



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 27 April 2021

VENUE:
Golden Plains Civic Centre
Council Chambers
2 Pope Street, Bannockburn

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 25 May 2021

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE GOLDEN PLAINS CIVIC CENTRE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 POPE STREET,
BANNOCKBURN ON TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 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), Lisa Letic (Director Community Services), Annmaree Bowey (Coordinator Governance and Risk)

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. After a full year it is exciting to be able to welcome the public to tonight’s Council Meeting which is taking place from the Golden Plains Civic Centre Council Chambers and via livestream.

As Chair of the Meeting I give my consent for this open Council meeting to be streamed live, recorded and published online, 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.

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Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the stream a recording will be made available on our website.

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 Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 March 2021 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED**5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Cr Owen Sharkey declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.3 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Sharkey has a perceived conflict of interest. Cr Owen Sharkey left the meeting at 6:40pm and returned at 6:49pm. Cr Owen Sharkey was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

Cr Helena Kirby declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.13 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Kirby had a perceived conflict of interest within the Rokewood Community and the shire, and the sharing of a petition, but noting that Cr. Kirby did not sign the petition or any family . Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting at 8:06pm and returned at 8:12pm. Cr Helena Kirby was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

Cr Helena Kirby declared a general conflict of interest in Item 8.4 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Kirby had a perceived conflict of interest within the Rokewood Community and the shire, and the sharing of a petition, but noting that Cr. Kirby did not sign the petition or any family . Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting at 8:47pm and returned at 9:10 pm. Cr Helena Kirby was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Golden Plains Shire is proud to recognise the fantastic achievements and contributions made by young people in the community. We are fortunate today to present two Citizen Recognition Awards, which includes a certificate of recognition to William Gilbert and William McKechnie.

William Gilbert and William McKechnie are being recognised for recently competing in The Australian Rowing National Competition in Lake Barrington, Tasmania

William Gilbert is 18 years old, lives in Cambrian Hill and has been competing in Rowing for 5 years.

William McKechnie is 16 years old, lives in Enfield and has been competing in Rowing since he was 13 years old.

These achievements were recognised with the presentation of a certificate by the Mayor.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

A Citizenship Ceremony was conducted.

Council would like to congratulate the following residents on their decision to become Australian Citizens:

- Mr Grant Jones who is from the New Zealand and resides in Lethbridge
- Mrs Tehri Meek who is from Finland and resides in Shelford

The Mayor presented an Australian Citizenship Certificate to each citizen.

7.1 DELEGATES REPORT - 23 MARCH 2021 TO 26 APRIL 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 23 March 2021 to 26 April 2021.

CARRIED

7.2 P04281 - 3920 MIDLAND HIGHWAY, MEREDITH (AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING POULTRY FARM PERMIT)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The application has been referred to a Council meeting for determination because there is one (1) objection to the application with the main concerns relating to number of chickens and increase in industry so close to town. This report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application, and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

This report relates to an application to amend an existing planning permit. The application seeks to alter the use of the land for a Poultry farm under Clause 35.07-1, construction of buildings (2 additional poultry sheds and associated works under Clause 35.07-4. The proposed amendment will alter the permit preamble, amend existing conditions to restricting the number of birds (chickens) and amend the existing endorsed plans.

Under Clause 35.07-1 (FZ) a permit is required for any use listed in section 2 of the table of uses. Poultry farm is a section 2 (permit required) use. A planning permit is also required under clause 35.07-4 (FZ) for buildings and works associated with a section 2 use.

Pursuant to Clause 73.03 of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme a Poultry farm is defined as:
'Land used to keep or breed poultry'.

Section 73(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* states that Sections 47 to 62 apply to an application to amend a permit as if the application were an application for a permit and any reference to a permit were a reference to the amendment to the permit.

Section 72(3) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* states that a reference to a permit includes any plans, drawings or other documents approved under a permit.

The application satisfies the State and Local planning policies, the Farming Zone, and the decision guidelines of the Planning Scheme (Clause 65). There is suitable separation between the proposed Poultry farm and sensitive land uses. The proposal will facilitate the establishment of an important and productive agricultural industry in a manner that is consistent with orderly and proper planning and the protection of the environment. It is considered that the grant of a Notice of Decision to grant a permit will not cause material detriment to any person and this application is therefore recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council resolve to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant an amended Planning Permit for the use of the land for a poultry farm under Clause 35.07-1, construction of buildings (2 additional poultry sheds and associated works under Clause 35.07-4, by amending the permit preamble and amend the existing conditions by restricting the number of birds (chickens) and amending the associated plans, subject to conditions attached to this report.

