



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 26 March 2019

VENUE:
Bannockburn Shire Hall
Council Chambers
12 High Street, Bannockburn

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 23 April 2019

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BANNOCKBURN SHIRE HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12 HIGH STREET,
BANNOCKBURN
ON TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2019 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Owen Sharkey (Mayor), Cr Helena Kirby, Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Nathan Hansford, Cr Des Phelan, Cr Les Rowe, Cr David Evans

IN ATTENDANCE: CEO Eric Braslis, Director Assets and Amenity Greg Anders, Acting Director Community Service Steven Sagona, Director Corporate Services Philippa O’Sullivan, Corporate Governance Coordinator Candice Holloway

1 OPENING DECLARATION

The Mayor read the Opening Declaration

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land and paid his respects to elders both past and present.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford
Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY RECOGNITION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders.

CARRIED

Eleven women have been invited to the Council Meeting to be presented with a certificate of acknowledgement by the Mayor on behalf of Council: The eleven women are:

- Dr Fiona Gray (Maude)
- Julie Kaye (Works in Bannockburn)
- Zoe Lugg (Shelford)
- Patti Manolis (Batesford)
- Barbara Phillips (Inverleigh)
- Diane Ritchie (Meredith)
- Ailish Seaton (Teesdale)
- Noeline Trevor (Bannockburn)
- Kylie Turville (Linton)
- Lauren Ware (Steiglitz)
- Claire Whiteley (Teesdale)

In addition, councillors have nominated three other local women for acknowledgement:

- Alice Knight OAM (Linton)
- Shannon Robinson (Bannockburn)
- Andrea Van Der Meer (Teesdale)

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

6.2 DELEGATES REPORT - 26 FEBRUARY 2019 TO 25 MARCH 2019**Cr Owen Sharkey**

26 February	Council Meeting
1 March	CHCV Meeting to Incorporate
3 March	Avalon Air Show
4 March	Bannockburn Probus Club AGM
6 March	Committee for Ballarat Member meeting
7 March	Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Board meeting
14 March	Meeting with Stuart Grimley MP
15 March	Meeting with Gayle Tierney MP
18 March	Local Government Round Table Forum
19 March	Councillor Briefing meeting
22 March	Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Chairman's lunch
25 March	Reception for the MAV Technology National Conference

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr David Evans

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 26 February 2019 to 25 March 2019.

CARRIED

6.3 AMENDMENT C74 - ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT AND RECEIPT OF THE PANEL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendment C74 proposes to rezone part of the land at 230 Hopes Plains Road, Inverleigh from Farming Zone to the Low Density Residential Zone. This report invites Councillors to consider the recommendations from a Panel report dated 16 January 2019 prepared in relation to Amendment C74. A resolution is required before the Amendment can be sent to the Minister of Planning for approval.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders.

CARRIED

Melissa Rutherford (objector) addressed the Council

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council;

1. Receive the Panel Report for Amendment C74, noting the recommendations contained within.
2. Adopt Amendment C74, shown as Attachment 2 in accordance with the Panel Report, to rezone land at 230 Hopes Plains Road, Inverleigh from Farming Zone to the Low Density Residential Zone, and applies the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5) and the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 16 (DPO16) to the subject land.
3. Request the Minister for Planning to approve Amendment C74 in accordance with Section 31(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

CARRIED

6.4 ADOPTION OF INVERLEIGH STRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council for adoption the new Structure Plan for the Inverleigh Township. The officer's recommendation also seeks Council's authorisation for commencement of the formal planning scheme amendment which will incorporate the new structure plan into the Golden Plains Planning Scheme in place of the previous Structure Plan for the township.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Mayor Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

A motion was moved that Council suspend standing orders.

CARRIED

David Andueza (Objector) addressed the Council

John Bolitho (Objector) addressed the Council

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Inverleigh Structure Plan.
2. Authorise the preparation and exhibition of the planning scheme amendment which incorporates the new Inverleigh Structure Plan into the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.

CARRIED

6.5 G21 REGIONAL HOCKEY STRATEGY - ADOPTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The G21 Sport and Recreation Pillar has developed the G21 Regional Hockey Strategy to provide clear strategic direction for the sport of hockey in the region for the next ten years.

The development of the Strategy has included significant consultation with the hockey community, input from key stakeholders and a public exhibition period of six weeks. The Project Control Group (PCG) and the G21 Sport & Recreation Pillar have endorsed the document. The G21 Board will receive and note the final strategy after the G21 councils have endorsed it.

