

## **MINUTES**

## **Council Meeting**

6.00pm Tuesday 25 August 2020

**VENUE:** Virtual Meeting

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 6.00pm Monday 21 September 2020

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## MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2020 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cr Helena Kirby, Cr David Evans, Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Nathan Hansford, Cr

Des Phelan, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey (Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Development),

Philippa O'Sullivan (Director Corporate Services), Lisa Letic (Director Community Services), Candice Robinson (Coordinator Governance and Risk)

The Mayor made the following statement:

"Welcome everyone tonight to this Council Meeting. In light of the current Coronavirus situation, this meeting is being presented in a different way, virtually via livestream.

The Victorian Governments COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020 has introduced new mechanisms that allows for virtual Council Meetings to be held between 1 May 2020 and 2 November 2020. This ensures that Local Government decision making can continue during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The public are encouraged to watch virtual meetings through live streaming which is available on Council's website and YouTube page.

As Chair of the Meeting I give my consent for this open Council meeting to be, recorded and published online, in accordance with Section 27 of Council's Local Law No. 1 of 2019.

The stream will stop at the conclusion of the meeting.

Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the stream, every effort will be made to bring the steam back online as soon as possible.

A recording will be made available on Council's website following the meeting.

I will now run through the procedures to ensure the meeting runs as smoothly as possible.

In accordance with Requirement 1 of the Ministers Good Practice Guideline, I will address each Councillor individually to confirm the following:

- they can hear the proceedings:
- they can see other Councillors in attendance:
- they can be seen by other Councillors; and
- they can be heard when speaking.

If a Councillor is unable to confirm that they can hear and see the proceedings, or if they cannot be seen or heard, they will be recorded as absent in the Minutes and be ineligible to vote on Agenda items.

I will now confirm that all Councillors can be seen and heard:

- Deputy Mayor, Cr Joanne Gilbert, can you please confirm that I can be seen and heard?
- Deputy Mayor, Cr Joanne Gilbert, can you please now confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
- Cr David Evans, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?

- Cr Nathan Hansford, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
- Cr Helena Kirby, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
- Cr Des Phelan, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
- Cr Les Rowe, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?

If any Councillor drops out during the meeting, they will be recorded as having left the meeting at that time and the meeting will continue as normal.

If a Councillor re-joins the meeting, I will in accordance with Requirement 1 of the Ministers Good Practice Guideline again ask the Councillor to confirm that they can hear the proceedings, see others in attendance and can be heard. Upon this confirmation it will be recorded in the minutes that the Councillor re-joined the meeting.

Councillors, if you would like to move or second a motion, please raise your hand in a manner that can be clearly seen on your computers camera.

Councillors, when voting on a matter, please also raise your hand either for or against the motion in a manner that can be clearly seen on your computers camera. Please leave your hand raised until I have declared the motion as being carried or lost.

If you wish to speak to an item during debate, please also raise your hand in a manner that can be clearly seen on your computers camera and leave your hand raised until I have asked you to speak. This will allow me, as the Mayor, to manage the debate accordingly.

When you are not speaking please ensure you are on mute.

Due to Coronavirus situation and the meeting being held virtually, any public questions submitted will be read out by the Chief Executive Officer as proxy (where appropriate).

Again due to Coronavirus situation, any public presentations and submissions received in accordance with Local Law No. 1 will be read out by myself as Mayor after the introduction of the relevant report. The maximum time limit of five minutes still applies.

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 thestandards 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

Council acknowledge the traditional Wadawurrung owners of the land where we meet today. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders both past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of Golden Plains Shire.

### 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020 be confirmed.

**CARRIED** 

### 5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

#### 6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

#### 7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

#### 7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To present Council with written records of Assembly of Councillors in accordance with section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 from 29 July 2020 to 24 August 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillors Record from 29 July 2020 to 24 August 2020 as attached.

#### 7.2 DELEGATES REPORT - 28 JULY 2020 TO 24 AUGUST 2020

## Cr Owen Sharkey

24 July	Media opportunity with Senator Sarah Hendeson
27 July	Virtual meeting with Stuart Grimley MP
30 July	MAV Virtual Mayoral Forum

30 July MAV Virtual Mayoral Forum 31 July G21 Board virtual meeting

31 July Presentation at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School 6 August Peri Urban Group Regional Councils virtual meeting

11 August Virtual meeting with Dan Tehan MP

14 August G21 Board Strategic Review virtual Workshop

14 August Virtual meeting with the Governor General and Mrs Hurley

18 August Councillor Briefing virtual meeting

21 August Local Government Act 2020 - Implementation Matters Webinar 24 August Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine virtual meeting

#### **Cr David Evans**

7 August Rural and Peri Urban Advisory Committee virtual meeting

11 August G21 Transport Pillar virtual meeting

14 August G21 Planning & Services Pillar virtual meeting

18 August Councillor Briefing virtual meeting

20 August Rural and Peri Urban Subcommittee virtual meeting

#### **Cr Les Rowe**

18 August Councillor Briefing virtual meeting

### Cr Helena Kirby

30 July	Disability Advisory Group virtual meeting
18 August	Councillor Briefing virtual meeting
19 August	Regional Advisory Group virtual meeting

#### **Cr Nathan Hansford**

7 August	MAV Board virtual meeting
18 August	Councillor Briefing virtual meeting
21 August	MAV Human Services virtual meeting

#### Cr Des Phelan

23 July	Timber Towns Victoria virtual general meeting
13 August	Timber Towns Victoria virtual general meeting

18 August Councillor Briefing virtual meeting

#### **Cr Joanne Gilbert**

14 August	Virtual meeting with the Governor General and Mrs Hurley
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18 August Councillor Briefing virtual meeting

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 28 July 2020 to 24 August 2020.

### 7.3 P19-007 47 MIDDLETON DRIVE, BANNOCKBURN (TWO LOT SUBDIVISION)

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report relates to a planning permit application for the development of land for the purposes of a two lot subdivision at 47 Middleton Drive, Bannockburn. The application has been referred to the Council Meeting for determination because there are objections to the application. The report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. The Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr David Evans Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a two lot subdivision at 47 Middleton Drive, Bannockburn subject to the conditions attached to this report.

**CARRIED** 

## 7.4 P19-347 57 TARRAFORD WAY, BATESFORD (3 LOT SUBDIVISION & COVENANT VARIATION)

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report relates to a planning permit application for the development of land for the purposes of a three lot subdivision and variation of covenant at 57 Tarraford Way, Batesford. The application was previously referred to the July Council Meeting for determination because there are objections to the application. However the application was deferred over the question of a previous public open space contribution. There was no condition requiring a public open space contribution on the original estate subdivision P96-139 (62 lot Rural residential subdivision in accordance with endorsed plans). This report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. The Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a staged three lot subdivision and the variation of covenant W587311 by removing part (a)(i) so as to allow more than one single dwelling at 57 Tarraford Way, Batesford subject to the conditions attached to this report.

## 7.5 P20-024 79 VAGGS RD, ROSS CREEK (USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PLACE OF ASSEMBLY)

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report relates to a planning permit application for the Use and development of land for a Place of assembly at 79 Vaggs Road, Ross Creek. The application has been referred to a Council meeting for determination because there are objections to the application and the recommendation is one of refusal. 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, objections and submissions of support for consideration prior to making a decision.

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr David Evans

That Council defers this item until April 2021 as requested by the permit applicant.

**LAPSED** 

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Des Phelan Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council resolves to refuse to grant a planning permit for the Use and Development of land for a Place of Assembly at 79 Vaggs Road, Ross Creek for the following reasons:-

- 1. The proposal is not consistent with the purposes of the Rural Living Zone at Clause 35.03.
- 2. The proposed use is inconsistent with the decision guidelines at Clause 35.03 of the Rural Living Zone including the capability of the land to accommodate the proposed use or development and whether the site is suitable for the use or development and whether the proposal is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.
- 3. The proposed use would have the potential to create adverse amenity impacts on the adjoining and surrounding occupiers.
- 4. The proposed use is not considered orderly planning.

## 7.6 LOCAL LAW NO. 2 GENERAL PUBLIC AMENITY - PROPOSAL TO DISPLAY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO.2 - GENERAL PUBLIC AMENITY FOR PUBLIC NOTICE.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to place the Proposed Local Law No. 2 General Public Amenity out on public notice and seek submissions from the Golden Plains Shire community.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr David Evans

#### That Council:

- 1. Pursuant to Sections 119 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act) resolve to give notice of its intention, pursuant to Part 5 of the Act, to make the Golden Plains Shire Local Law No. 2 General Public Amenity.
- 2. Place on exhibition the proposed Local Law No. 2 General Public Amenity 2021 for public submissions.

#### 7.7 DRAFT GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COMMUNITY VISION 2040

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 has been prepared to reflect the community's hopes, aspirations and priorities for the next twenty years.

Development of the Draft Community Vision 2040 has been undertaken in partnership with the Community Vision 2040 Reference Group and has been informed by extensive engagement with communities across Golden Plains Shire during 2020.

The Community Reference Group has completed training, participated in a number of workshops and regularly collaborated to design and implement community engagement. Analysis of engagement information was undertaken by the Reference Group to build the framework and content for the Draft Vision. This includes the creation of the four key Themes of Community, Liveability, Sustainability and Prosperity which are supported and expanded upon through a number of Community Priorities and aspirational Vision Statements.

Following broad engagement in early 2020, a Concept document was prepared by the Reference Group articulating a Draft Vision and presenting the Themes, Community Priorities and Vision Statements. The Concept was distributed for testing with both community and Council stakeholders to seek any additional feedback.

Further refinement to the wording, content and layout of the Vison Concept was undertaken by the Reference Group to incorporate feedback into the Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040. Community Reference Group members – Lindy Allinson (Steiglitz), Stuart McCallum (Bannockburn) and Suzanne Ryan-Evers (Ross Creek) will present the Vision to the Council Briefing.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

#### That Council:

- 1. Receive the Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040.
- 2. Thank the Community Vision 2040 Reference Group members for their outstanding contribution to the Vision project and acknowledge the 567 community members and stakeholders that participated in either the open or focused engagement activities.
- 3. Refer the Draft Golden Plains Shire Community Vision to the new Council for adoption.

#### 7.8 SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY 2020-2030

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has partnered with Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) to fund the development of a new Sport and Active Recreation Strategy to inform strategic planning, development and delivery of sport and active recreation infrastructure, programming and services for the period 2020–2030.

The Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2020-2030 aligns with regional and state level strategies and has been developed following extensive community consultation. Council endorsed the Strategy to be publicly exhibited for a period of 4 weeks, and received a total of six community submissions. These submissions and Councillor comments from the June 2020 Briefing have been reviewed and considered in presentation of the final Strategy.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr David Evans

That Council:

- 1. Note the submissions received during the public exhibition period.
- 2. Adopt the Golden Plains Shire Council Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2020-2030.

**CARRIED** 

#### 7.9 LEIGHDALE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE MASTERPLAN

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has engaged 'CommunityVibe' to consult with relevant stakeholders and identify future provisions for the Leighdale Equestrian Centre through the development of a facility Masterplan. Extensive community engagement was undertaken with over 163 community survey responses being submitted demonstrating a strong interest in Equestrian and the Leighdale facility in Golden Plains Shire.

The Masterplan will inform strategic planning, development and delivery of infrastructure and programming opportunities at the Leighdale Equestrian Centre for the period 2020-2030. It provides clear and prioritised recommendations, backed by evidence of community need, benefit and sustainability and will assist in seeking external grant funding opportunities to deliver the necessary future upgrades and increase participation.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

- 1. Note the contribution and feedback of key stakeholders and the 163 community responses in the development of this site Masterplan.
- 2. Adopt the Leighdale Equestrian Centre Masterplan (2020-2030).

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders at 7.36pm orders to allow a 5 minute

recess.

**CARRIED** 

### **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

**CARRIED** 

## 7.10 ADOPTION OF THE WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The final version of Golden Plains Shire Council's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy has been prepared following Councillor and community engagement.

Council endorsed the Strategy to be publicly exhibited for a period of 4 weeks, and received a total of 18 community submissions. These submissions have been reviewed and included in the final Strategy.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

- 1. Note the submissions received during the public exhibition period.
- 2. Adopt the Golden Plains Shire Council Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2020-2030.

#### 7.11 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with details of the additional support proposed for customers experiencing financial hardship. In response to the continued impacts of COVID-19, Council endorsed setting aside \$100k in the 2020-21 budget to provide additional financial assistance to customers directly impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Changes to be made to the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy are provided for Council consideration and approval.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council:

- 1. Note the changes made to the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy to provide additional financial support to customers in response to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. Adopt the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy as at August 2020.

**CARRIED** 

#### 7.12 2019-20 ROLL FORWARD PROJECTS

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the projects that require to be rolled forward to the 2020/21 year due to a number of reasons. These reasons include projects that span multiple years, timing of receiving external funding, timing of receiving approval requirements or in particular for this year, delays in delivery due to COVID-19.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council note the programs and projects to be rolled forward from 2019/20 to 2020/21.

# 7.13 REVIEW OF INSTRUMENT DELEGATION - COUNCIL TO MEMBERS OF STAFF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation – Council to Members of Staff enables Council to delegate functions, duties and powers, other than specific exemptions, to Council staff.

A review of the instruments of delegation from Council to members of Council staff has been undertaken. The review included:

- legislative changes required under the new Local Government Act 2020;
- changes required under the instrument template issued by Maddocks Lawyers (July 2020);
- an internal review to ensure alignment with overall organisational requirements, structure and position responsibilities;
- a detailed review of the delegations under the under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with the goal to introduce efficiencies into the Statutory Planning Department; and
- minor cosmetic changes.

The changes are summarised in detail within the report.

The updated instrument of delegation is presented for Council's adoption (Attachment 1).

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Des Phelan Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, Golden Plains Shire Council resolves that:

- 1. There be delegation to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
- 2. The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
- 3. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Cr Nathan Hansford foreshadowed alternate motion should the motion be lost.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, Golden Plains Shire Council resolves that:

1. There be delegation to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to

members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument, subject to the following change:

Planning and Environment Act 1987:

- Provision s61(1) Conditions and Limitations Amend the words 'Making decisions on applications that have received objections, other than applications for two lot subdivisions that have received three or less objections.'
- 2. The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
- 3. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Cr David Evans foreshadowed alternate motion should the motion be lost.

## 7.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 IMPLEMENTATION - DOCUMENTS FOR ADOPTION

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In order to achieve compliance with Stage 2 implementation of the phased introduction of the new Local Government Act 2020, the following documents need to be adopted.

- Governance Rules (including Public Participation in Council Meetings Policy and Election Period Policy); and
- Public Transparency Policy.

The establishment of the Golden Plains Shire Council Governance Rules will bring a repeal of the following document:

Local Law No.1 of 2019 – Council Meeting Procedures & Common Seal

In July 2020 the Governance Rules and abovementioned policies were publically exhibited in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 2020, for a period of two weeks, from Wednesday, 29th July 2020 to Wednesday, 12 August 2020.

Submissions from the public were invited via email, hardcopy mail or through Council's Have Your Say webpage.

Three public submissions were received. The issues raised in the submissions were considered in detail and minor changes to the documents proposed. A summary of submissions, officer response and changes is provided at Attachment 5.

The Governances Rules and abovementioned policies are now presented to Council for final adoption.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Governance Rules (Attachment 1), including the Public Participation in Council Meetings Policy (Attachment 2) and Election Period Policy (Attachment 3).
- 2. Adopt the Public Transparency Policy (Attachment 4).
- 3. Note the Governance Rules and abovementioned polices will come into effect on Wednesday, 26 August 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr David Evans Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Governance Rules (Attachment 1), including the Public Participation in Council Meetings Policy (Attachment 2) and Election Period Policy (Attachment 3).
- 2. Adopt the Public Transparency Policy (Attachment 4).
- 3. Note the Governance Rules and abovementioned polices will come into effect on Wednesday, 26 August 2020.
- 4. Bring a report back to the 21 September 2020 Council Meeting to consider a further review of the Governance Rules.

## 7.15 GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY CORPORATION - ENDORSEMENT OF COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's endorsement for Colac Otway Shire to join the Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) in the delivery of shared library services in partnership with existing member Councils City of Greater Geelong, Borough of Queenscliffe, Golden Plains Shire and Surf Coast Shire.

Colac Otway Shire along with Warrnambool City, Corangamite Shire and Moyne Shire Councils is currently a member of the Corangamite Regional Library Corporation (CRLC), which was established in 1996. Colac Otway Shire has, for some years now, been exploring its options for future library service provision. This exploration has included the possibility of becoming a member of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC), with positive discussions between Colac Otway Shire and GRLC taking place since 2017.

Upon receiving a formal request, the GRLC Board at its 24 June meeting, resolved to endorse accepting Colac Otway Shire as a GRLC member in principle and subject to all member Councils endorsing the membership as required under the library agreement. If endorsed this would see Colac Library, Apollo Bay Library and mobile library services integrated into the GRLC.

In order for Colac Otway Shire to become a member of the GRLC, endorsement is required by all existing member Councils. A Supplemental Agreement has been prepared by Maddocks Lawyers (Attachment 1). There are no changes to the current Agreement for existing members Councils and Colac Otway Shire is obligated to abide by all the current agreement conditions. The common Seal of each Member Council must then be affixed to the final document. The Supplemental Agreement is then to be sent to the Minister for Local Government.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

#### That Council:

- Endorse Colac Otway Shire joining Geelong Regional Library Corporation.
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement by affixing the common seal in accordance with Local Law No. 1 of 2019 Council Meeting Procedures & Common Seal.

**CARRIED** 

#### 8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

#### 9 PETITIONS

Nil

#### 10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council moves into Closed Council at 8.48pm to consider 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 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under - 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 .

**CARRIED** 

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr David Evans Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED** 

The Meeting closed at 9.28pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 21 September 2020.

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