encouraged residents to seek out information about the campaign and ways to be involved.

Cr. Ryan - passed on thanks to previous standing Council for their contributions to the Moyne community over the previous 4 years and for leaving the Moyne in a positive position.

Cr. Lockett - took the opportunity to highlight the important history of women in Leadership on Council at Moyne since 1996. Noted the wonderful change over time and something Council should be proud of.

Cr. Lockett - Victorian Tourism Industry Council awards were held last week, congratulated Port Fairy Folk Festival for taking first place award for festivals and events, congratulations to Committee and volunteers that make the event happen. Cr. Lockett congratulated Budj Bim Cultural Landscape for their silver medal award in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Experience category.

Cr. Lockett - Gave a shoutout to Picnic in the Park last weekend, describing it as a phenomenal event.

Cr. Doukas - shared that he and CEO Mark Eversteyn attended the Shoot Out at Laang on Sunday. The event is national championships run by Laang and Timboon. Cr. Doukas noted that the event attracted competitors from all over Australia across a diverse age group - shout out to organisers for huge success for this event.

3.3 Urgent Business

Overview: A Councillor may raise an urgent matter for consideration at a Council Meeting if the Councillors considers that the matter is extremely urgent and it was not possible for the matter to have been included in the agenda notice for the meeting.

No urgent business recorded for this meeting.

4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule 20 October to 20 November 2024.

5 CEO Activities Report

Council noted the CEO Activities Report.

6 Confidential Items

Overview: Under section 3 of the Act, the council may consider report items in closed business if they contain certain information which is defined to be confidential information because premature or improper release may cause harm to the Council or to a person or persons.

Confidential Information remains confidential unless it can lawfully be released and the Council has determined that it should be publicly available.

The following is a list of confidential Items:

1. Confidential Audit and Risk Meeting Minutes – September Meeting
2. Hopkins Falls Bridge – Works and Budget Variation

Cr Myra Murrphy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that the meeting be closed in order to consider confidential items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrphy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 November 2024 was declared closed at 3:27 pm.