Strategic recommendations for Council are important in ensuring the growth of hockey across Golden Plains Shire and for supporting both existing and future hockey participants.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford

Seconded: Cr David Evans

That Council endorses the G21 Regional Hockey Strategy, dated March 2019.

CARRIED

6.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE (2016-2020) - ANNUAL REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the adoption of the Community Engagement Strategy in 2016, an annual update on its implementation has been presented to Council. This report outlines key milestones and feedback regarding implementation of the Strategy in 2018, and indicates that there has been a greater emphasis on community engagement from Council and an increase in participation by community members in engagement activities during the year.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford

Seconded: Cr Joanne Gilbert

That Council notes the Community Engagement Strategy 2016-2020 annual update.

CARRIED

6.7 COUNCIL PLAN (2017-2021) ANNUAL REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan 2017-21 is the key document setting out Council's strategic direction. The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires that the Council Plan be reviewed annually via a section 223 submission process.

This report outlines the additional community engagement that is being undertaken – i.e., beyond the requirements of the Act – to ensure that Council's review the Council Plan is appropriately informed by the community. The engagement process includes an initial round of consultation before a draft updated Council Plan is prepared for formal public exhibition alongside the draft 2019-20 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Des Phelan

That Council notes the engagement process being undertaken as part of the review of the Council Plan 2017-2021.

CARRIED

6.8 COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING STRATEGY 2019-21 (ADOPTION)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Council Communications and Marketing Strategy 2019-2021 (the Strategy) aims to strengthen positive communication with local residents, business-owners and other stakeholders, keeping these audiences better informed of Council activities and more engaged with what is happening in the shire.

Comprehensive community engagement has been undertaken to inform preparation of the Strategy. The initial draft Strategy that was presented to Council in December 2018 has since been amended to incorporate feedback received during the engagement process.

It is now recommended that Council adopts the Strategy.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr David Evans

That Council adopts the Communications and Marketing Strategy 2019-2021.

CARRIED

6.9 RURAL COUNCILS TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS - LODGEMENT OF BUSINESS CASES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the broader reforms, the 2018-2019 Victorian State Budget committed \$20 million to the Rural Councils Transformation Program (RCTP) to explore and implement options to improve the long-term financial and operational sustainability for rural and regional councils (see [Rural and Regional Councils Sustainability Reform Program](#)).

The program aims to:

- Improve the financial sustainability of rural and regional councils by achieving economies of scale including through regional service delivery or collaborative procurement;
- Promote more efficient and improved service delivery through collaboration and innovation;
- Facilitate benefits for rural and regional communities, with priority given to those for rural communities; and
- Demonstrate potential efficiencies to be gained through regional service delivery.

The State Government program is designed to fund projects that target the provision of shared services between three or more rural or regional councils. Council does not anticipate learning whether or not the applications for funding, summarised below, have been successful until close to 30 June 2019.

It should be noted that the intention is not to reduce EFT but to redirect to improve services. Two of the guiding principles which underpin the submissions are:

- No intended loss of local council staff
- Positive impact on delivery of services to local communities

Developing multiple business cases with large numbers of councils is complex, due to differing demands, priorities and capacity and the unique aspects of individual councils. This is further constrained by tight timeframes - submissions of Business Cases are due by 31 March 2019 – and the prescriptive format of the business case template, which is particularly designed to meet the needs of the Department of Treasury and Finance. However, Golden Plains Shire Council felt it was necessary to consider all opportunities, and as a result has formed part of three separate submissions.

City of Ballarat is leading the submission of a transformative project, called Central Highlands Councils Victoria Regional Shared Services project with seven of the eight Central Highlands Councils Victoria members (Ararat Rural City, Central Goldfields Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire, Moorabool Shire and Pyrenees Shire Councils).

City of Greater Geelong is leading a submission of a transformative project, called G21 Regional Service Collaboration project, with the G21 Council members (Surf Coast Shire, Borough of Queenscliffe, Colac Otway Shire and Golden Plains Shire Councils).

Horsham Rural City Council is leading a submission of a transformative project, called Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration project with 9 other rural and regional councils (Buloke Shire, Central Goldfields Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire, Hindmarsh Shire, Loddon Shire, Pyrenees Shire, West Wimmera Shire and Yarriambiack Shire Councils)

The three projects look to assist in the delivery of shared service models throughout the Central Highlands region, the G21 Region and the northern rural region.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nathan Hansford

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council:

1. Notes that Golden Plains Shire Council is a participant in three groupings of councils making application for funding under the Victorian Government Rural Councils Transformation Program (RCTP) for the following initiatives:
 - Central Highlands Councils Victoria Regional Shared Services project in conjunction with Ararat Rural City, Central Goldfields Shire, Hepburn Shire, Moorabool Shire and Pyrenees Shire Councils and City of Ballarat (lead council)
 - G21 Regional Service Collaboration project in conjunction with the G21 group of Councils; Surf Coast Shire Council, , Borough of Queenscliffe, Colac Otway Shire and City of Greater Geelong (lead council)
 - Rural Councils Corporate Collaboration project in conjunction with Buloke Shire, Central Goldfields Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire, Hindmarsh Shire, Loddon Shire, Pyrenees Shire, West Wimmera Shire, Yarriambiack Shire Councils and Horsham Rural City Council (lead council)
2. Notes that for an RCTP application to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:
 - Submission of a joint business case by 31 March 2019
 - Each council must pass an accompanying resolution committing to implement the business case, if approved for funding. The resolution must be lodged with Local Government Victoria by 30 April, 2019.
3. Approves the submission of the business case by City of Greater Geelong on behalf of Golden Plains Shire Council.
4. Approves implementation of the projects/initiatives within the submitted business case by Golden Plains Shire Council, subject to the application being approved for RCTP funding.
5. Receive a further report at its April meeting to approve the submission of business case by the City of Ballarat and a business case by Horsham Rural City Council on behalf of Golden Plains Shire Council.
6. Notes that prioritisation of the three submissions is not required because Golden Plains Shire Council could participate in all three submissions, should they all be successful, without compromise on any individual submission

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6.10 TEESDALE-LETHBRIDGE ROAD - ROAD WIDENING WORKS (CONTRACT NO. GPS-RFT-02-2019) - AWARDING OF TENDER**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Having undertaken a competitive tender process for the contract to reconstruct and widen a 740 lineal metre section of the Teesdale-Lethbridge Road, and having evaluated and assessed the tenders received, Council is now being requested to approve awarding of the contract to the preferred and recommended tenderer.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council:

1. Resolves to award the contract GPS-RFT-02-2019, Teesdale-Lethbridge Road – Road Widening Works, to Bitu-Mil Civil Pty Ltd for the tendered sum of \$403,008.73 (ex GST) in accordance with Clause 2.4.3 of the procurement policy.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract No. GPS-RFT-02-2019 with Bitu-Mil Civil Pty Ltd for the Teesdale-Lethbridge Road – Road Widening Works.
3. Authorise the officers to negotiate with Regional Roads Victoria under the Funding Agreement for the purpose of expanding the Approved Project Scope in order to receive the remainder of the allocated Funds, which is \$96,457.27 (\$403,008.73 - \$499,466.00) (exclusive of GST).

CARRIED

6.11 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - ALLOWANCES FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), a Council may pay an allowance to a member of an audit committee who is not a Councillor or member of Council staff. That allowance to be as determined by Council.

At the 27 March 2012 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved to set payment thresholds for Audit & Risk Committee independent member allowances. Since that time, the Chief Executive Officer applied annual increases to the allowances equivalent to the percentage rate prescribed by the Minister for Local Government for Mayoral and Councillor Allowances under section 73B of the Act. This reports seeks ratification of that action and further seeks Council authorisation for future increases to be made to the allowances for Audit & Risk Committee independent members and chairpersons in accordance with annual Ministerial increases for Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

1. Ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's decision to apply annual increases to the Audit & Risk Committee independent member allowances equivalent to the percentage rate prescribed by the Minister for Local Government for Mayoral and Councillor Allowances under section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989.
2. Sets the current payment thresholds for Audit & Risk Committee independent member allowances as follows:
 - (a) \$575 per meeting for independent members;
 - (b) an additional \$287 per meeting for independent chairperson;
 - (c) an additional payment of disbursements up to a maximum of \$1,000 per annum.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officers to apply annual increases to the Audit & Risk Committee independent member allowances equivalent to the percentage rate prescribed by the Minister for Local Government for Mayoral and Councillor Allowances under section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989.

CARRIED

6.12 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 26 February 2019 to 25 March 2019.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Des Phelan

Seconded: Cr David Evans

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillors Record from 26 February 2019 to 25 March 2019 as attached.

CARRIED

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8 PETITIONS

Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 April 2019.

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MAYOR CR OWEN SHARKEY