



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 25 May 2021

VENUE:
Former Linton Shire Hall
Council Chambers
68 Sussex Street, Linton

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 8 June 2021

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE FORMER LINTON SHIRE HALL , COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
68 SUSSEX STREET, LINTON
ON TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2021 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Helena Kirby (Mayor), Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey, Cr Brett Cunningham, Cr Gavin Gamble, Cr Ian Getsom (Deputy Mayor), Cr Clayton Whitfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Development), Philippa O'Sullivan (Director Corporate Services), Ben Jordan (Acting Director Community Services), Jacquilyn Douglas (Governance and Legal Services Officer)

The Mayor made the following statement:

"Welcome everyone, my name is Cr Helena Kirby and I am the Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council.

As Chair of the Meeting I give my consent for this open Council meeting to be streamed live, but not recorded, in accordance with Section 14 of Council's Governance Rules of 2020.

Myself as the Chair and/or the CEO, have the discretion and authority to at any time, direct the termination or interruption of the live streaming. Such direction will only be given in exceptional circumstances where deemed relevant. Circumstances may include instances where the content of debate is considered misleading, defamatory or potentially inappropriate to be published.

The stream will stop at the conclusion of the meeting.

Those Councillors, staff and members of the public in attendance in person tonight, are advised to practice social distancing and the hygiene recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Thank you."

1 OPENING DECLARATION

We the Councillors of Golden Plains Shire declare that we will undertake, on every occasion, to carry out our duties in the best interest of the community and that our conduct shall maintain the standards of the code of good governance so that we may faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in this Council by the people of Golden Plains Shire.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Golden Plains Shire spans the Traditional lands of the Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar people. We acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners and Custodians. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders past, present and emerging. Council also respects Eastern Maar Elders past, present and emerging.

Council extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of the Golden Plains Shire.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Helena Kirby declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.11 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Kirby did a radio interview and showed her preference with the audience. Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting at 7.36pm and returned at 7.49pm. Cr Helena Kirby was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

JARROD BLACKMAN

Question 1

What is Council going to do to reduce the unnecessary loss of native fauna and reduce the risk to humans as these developments expand directly adjacent to sensitive wildlife areas within the entirety of the Golden Plains Shire, and in particular within the Berthon Park Estate vicinity in the immediate future, being situated along the entire length of Common Road (where the speed limit is still currently 100kph).

Response (DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT)

The Inverleigh Structure Plan, which was recently incorporated into the GPPS, includes a proposed Bio-link and Green Links situated between the Inverleigh Flora and Fauna reserve and the Leigh River.

The Structure Plan itself states:

The location of the Green link should align with existing vegetation and be of sufficient width to accommodate increased planting to allow wildlife to travel from the Flora Reserve to the Leigh River as well as provide for pedestrian and maintenance/ emergency vehicle access and also be wide enough for the edges to be mown and maintained in a fire-risk reduced state, without compromising the sustainability of the link as a wildlife corridor.

These links will be given detailed consideration and will be planned for in more detail when development west of the Berthon Park estate is proposed.

VicRoads is the responsible authority in relation to speed limits. Vic Roads require a number of warrants to be met for approval to reduce a speed limit, one of them being residential development. It is anticipated that the speed limit along Common Road will be reduced as residential development occurs.

In addition, Council is aware of a virtual fence trial being undertaken in the Surf Coast shire. We will monitor this trial and look at the technologies and its potential application to the Inverleigh Common. Council will also review signage warning drivers of wildlife to ensure it is appropriate.

JOHN BOLITHO

Question 1

Common Road is a local road managed by Council under the Road Management Act (RM Act). Local Government including GPSC is a partner in the whole of government Towards Zero road safety strategy. Council has previously been requested to review the speedlimit on this road including during the Panel Hearing on the Inverleigh Structure Plan.

What steps will council now take to reduce the speed limit on narrow Common Road from the Golf Course to Teesdale Road from the patently objectively unsafe 100kph to a safer 60 speed limit? Especially given the obvious risks to cyclists, horse riders, oncoming vehicles, pedestrians, children and wildlife.

Response (DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT)

As mentioned in the previous response, VicRoads is the responsible authority in relation to speed limits. Vic Roads require a number of warrants to be met for approval to reduce a speed limit, one of them being residential development. It is anticipated that the speed limit along Common Road will be reduced as residential development occurs. Council will consider speed limit change requests to VicRoads as part of any future development works. Council has prepared a submission for the length of Common Road adjacent to Berthon Park residential development to be reduced to 60km per hour. As furtehr development occurs, we will discuss with VicRoads the appropriateness of the existing speed limit up to Teesdale Road.

Question 2

In the 2020/2021 Budget Council introduced a new permit/charge for using motorcycles on private land and massively increased the penalty for breaches. In the last financial year: - how many such permits were issued in the Shire - how many penalties for breaches were levied; and - how many inspections of properties in the Shire for alleged or suspected breaches took place?

Response (DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT)

8 motorbikes permits have been issued to landowners in the shire. All these permits have been issued to residents who want to ride motorbikes on land less than two hectares and not for extra hours or extra motorbikes. It should be noted we have had no objections from applicants on the fees introduced. Also, it should be noted that while there have only been 8 permits issued, there is clearly more riders in the community and we investigate as resources allow, but the Local Law does have provisions for use without a permit where the property is over 2 hectares. - One penalty notice has been issued for the use of a motorbike outside of the permitted hours. It should be noted that we focus on educating first time offenders. Infringement notices are issued as a last resort to repeat offenders. - We have had over 30 requests in this financial year for inspections based on recorded Customer Service requests. However, our community protection officers receive calls directly from community members for such inspections that are not recorded so the number is far in excess of the recorded numbers. Community Protection staff would attend such visits on a weekly basis.

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**7.1 DELEGATES REPORT - 27 APRIL 2021 TO 24 MAY 2021**

	Cr Kirby	Cr Cunningham	Cr Gamble	Cr Getsom	Cr Rowe	Cr Sharkey	Cr Whitfield
Council Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Briefing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strategic Councillor Briefing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Portfolios	NA	NA	NA	✓	NA	✓	NA
Conversation Post - Bannockburn		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coffee with Councillors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom</p> <p>That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 27 April 2021 to 24 May 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>							

7.2 COUNCIL MEETING DATE UPDATE - JUNE 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted the schedule for the 2021 scheduled Council meetings in November 2020, however since this time, the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra event that our Mayor will attend has been confirmed to be held from Sunday 20 June to Wednesday 23 June 2021 and as a result will still be in progress at the same time as the scheduled 22 June Council meeting.

This year, the June month includes five (5) Tuesdays and therefore it is recommended the June Council meeting is rescheduled to 29 June 2021 to enable the Mayor to attend and chair the meeting noting that the June meeting will include the recommended adoption of the 2021-2025 Council Plan and the 2021/22 Council budget.

In order for Council to change this date, in accordance with section 12.4 of Golden Plains Shire Council's Governance Rules being Types, Times and Dates of meetings, states that Council by resolution, may change the date, time and place of any Council meeting and must provide reasonable notice of the change to the public. Therefore, it is recommended that Council approve the council meeting changing from Tuesday 22 June 2021 to Tuesday 29 June 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council approve changing the June 2021 Council meeting date from Tuesday, 22 June 2021 to Tuesday 29 June 2021 due to the Mayor attending the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra on 22 June 2021.

CARRIED

7.3 P11143B & P11144A 168, 174 & 225 LYNCH ROAD, MAUDE (AMENDMENT TO PERMITS FOR EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to applications to amend Planning Permits P11143A & P11144 for extractive industry at 168, 174 & 225 Lynch Road, Maude.

Extractive industry is defined at clause 73 of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme as follows:

Land used for the extraction or removal of stone from land for commercial use, or to use the stone for building, construction, road or manufacturing works. It includes:

- *The rehabilitation of the land; and*
- *The treatment of stone (such as crushing and processing) or the manufacture of bricks, tiles, pottery, or cement or asphalt products on, or adjacent to, the land from which the stone is extracted or removed.*

Planning permit application P11143B applies to the land on the eastern side of Lynch Road and P11144A applies to the land on the western side of Lynch Road. The land is spread across a number of parcels and has a total area of approximately 175.6ha and contains quarry pits, associated plant, buildings and accessways. The site is located in a Farming Zone approximately 2.5km north-east of the Maude township; some of the land is subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO), Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO3), and a very small portion of Land Subject to Inundation (LSIO) – 2%. Surrounding land contains a mixture of smaller scale rural activities and associated development.

The applications have been referred to the Council Meeting for determination because there are 5 objections to each of the applications. The report provides a background to the applications and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the applications and objections for consideration before making a decision.

The applications propose to amend existing Planning Permits P11143A & P11144 by deleting the condition on each permit that limits the output of the quarry to 400,000 tonnes per annum (condition numbers 13 & 10 respectively). The condition on each permit is identical and reads as follows:

Output must not exceed 400,000 tonnes per annum for the combined Work Authority 1459 and Work Authority 345 unless with further written consent of the responsible authority.

Planning permits P11143 & P11144 were issued on 3 May 2012 and allow the use and development of the land for extractive industry. The permits were issued following mediation at VCAT between the applicant and objectors.

The quarry has been exceeding the annual output limit for the last few years by as much as 200,000 tonnes. When the matter was brought to Council's attention the applicant was issued with a planning infringement notice (PIN) and ordered to comply with the permit. It is understood that the applicant has ignored Council's order and continued to operate in breach of the output limit imposed by each of the permit conditions.

It is recommended the applications should be refused by Council because the removal of the limit on output will result in adverse amenity impacts on the surrounding area including increased dust, noise and traffic.

Speaker

Ian Begley (Applicant)

Mary Paul (Objector) presented by Mayor Cr Kirby as proxy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse to Grant an Amendment to Planning Permits P11143B & P11144A for the use and development of land for extractive industry at 168, 174 & 225 Lynch Road, Maude on the following grounds:

1. The amendment to the permits will result in increased dust, noise and traffic and inappropriate off-site parking outcomes which will have a detrimental effect on the amenity and safety of the area.
2. The amendment to the permits will result in an increase in heavy vehicle traffic which will cause the deterioration of local roads and pose a safety risk to other road users.
3. The applications for amendment are not considered to satisfy the provisions of the planning scheme, including the Planning Policy Framework (Clauses 13.05-1S, 13.06-1S & 13.07-1S), Clause 52.09 (Stone extraction) and Clause 65.01.

CARRIED

Cr Brett Cunningham called for a division.

In Favour: Crs Helena Kirby, Les Rowe, Owen Sharkey, Brett Cunningham, Gavin Gamble, Ian Getsom and Clayton Whitfield

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

7.4 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has reviewed its adopted Road Management Plan 2017-2021 in accordance with the provisions of *Road Management Act*.

Council must adopt the revised Municipal Road Management Plan 2021-2025 (Plan) by 30 June 2021 in order to have a valid Plan and be compliant with the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016.

This review has:

- Recognised the range of assets managed under the provisions of the Plan;
- Confirmed the identification of categories of roads subject to inspection;
- Reviewed and, where appropriate, revised intervention triggers and response times to ensure that the standards and priorities in relation to the inspection maintenance and repair of the roads are safe, efficient and appropriate for use by the community; and
- Included diagrams and descriptions of roadside use and responsibilities.

In accordance with Section 10 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016 the Plan will be made available for community feedback with submissions considered before final adoption of the Plan.

A schedule of amendments proposed is attached to this report (Attachment 1).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council receive and endorse the Draft Road Management Plan 2021 - 2025 for community consultation.

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT G21 & AFL BARWON TOWARDS 2030: STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy aims to guide the future planning and development of football and netball throughout the G21 Region for the next 10 years.

The draft Strategy is an initiative of AFL Barwon and the G21 Sport & Recreation Pillar and has been informed by a facilities audit, participation data and with the collaboration and engagement of stakeholders in the G21 Region including the five participating Councils.

The project to develop/update the Strategy commenced in January 2020 and the draft document highlights key findings, current trends and strategic priorities for football and netball throughout the G21 Region, including for Golden Plains Shire.

