



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Tuesday, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

1:00pm

in

NEWA Meeting Room, Rusden Street

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Bower (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lara Gresham, Councillor Scott Kermode, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul Packham and Councillor Dorothy Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Tim Weeks (General Manager)
Laurie Knight (Chief Financial Officer)

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The meeting commenced at 1:24pm due to late close of preceding workshop.

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Bower (Deputy Chair), Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Scott Kermode, Councillor Paul Packham and Councillor Dorothy Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager – Tim Weeks
Chief Financial Officer – Laurie Knight

APOLOGIES NIL

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NIL

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for *nominations* for the election of a chairperson for the one-year term of office, from 19 September 2023 to 14 September 2024; and the method of voting was agreed to be by 'open voting' (show of hands).

Nominations were received for:

- a) Councillor Robinson [supported by Councillors Bower and Gresham]
- b) Councillor Kermode [supported by Councillor Bower]

The nominations were put to the vote by show of hands as follows:

Councillor Scott Kermode - one, self
Councillor Dorothy Robinson - five, Clr. Kermode abstained.

31/23 Resolved:

That Councillor Dorothy Robinson be appointed as the Chair of the New England Weeds Authority for the one-year term from 19 September 2023 until 14 September 2024.

The resolution being put to the VOTE was CARRIED unanimously.

Following her election, the Chair conducted the balance of the Special Meeting.

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MATTERS OF URGENCY

Audit Office Engagement Letter

Procedural Motion:

That council suspend standing orders and enter a Committee of the Whole to discuss the progress with the Audit Office Engagement Letter and the Financial Statements.

Moved: Clr. Dorothy Robinson

The motion put to the **Vote** was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Council entered a Committee of the Whole at: 1:31pm

Procedural Motion:

That council reinstate standing orders.

Moved: Clr. Dorothy Robinson

The motion put to the **Vote** was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Standing orders were reinstated at: 02:38pm

NEXT MEETING – A workshop is to be held at 12:00noon followed by an Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 1:00pm in the NEWA Offices

SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

- [Local Government \(General\) Regulation 2005 – Schedule 7 \(Clause 394\)](#)
- [Circular 23-09 September 2023 – Mayoral Elections](#)
- [Minutes of Special Meeting held 29-03-2022 – Election of Chair and Deputy Chair](#)

MEETING CLOSED – 02:39pm