

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Monday 11 March 2024 commencing at 3.07 pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)
Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor John Canning, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Haymes (Group Manager Operations), Gerhard Roux (Group Manager Support), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Shannon Beynon (Communications & Engagement Manager) via Zoom

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION **SCM 24/03/001**

Moved: **Mayor Tania Gibson**

Seconded: **Cr John Canning**

That the apologies from Crs Tim Mora, Jack O'Connor and Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried Unanimously

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

2 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 COMMENCEMENT OF RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR A CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Her Worship spoke to this report.

RESOLUTION **SCM 24/03/002**

Moved: **Cr Allan Gibson**

Seconded: **Cr John Canning**

1. That Council receive this report.

2. That Council engage a suitably qualified recruitment agent to manage the recruitment of a new Chief Executive for Grey District Council.

Carried Unanimously

3.2 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION SCM 24/03/003

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

1. That Council receive this report.

Carried Unanimously

Her Worship advised that following on from direction given by Council last week, she has now discussed the prospect of this appointment with former Chief Executive Mr Pretorius who has now agreed to step in as the interim Chief Executive. Her Worship stated that at this time the biggest priorities are Council staff and its community. Her Worship stated that Mr Pretorius is well respected by staff. She stated that Mr Pretorius is prepared to step in with the support of Council. Her Worship stated that it is pleasing to have someone of such high calibre who can be a steady hand to steer the ship at this time. It was confirmed that Mr Pretorius will be available for around four months, or however long it takes to appoint a permanent Chief Executive. Her Worship advised that Mr Pretorius is available to start at 0900 tomorrow morning.

Cr Gibson stated that Council is very fortunate to be able to call on someone like Mr Pretorius and it is great that he is willing to help. Cr Mallinson stated that he fully supports this recommendation. Cr MacDonald agreed. Her Worship stated that she worked with Mr Pretorius during her first term as a Councillor and for her first six months as a Mayor, and she enjoyed working with Mr Pretorius during this time.

Her Worship thanked Councillors for their support during this period and stated that everyone has supported each other well, and all are on the same page. Her Worship thanked all staff, including the ELT and SLT for the great job that everyone does and stated that everyone needs to be a united team to get through this.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/03/004

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

2. That Council appoints the former Grey District Council, Chief Executive, Mr Paul Pretorius as Acting Chief Executive throughout the period of recruitment for the Chief Executive role, starting immediately.

Carried Unanimously

4 COUNCIL RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

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Date