



SHIRE OF CARNARVON

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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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.

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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The meeting was declared open by the Presiding Member at 4.30pm

The Shire of Carnarvon acknowledges and respects the Yinggarda (Carnarvon) and Baiyungu (Coral Bay) as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Carnarvon is committed to honouring the traditional custodians' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

ATTENDANCE BY INSTANTANEOUS COMMUNICATION – CR B MASLEN

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SCM 01/09/24

Moved: Cr Luke Skender

Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That Cr Burke Maslen be permitted to join the meeting by instantaneous communication.

FOR: Crs Eddie Smith, Luke Skender, Paul Kelly and Dudley Maslen

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Crs B Maslen, A Cottrell, M Ferreirinha, L Vandeleur

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 4/0

Cr Maslen joined the meeting at 4.31pm

1 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Eddie Smith Presiding Member/Shire President
 Cr Burke Maslen Councillor, Gascoyne/Minilya Ward (instantaneous communication)
 Cr Luke Skender Councillor, Town Ward
 Cr Paul Kelly Councillor, Town Ward
 Cr Dudley Maslen Councillor, Town Ward

Mrs Dannielle Hill Senior Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr Adam Cottrell Councillor, Coral Bay Ward
 Cr Luke Vandeleur Councillor, Town Ward
 Cr Marco Ferreirinha Councillor, Plantation Ward

Leave of Absence

Nil

Press Nil

Observers Nil

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Elected Members and Officers 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

3 PUBLIC 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.)

There were no public in attendance.

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

4.1 GOVERNANCE

4.1.1 APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CEO FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 21 OCTOBER 2024

File No:	ADM2111
Location/Address:	N/A
Name of Applicant:	N/A
Name of Owner:	N/A
Author(s):	Amanda Leighton, Manager People, Culture And Systems
Authoriser:	John Attwood, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirement:	Absolute Majority
Previous Report:	N/A
Schedules:	Nil

Authority/Discretion:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Advocacy | When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Executive | The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. E.g., adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Legislative | Includes adopting local laws, town planning schemes and policies. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Information | Includes items provided to Council for information purposes only that do not require a decision of Council (i.e. – for noting). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quasi-judicial | When Council determines an application / matter that directly affects a person's right and interest. The judicial character arises from the obligations to abide by the principles of natural justice. Examples of Quasi-Judicial authority include town planning applications, building licenses, applications for other permits / licenses |

Summary of Report

This report is to seek Council endorsement to extend the appointment of Mr Attwood as Acting CEO from 1 October 2024 to 21 October 2024.

Background

At the time of the temporary appointment of Mr Attwood he indicated that he was available to accept an offer of Temporary Employment as the CEO for the Shire of Carnarvon until 30 September 2024. Mr Attwood commenced his temporary employment with the Shire on July 1 2024 however it has been identified that with the new CEO Mrs Amanda Dexter not commencing with the Shire of Carnarvon until Tuesday 22 October 2024, there is a shortfall of cover of the Acting CEO for the period 1 October to 21 October 2024.

Stakeholder and Public Consultation

WALGA

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Relevant Plans and Policy

EME005 CEO LEAVE, APPOINTMENT OF ACTING OR TEMPORARY CEO

Financial Implications.

The appointment of a temporary CEO is accounted for in the adopted budget for 2024/2025.

Risk Assessment

STEP 3 – Risk Tolerance Chart Used to Determine Risk						
Consequence →		Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Major 3	Critical 4	Extreme 5
Likelihood ↘						
Almost certain	A	High	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	B	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	C	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Unlikely	D	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Rare	E	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High

Risk Category	Description	Rating	Mitigating Action/s
Financial		Low	Remuneration package is the same as the past CEO (Mrs Selvey) therefore no budget adjustments required and catered for in the 2024/2025 budget.
Health & Safety	N/A		
Reputation	N/A		
Service disruption	Transition at the CEO level can cause disruptions to continuity of service.	Moderate	Appointment of a Temporary CEO and a handover period will minimise disruption to service delivery.
Compliance	The extended appointment is non-compliant with the strict legislative requirements.	Low	The support of the Manager People Culture and Systems minimises the risk of non-compliance.
Property	N/A		
Environment	N/A		
Fraud	N/A		

Community and Strategic Objectives

The proposal aligns with the following desired objectives as expressed in the *Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032*:

OBJECTIVES

In 2040 Carnarvon is a place where:

- N/A

ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS:

- N/A

BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF CARNARVON:

- N/A

Comments

The Shire President and Deputy Shire President were consulted in relation to the need for an extension of appointment of Mr John Attwood as Acting CEO for a further period from 1 October 2024 to 21 October 2024.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council, by Absolute Majority in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 resolves to endorse the appointment of Mr John Attwood as Temporary CEO for a further period from 1 October to 21 October 2024 under the same employment conditions as the original engagement.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SCM 02/09/24

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Cr Luke Skender

That Council, by Absolute Majority in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 resolves to endorse the appointment of Mr John Attwood as Temporary CEO for a further period from 1 October to 21 October 2024 under the same employment conditions as the original engagement.

FOR: Crs Eddie Smith, Burke Maslen, Luke Skender, Paul Kelly and Dudley Maslen

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Crs A Cottrell, M Ferreirinha, L Vandeleur

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/0

5 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.32pm.