CARRIED

7.3 P20428 - 18 YORKSHIRE CLOSE, BATESFORD (THREE LOT SUBDIVISION)

Cr Owen Sharkey declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.3 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Sharkey has a perceived conflict of interest. Cr Owen Sharkey left the meeting at 6:40pm and returned at 6:49pm. Cr Owen Sharkey was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered

At 6:40 pm, Cr Owen Sharkey left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application, and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

This report relates to a planning permit application for a three (3) lot subdivision, and the application has been referred to a Council meeting for determination because there are seven (7) objections to the application.

Objectors cited matters including increase in traffic, amenity impact (rural lifestyle), rural character, impact on services, lack of footpaths, effluent and drainage.

The proposed subdivision design will ensure there is no adverse effect on the character of the area and the proposed lots are considered to be capable of on-site effluent disposal and management of drainage. The subject site is in an appropriate location for an additional two lots and the proposal is consistent with relevant planning policy.

The issue of a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit is recommended, subject to conditions.

Director Josipovic noted an omission in the report which should have stated 'no' officer preparing this report has any conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

Speaker

Heath Warwick (Objector) presented by Eric Braslis, CEO, as proxy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a Three (3) lot subdivision, subject to the recommended conditions attached to this report.

CARRIED

At 6:49 pm, Cr Owen Sharkey returned to the meeting.

7.4 PREPARATION OF 2021-22 DRAFT BUDGET - ENDORSE FOR EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The budget seeks to achieve the actions and activities set out in the Council Plan by balancing the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay. The 2021-22 Draft Revenue and Rating Plan has been prepared in accordance with the new requirements in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, place the draft 2021-22 Annual Budget on public exhibition and that:
 - (a) The Chief Executive Officer by authorised to:
 - (i) Give public notice of this, in accordance with Section 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*; and
 - (ii) Make available for public inspection the draft 2021-22 budget.
 - (b) Council consider any submissions to include in the 2021-22 Budget contained in the draft 2021-22 Annual Budget, made in accordance with Section 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020* at a Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 June 2021.
 - (c) Council consider to adopt the 2021-22 Annual Budget at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021.
2. Endorse the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-22 to 2024-25 to be made available for public inspection.
3. Endorse the draft 2021-22 schedule of fees and charges for adoption at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021.

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that all Councils prepare and adopt a Council Plan for a period of at least the next 4 financial years by 31 October in the year following a general election.

This report details the key stages undertaken to develop the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 which have included:

- Council adoption of a project plan and timelines for Council Plan development in November 2020
- Council adoption of the Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 in December 2020
- Internal priorities developed by teams across Council – December 2020 to February 2021
- Councillor priorities provided and identified through survey and workshops
- Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan community engagement process conducted from 18 January 2021 to 21 February 2021
- Analysis and workshopping of community engagement responses for consideration in Draft Council Plan
- Drafting and development of Draft Council Plan (Attachment 1).

The Draft Council Plan includes the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and proposes key deliverables for Council over the four year period (2021-2025) in alignment with the Themes and Community Priorities identified in the Community Vision 2040.

Proposed public exhibition of the Draft Council Plan will be from 28 April to 26 May with the document made available and promoted through extensive communications and supported by Councillor engagement sessions in May 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council endorse the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (Attachment 1) to be made available for public exhibition and submission from 28 April until 26 May 2021.

CARRIED

7.6 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - QUARTER THREE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As at 31 March 2021, the Income Statement reports total operating revenue of \$41.4m and total operating expenditure of \$30.6m, which results in a year to date surplus of \$10.8m. This is \$6.2m favourable compared to the original budget, and \$3.6m favourable to the revised budget.

The Capital Works Statement indicates total capital works expenditure of \$14.1m, which is \$2.0m below the original budget, and \$3.4m below the revised budget.

The Finance Quarterly Report will also be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at the 11 May 2021 meeting for noting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council note the content in the Quarterly Finance Report for the 9 months ended 31 March 2021.