The draft G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy has been provided to the member Councils to enable a formal public exhibition process including allowing for broader feedback from the football and netball community. It is proposed that the draft Strategy be made available and advertised to the Golden Plains community for a period of 6 weeks from 31 May to 11 July 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy (Attachment One) for public exhibition for a period of 6 weeks from Monday 31 May to Sunday 11 July 2021 and invite submissions from the community.
2. Provide feedback to the draft G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy, during the public exhibition period including:
 - (a) That Council provides in-principle support to the findings and strategic priorities outlined in the draft Strategy.
 - (b) That Council requests that the recommendations of the draft Strategy be presented as aspirational goals within the ten (10) year timeframe rather than statements of deliverables.
 - (c) That the requirement of sporting associations and peak bodies to develop the capacity of local football and netball clubs be strengthened within the recommendations.

CARRIED

7.6 COVID-19 HARDSHIP POLICY AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As at 30 April 2021, \$57,659 of the \$100,000 Covid-19 hardship fund has been used to financially assist 127 ratepayers who were financially impacted by Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, \$10,481 will be used to waive environmental health permits and \$9,900 to waive the Meredith interpretative centre lease resulting in \$21,960 remaining in the fund.

With the continued impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, allocate \$50,000 within the 2021/22 budget to continue to provide financial assistance to those customers most in need.

MOTION

That Council

1. Note the update on assistance provided to our residents through the COVID-19 recovery plan during 2020/21.
2. Extend the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy into 2021/22 and refer \$50k to the draft 2021/22 Budget for consideration.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Note the update on assistance provided to our residents through the COVID-19 recovery plan during 2020/21.
2. Continue the COVID-19 Hardship into 2021/22 and refer \$50k to the draft 2021/22 budget for consideration.
3. Receive a report at the July Council meeting reviewing the current COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy and the eligibility criteria.
4. As part of the policy review include criteria to deliver a COVID-19 Recovery Program and refer \$50k to the draft 2021/22 budget for consideration.

CARRIED

7.7 NOMINATION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT PLACES FOR INCLUSION IN THE VICTORIAN HERITAGE REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council Officers have reviewed several Heritage Assessments completed by Councils Heritage Advisor Dr. David Rowe. These assessments identify the sites listed above as having a state level of significance, and therefore Officers are seeking Councils approval to nominate these sites for inclusion in the VHR.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council endorse the nomination of the following places for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR):

- Church of Epiphany, Meredith (HO58)
- Presbyterian Church, Rokewood (HO61)
- Former Police Stables and Lock up, Smythesdale (HO68).

CARRIED

7.8 MOBILE TRADERS POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2021, Council staff collaborated to produce a draft Mobile Traders Policy. The intention of the draft is to meet the needs of our growing community whilst attempting to protect current and future businesses operating in their locations within the Shire. Council needs to balance the needs of bricks and mortar businesses, the community and the requests from Mobile Traders.

To ensure a consistent, coordinated and equitable approach to mobile trading, a draft policy has been prepared that provides a framework to support the operation of mobile trading. It is recommended that Council exhibit the policy and seek submissions from the community.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Mobile Traders Policy for public exhibition for four weeks seeking submissions.
2. Write to all current permit holders and food businesses within the Shire advising of the Draft Mobile Traders Policy.
3. Receive a further report following the public exhibition period to adopt the Mobile Traders Policy with due consideration to submissions.

CARRIED

7.9 BANNOCKBURN GROWTH PLAN - UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update on the Bannockburn Growth Plan following the Victorian Planning Authority Standing Advisory Committee review (VPA SAC).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council note the update on the Bannockburn Growth Plan.

CARRIED

7.10 PROPOSED NAMING OF UN-NAMED ROAD, LETHBRIDGE SUBMISSION RESULTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 23 March 2021, Council resolved to:

1. Endorse naming the currently un-named section of road off Clarke's Road, Lethbridge, 'Capron Lane' in accordance with the *Naming Rules for places in Victoria – Statutory Requirements for naming roads, features and localities - 2016*.
2. Advertise its intention to name the road 'Capron Lane' and invite feedback from the community in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
3. Consider any submissions or objections received during the advertised period and if no objections are received, proceed with the gazettal process.

The public consultation period commenced on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 and closed on Friday, 23 April 2021. A public notice was published on Council's website on 24 March 2021 and was supported by additional notices in the Golden Plains Times on 1 April 2021 and multiple posts on Council's social media pages throughout the consultation. An article was also printed in the Golden Plains Times on 8 April 2021.

As a result of this public consultation period a total of 9 submissions were lodged using the online submission form. One submission was withdrawn prior to the close of the consultation resulting in 8 submissions for Council's consideration. Comments in favour of the proposed name were also received on Council's Facebook post on 13 April 2021. A copy of the submissions received is provided in attachment 1.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe
Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

1. Receive and note the public submissions received on the naming of the unnamed road in Lethbridge to 'Capron Lane'.
2. Resolve to name the unnamed road in Lethbridge 'Capron Lane' and request official gazettal of the name from the Registrar of Geographic Names.

CARRIED

7.11 MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY CONSULTATION RESULTS

Cr Helena Kirby declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.11 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Kirby did a radio interview and showed her preference with the audience. Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting at 7.36pm and returned at 7.49pm. Cr Helena Kirby was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered. At 7.36pm, Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the meeting held on 23 February 2021 Council resolved to seek feedback from the community to determine whether to observe the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday or another alternative for the next four years.

Consultation was held between 24 February 2021 and 18 April 2021 with a total of 100 submissions received and the results have been attached for Council to review.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Receive the results of the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday public consultation held between 24 February 2021 and 18 April 2021.
2. Make a final determination on the Public Holiday arrangements for the next four years.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Receive the results of the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday public consultation held between 24 February 2021 and 18 April 2021.
2. Approve the date for the public holiday for all parts of the Shire to be Melbourne Cup Day, for the years 2021 – 2024.

CARRIED.

At 7.49pm, Cr Helena Kirby returned to the meeting.

7.12 PLANNING PERMIT COMPLIANCE POLICY - 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This policy, previously titled Planning Permit Enforcement Policy, outlines Council's strategy for ensuring compliance with planning permit conditions.

It provides a framework for undertaking a range of annual compliance inspections addressing both focused inspections and proactive compliance checks.

Focussed compliance inspections are to be conducted on the following types of planning permits:

- Intensive Animal Husbandry
- Accommodation permits on land covered by the Bushfire Management Overlay
- Extractive Industries
- New dwelling approvals in the Farming Zone under 100 hectares
- Multi-lot subdivisions

MOTION

That Council adopts the revised Planning Permit Compliance Policy, 2021 as attached.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council adopts the revised Planning Permit Compliance Policy, 2021 with the following amendments:

Under clause 2.1 of the Policy, an extra dot point be included that says 'Multi-lot subdivision'.

Under clause 4.1.5 of the Policy – Subdivisions – replace the phrase 'to annually inspect and review the following permits' with the words 'that Council's investigations Officer and/or Development Engineering staff attend and inspect all multi-lot subdivision permits that are under construction to ensure compliance with the permit conditions'.

CARRIED

7.13 PANEL OF SUPPLIERS- TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden Plains Shire Council wishes to engage suitably qualified experienced providers for the provision of tree maintenance services.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

1. Resolves to award the Contract for the provision of Tree Maintenance Services to the following suppliers for the initial term of 3 years, with 2 x 12-month options to extend.
 - Aspect Tree Management Pty Ltd
 - Acorn Tree Services Pty Ltd
 - Tree Synergy Pty Ltd T/A Bellarine Tree Services and Tree Scene
 - Tom McLoughlan Contracting ATF TMC Enviro Trust
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

7.14 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REPORT - 11 MAY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is being submitted to Council to provide a summary of business considered at the 11 May 2021 meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council note the minutes from the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 11 May 2021.

CARRIED

7.15 VAGO AUDIT - SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT - UPDATE APRIL 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2021, the Audit and Risk Committee and Council were presented with the findings of the Audit report conducted by the Victorian Audit Generals Office (VAGO) on Sexual Harassment in Local Government. A copy of the VAGO report can be found [here](#).

An action plan has been developed by Officers to incorporate these recommendations and also the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020* due to the close alignment of outcomes of these two key projects.

Officers have provided this report to the Audit and Risk Committee in May and will report progress against the action plan on a quarterly basis.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council note the action plan to implement the recommendations made in the VAGO report into Sexual Harassment in Local Government.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

The Meeting closed at 8.04pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 8 June 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON