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Confirmed Minutes
Burke Shire Council Post-election Meeting
Thursday 17th May 2012
9.00am Council Chamber

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01. Opening of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.04am

02. Present

Members Cr Ernie Camp - Chair
 Cr Paul Poole
 Cr Tracy Forshaw
 Cr Zachary Duff
 Cr Tonya Murray

Officers John Page, Acting Chief Executive Officer
 Jenny Williams, Executive Assistant
 Madison Marshall, Trainee

Members of the Community

Doug Jones
Faye Jones
Leonie Florence
Garry Jeffries

Mayoral Speech

Thanks to all those who contested the election – JY, Jake, Lynette, Zach, Paul, Cheryl, Kelly, Tracy, Tonya and Bill. Congratulations to Paul, Zach, Tracy and Tonya on their election to Council. Thanks to the outgoing Councillors – Annie Clarke and Bill Olive for their years of service.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the families of Councillors past and present for their support and willingness to share their partner's time and efforts with the community. For those who run a business it is also their staff who need to be thanked for shouldering extra responsibility, sometimes at short notice, when Council business calls.

Thanks to all Burke Shire Council staff for their ongoing efforts towards the business of council and therefore the betterment of the Shire. You all worked in different environments but you are all working towards the same goal. I look forward to the differentiation between indoor and outdoor staff being phased out and instead look forward to ourselves, and the community, seeing ourselves as one team – Burke Shire Council.

I look forward to strengthening regional ties, developing a stronger working relationship with Doomadgee Council and to extending a regional connection into the Territory by commencing dialogue with Roper Gulf Shire with regard to the development of the Savannah Way.

Each individual councillor brings to the table their own personal strengths and Council needs to develop and capitalise on those strengths and create a strong team ethic that will continue to take the Shire forward.

I wish to promote to the residents of the Shire that I will be encouraging, wherever possible, Councillors to attend public functions and for a short time to wear their badge and be available for consultation and discussion with the community – as I have always endeavoured to do. I encourage those community members who wish to speak with Councillors to take advantage of this opportunity. Of course, at other times, people are still welcome to approach Councillors with issues/ideas but I wish them to know that when they see a Councillor wearing their badge of office that they are "open for business".

I would also like to remind Councillors that we are there to be conduit for those who put us into our positions on Council. If approached with a problem the only firm commitment that can be given is that you will bring any issues forward to the team for discussion and resolution. If it is a major issue please ask the enquirer to put their issues/concerns/ideas in writing for consideration. Council may not be able to resolve all issues to the satisfaction of the enquirer but we can do nothing if we are not aware.

I look forward to four years of frank, robust discussion and concerted efforts by the Burke Shire Council team to continue to move this Shire forward and ensure genuine, equitable access to infrastructure that will make us strong and sustainable whilst still preserving the uniqueness of our region for generations to come.

03. Prayer

Pastor Doug Jones delivered a speech then led Council in Prayer.

04 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

04.01 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor and the following nominations were received:

Councillor Paul Poole nominated by Councillor Tonya Murray and seconded by Councillor Zachary Duff.

Councillor Tracy Forshaw nominated by Councillor Ernie Camp. Nomination lapsed for the want of a seconder.

That Councillor Paul Poole be appointed Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 175 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Moved Cr Murray
Seconded Cr Duff

Carried 01.120517 5/0

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05 Appointment of Standing Committees

05.01 Appointment of Standing Committees

That Council not appoint Standing or Advisory Committees at this point of time and the Acting Chief Executive Officer investigate.

Moved: Cr Forshaw
Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 02.120517 5/0

FILE NO: BCS/G/Councillors/CA

06 Setting of Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2012

06.01 Proposed Council Meeting date for 2012

That Council;

(a) Fix the following dates and times for the conduct of Ordinary Meetings for 2012:

May	Thursday 24
June	Thursday 21
July	Thursday 19
August	Thursday 16
September	Thursday 20
October	Thursday 18
November	Thursday 22
December	Thursday 13

(b) In accordance with section 54 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation fix that the August Meeting be held at Gregory.

Moved: Cr Murray
Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 03.120517 5/0

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07 Nomination of Council representatives on other Local Government Organisations

07.01 Council Representation on other Local Government Associated Bodies

That Council appoints the following Delegates and representatives to the following organisations:-

Australia Day Advisory Committee	Cr Forshaw
Agforce	Mayor
Gregory Landcare	Cr Forshaw
Gulf Savannah Development (GSD)	Mayor, Councillor
LGAQ Annual Conference	Mayor, Deputy Mayor
MITEZ	Mayor
Mount Isa Chamber of Commerce	Mayor, Deputy Mayor
North Qld LGAQ	Mayor, Deputy Mayor
NW Regional Roads Group	Mayor, Councillor
Savannah Way Limited	Mayor
Southern Gulf Catchment (SGC)	Cr Duff
Riversleigh Community Scientific - Advisory Committee - RCSAC	Cr Camp
SIA Trust Fund	Cr Murray

Moved: Cr Camp
Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 04.120517 5/0

FILE NO: BCS/G/CM/N

08 LGAQ Policy Executive Members Meetings

08.01 LGAQ Election of Association's Executive District Representatives

That Council not nominate a representative for election of District Representative to the LGAQ Policy Executive for the period 2012 – 2016.

Moved Cr Forshaw
Seconded Cr Duff

Carried 05.120517

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09. Closure of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.55am

I hereby certify that these pages numbered 1 to 5 - constitute the
Confirmed minutes of the Council Meeting of
Burke Shire Council held on
Thursday 17th May 2012

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MAYOR