.CARRIED

7.7 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 IMPLEMENTATION - QUARTER THREE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to update Council on the progress made in completing the 2020-21 actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council note the report and achievements attained in the implementation of the actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021 for the third quarter from 01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.

.CARRIED

7.8 EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACTION PLAN - ADOPTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councils Environment Strategy 2019 - 2027 sets a zero-net emissions target for Council operations by 2040 along with some interim targets. In 2019/20 Council engaged Ironbark Sustainability to develop a corporate emissions inventory and report on the essential elements for a corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Action Plan. This report highlights options to reduce Council emissions and outlines some high-level cost benefit analysis.

These elements will form the basis of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan for Council operations which will be developed with the support of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group. The development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan and the establishment of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group shows Council's commitment and leadership to take action on Climate Change.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Supports the development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan based on data from the attached Ironbark Report
2. Establishes an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble
Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That an additional point be added to the original motion that:

3. Officers provide a further report on greenhouse gas reduction targets at a future Council meeting once the action Plan has been completed.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Supports the development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan based on data from the attached Ironbark Report
2. Establishes an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group
3. Officers provide a further report on greenhouse gas reduction targets at a future Council meeting once the action Plan has been completed.

CARRIED

The amendment became part of the substantive motion

7.9 PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND LOMANDRA DRIVE, TEESDALE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2020, Council issued a Planning Permit for the subdivision of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale. In addition to meeting the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act* and the Golden Plains Planning Scheme in gaining a permit to create multiple lots, Council must comply with sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act* (the Act) prior to the sale of any Council owned land.

Council published two notices to comply with the requirements of the Act, one in the Golden Plains Times and one in the Geelong Advertiser. Both notices indicated that the closing date for submissions was 5.00 pm on Monday 6 July 2020.

At the closing time, no objections to the proposed sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale were received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council:

1. Note that public notices were published in the Golden Plains Times on 4 June 2020 and Geelong Advertiser on 6 June 2020 in accordance with sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act*.
2. Note that no objections were received by the closing date and time for submissions.
3. Note the subdivision of land will be undertaken over 3 stages.
4. Approve the sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale, following the subdivision of the land.

CARRIED

7.10 SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND IN SMYTHESDALE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council owns land in Taylor Street, Smythesdale which is fenced off and unutilised for any Council or public purpose. The land appears best suited for subdivision and sale.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Declare the land outlined in red and green in figure 1 of this report as surplus to Council's needs.
2. Commence the statutory process to subdivide and sell the land and determine the future road alignment for Taylor Street.
3. Establish a dedicated Community Roads and Infrastructure Future Fund (Reserve) so that nett profits from the sale of the land or any residential development is set aside for future development or purchases across the Shire.

CARRIED

Cr Rowe called for a division:

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

Against: Cr Les Rowe

CARRIED 6/1

7.11 ICT CUSTOMER PROPERTY AND REGULATORY SYSTEMS - AWARDING OF TENDER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden Plains Shire Council wishes to engage suitably qualified experienced provider for the provision of a suitable 'Customer, Property and Regulatory Systems' software solution, with the confidential evaluation panel reports provided to Councillors previously.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council:

1. Resolves to award the Contract for the ICT Customer Property and Regulatory Systems to CouncilFirst for a three (3) year contract for the sum of \$873,976.00 (*exclusive of GST*) for the project.
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

7.12 MEREDITH INTERPRETIVE CENTRE - CHANGE TO TERMS OF LEASE DUE TO COVID-19

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2020, a lease agreement for the Meredith Interpretive Centre was signed and executed between Council and CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd (tenant) for a total possible term of 7 years.

CLAW Enterprises provided a written request to Council in March 2020 regarding the impact that Covid19 has had on its business (in particular commencing new activities) and requesting that Council extend the “peppercorn” arrangement outlined in the lease by an additional year.

Following discussions with CLAW Enterprises, it is proposed that a 75% reduction in the fee applied to the 2nd year of the lease be provided. This equates to a \$3,300 inc GST rental fee for the year from 29 April 2021 to 28 April 2022.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

1. Endorses the proposal to subsidise the lease for the Meredith Interpretive Centre with CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd by 75% in response to the letter of request (Attachment 1) and recognition of the impacts of Covid-19.
2. Invoice CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd. for \$3,300 being 25% of \$13,200, the Year 2 Lease rate
3. Refer the balance of \$9,900 to Council's COVID Relief Fund.

CARRIED

7.13 HERITAGE DESIGNATION - ROKEWOOD UNITING CHURCH, 60 FERRARS STREET, ROKEWOOD

Cr Helena Kirby declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.13 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Kirby had a perceived conflict of interest within the Rokewood Community and the shire, and the sharing of a petition, but noting that Cr. Kirby did not sign the petition or any family . Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting at 8:06pm and returned at 8:12pm. Cr Helena Kirby was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

At 8:06 pm, Cr Helena Kirby vacated the Chair and left the meeting.

At 8:06 pm, Cr Ian Getsom took the Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide feedback on the heritage status of the Uniting Rokewood Church as requested by Council resolution at its meeting of 16 April 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. Receive and note the interim update as required by its resolution, Item 5.3 from the 16 April, 2021 Unscheduled Council meeting.
2. Receive a subsequent report at the May Council meeting to consider if the Uniting Church should be recognised as having State heritage significance.

CARRIED

Cr Cunningham called for a division:

In Favour: Crs Brett Cunningham, Gavin Gamble, Ian Getsom and Clayton Whitfield

Against: Crs Les Rowe and Owen Sharkey

CARRIED 4/2

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council take a 5 minute break from 8.12pm to 8.17pm

CARRIED

At 8.12pm Cr Helena Kirby returned to the Chamber following the resolution to take a break.

At 8:17 pm, Cr Helena Kirby returned the Chair.

At 8.17pm Crs Helena Kirby, Gavin Gamble, Ian Getsom, Owen Sharkey, Gavin Gamble, and Clayton Whitfield resumed the meeting.

At 8.19 pm Cr Brett Cunningham returned to the Chamber.

7.14 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND MEETING ATTENDANCE - QUARTER THREE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report provides a record of expenditure made on behalf of Councillors in the performance of their duties for the third quarter of 2020/21. This report also includes quarterly updates on Councillor attendance at both scheduled and unscheduled meetings of Council. Providing regular updates throughout the year on the Councillor attendance at meetings enables enhanced transparency rather than only one annual update as reported in Council's annual report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council note the contents of the Councillor Expenses and attendance report for the third quarter of 2020/21 being the quarter ended 31 March 2021.

.CARRIED

7.15 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mayors and Councillors are entitled to receive an allowance while performing their duties as an elected official.

A key reform of the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA2020) is the transfer of responsibilities in determining mayoral, deputy mayoral and councillor allowances from the Minister for Local Government to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (The Tribunal). However, as the Minister has not yet requested a determination by the Tribunal, Local Government Victoria has advised that the framework under the Local Government Act 1989 (LGA1989) continues to apply until the first determination is made by the Tribunal under the LGA2020.

As such, in accordance with section 74(1) of the LGA89, Council's must review and determine the level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances within 6 months of general election or by 30 June 2021, whichever is later. This also includes a period of public exhibition to allow submissions from the public before a final decision is made by 30 June 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Endorse the remuneration levels for Mayoral and Councillor allowances of \$72,268.40 for the Mayoral allowance and \$25,237.58 for Councillor allowances which includes the additional 9.5% that is payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee.
2. Invite public submissions on the remuneration levels for Mayoral and Councillor allowances between 27 April 2021 and 25 May 2021, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.
3. Note that following receipt and consideration of any submissions, a report recommending the Mayoral and Councillor allowances will be presented to Council for determination at its meeting to be held on 22 June 2021.
4. Where no submissions are received, Council resolve to approve Councillor and Mayoral allowances being Mayoral allowance of \$72,268.40 and Councillor allowances at \$25,237.58 which includes the additional 9.5% that is payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee, without further resolution of Council.

CARRIED

7.16 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NGA) OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2021 - MAYORAL ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Seek approval for Councillor Kirby to attend the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra from Sunday 20 to Wednesday 23 June, and request a written report following participation of the event.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 and the related expenditure.

.CARRIED

7.17 COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Council Expense and Entitlements Policy that was adopted at the 28 July 2020 council meeting, each individual councillor is allocated a maximum of \$3,000 per annum to pay for professional development and registration fees that is considered relevant to the role of the Councillor.

Where expenditure by a Councillor is above the \$3,000, Council may formally resolve to allocate additional funds to the Councillor.

Cr Sharkey has identified an opportunity to increase his professional development and strengthen his contribution to the role of a councillor by undertaking the Company Directors course.

As such, Cr Sharkey has enrolled in the course at a total cost of \$7,368.90 (inclusive of GST) and is now seeking approval from Council to fund an additional \$2,184.45 which is 50% of the difference between the \$3,000 Councillor allocation and the total cost.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council approve, in accordance with Section 10.3 of the Council Expenses and Entitlement Policy, the additional funds of \$2,184.45, above the maximum per councillor allocation of \$3,000 per annum, to Cr Sharkey to undertake the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course as part of Councillors professional development opportunities.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS FOR ALL BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS WITHIN THE GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That the Golden Plains Shire Council investigates and prepares a report on the feasibility, implications and benefits of the Shire facilitating Environmental Upgrade Financial Agreements to all businesses and homeowners within the Golden Plains Shire.

CARRIED

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - WELCOME AND INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EASTERN MAAR ABORIGINAL CORPORATION TO ATTEND AND SPEAK AT A MAIN COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION

That the Golden Plains Shire Council formally welcomes and invites representatives of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation to attend and speak at a main council meeting.

WITHDRAWN

8.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL ON ACTIONS, PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS CONTAINED IN THE "SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT" REPORT

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That Council provides quarterly reports to the council on actions, progress and implementation of the recommendations as contained in the "Sexual Harassment In Local Government" report conducted by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, December 2020 and adopted by Golden Plains Council in February 2020.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble
Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council provides quarterly reports to the council on actions, progress and implementation of the recommendations as contained in the "Sexual Harassment In Local Government" report conducted by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, December 2020 and adopted by Golden Plains Council in February 2020.

CARRIED

Cr Cunningham called for a division

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

Against: Cr Owen Sharkey

CARRIED 6/1

8.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL ADOPTED AT THE UNSCHEDULED MEETING ON 16 / 04 / 2021

I, Councillor Owen Sharkey, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April, I intend to move the following motion:-

Cr Helena Kirby declared a general conflict of interest in Item 8.4 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Kirby had a perceived conflict of interest within the Rokewood Community and the shire, and the sharing of a petition, but noting that Cr. Kirby did not sign the petition or any family . Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting at 8:47pm and returned at 9:10 pm. Cr Helena Kirby was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

At 8:47 pm, Cr Helena Kirby left the meeting.

At 8.47pm Cr Ian Getsom took the Chair

MOTION

That Council rescind the previous resolution of Council (below) adopted at the Unscheduled Meeting on 16 / 04 / 2021 and that the motion be considered at the Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 04 / 2021.

Resolution of 16 / 04 / 2021

Recognising Council does not have the power to compulsorily acquire the property at 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood Victoria, that Council resolve to write to the Minister to request the Minister exercise such a power to compulsorily acquire the property and re-entrust it to The Presbyterian Church of Victoria Trusts Corporation for continued use as a Christian place of worship in accordance with the *Presbyterian Synod of Victoria Act 1859*, *Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1900* and other acts of the Parliament of Victoria which govern the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council rescind the previous resolution of Council (below) adopted at the Unscheduled Meeting on 16 / 04 / 2021 and that the motion be considered at the Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 04 / 2021.

CARRIED

At 9:10 pm, Cr Helena Kirby returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

8.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - FOR COUNCIL TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: No Secunder

That Council:

1. Acknowledges we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local government.
2. Embeds this climate emergency acknowledgement and declaration into the Council Plan, future strategies and budgetary processes.
3. Undertakes meaningful actions per an investigative report and recommendations by council officers to be presented to the May council meeting.

LAPSED

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

That Council Officers provide a report at a future meeting of Council advising on the potential implications of this resolution (climate emergency declaration) and research actions taken by other Councils in response to their declaration of a climate emergency.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council Officers provide a report at a future meeting of Council advising on the potential implications of this resolution (climate emergency declaration) and research actions taken by other Councils in response to their declaration of a climate emergency.

CARRIED

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom
Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020:

10.1 P20024 - 79 Vaggs Road, Ross Creek (VCAT Ref No:P1952/2020 - Consent to an Amended Permit via a Compulsory Conference)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - k of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition.

CARRIED

Council moved into Closed Council at 9:20pm

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom
Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 9:24pm .

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 9.24pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 25 May 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON