



MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Wednesday 26 April 2023

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 23 May 2023

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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 WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2023 AT 6.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Environment), Lynnere Gray (Director Corporate Services), Rosie Wright (Coordinator Governance and Risk), Sophie Brown (Governance and Risk Specialist)

APOLOGIES: Cr Ian Getsom, Steven Sagona (Director Community, Planning and Growth)

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 Peoples.

Council acknowledges them as the Traditional Owners and Custodians and pays its respects to both Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Elders past, present and emerging.

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

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Ian Getsom is an apology for this Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Cr Brett Cunningham requested a leave of absence from 9 October 2023 to 14 October 2023.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That the minutes of the scheduled Council Meeting held on 28 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham declared a general conflict of interest in relation to questions submitted for Public Question Time about Council owned land in Bannockburn Recreation Precinct and item 9.1 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020. The nature of the interest being that Cr Cunningham has a family member that lives in the area and who has lodged an objection to the applicable Minister.

The questions and answers relating to Council owned land in Bannockburn Recreation Precinct were not read during Public Question Time as the submitter was not present. Cr Cunningham remained present for Public Question Time.

Cr Cunningham was absent whilst item 9.1 was discussed and considered.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor made the following statement:

“Public question time runs for 30 minutes prior to consideration of the formal Agenda by Council.

We consider public questions submitted to Council before 10am on the day of the meeting.

I will call each person who has submitted a question forward. Please come up to the microphone and ask your question only, as it was submitted. Any additional statements that have been submitted with your question are not to be read.

I note that question time is not an opportunity to make general statements or enter into debate with Council or officers.”

The following public question was read by Annalisa Cranby.

Question

“How will Golden Plains Shire Council manage high carbon emitting agriculture in the future given the imminent catastrophic risk to people and the environment reported in the recent IPCC report and the scientifically demonstrated data that proves that intensive animal agriculture contributes significantly to our climate crisis?”

Response

The following response was read by Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Environment:

“Council is committed to playing its part in reducing carbon emissions and to tackling climate action more broadly, as demonstrated by the adoption of Council's Climate Emergency Plan 2022-2032. In terms of specific proposals for particular industries and agricultural or other operations, Council will continue, as is required by the Planning & Environment Act 1987, to assess all proposals against the provisions and policies of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.”

The following public question was read by Annalisa Cranby.

Question

“To what extent does Golden Plains Shire Council plan to phase out animal industries that pose a high level of risk for human health and the climate due to their significant carbon emissions, risk of zoonoses such as avian influenza and animal welfare issues?”

Response

The following response was read by Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Environment:

“Council at this stage does not have any plans to phase out animal industries. Similar to the previous answer, Council is obliged to implement the Planning Scheme in all of its decision-making processes where planning permit applications are in play. Where Council has responsibility to

consider other matters such as relevant Codes of Practise particularly within the animal industry, it will continue to do so with the relevant state government authorities.”

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 POSTPONEMENT OF THE 18 APRIL COUNCIL MEETING TO 26 APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council meeting scheduled for 18 April 2023 was postponed by eight days, to Wednesday 26 April 2023. Council's Governance Rules require that when the CEO makes a decision to postpone a Council meeting, a report must be provided to the following Council meeting detailing the circumstances that required the postponement. This report is now provided for Council to acknowledge the rationale as to why the CEO exercised his power to postpone the Council meeting from 18 April to 26 April 2023.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note the CEO's report on the postponement of the 18 April Council meeting to 26 April 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 DELEGATES REPORT & INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At each Council meeting, Councillors have the opportunity to update their colleagues and the community about attendances at various Delegated Boards/Committees/Meetings that they attended on behalf of the Council and can acknowledge significant community events or Council functions / engagement opportunities that they have attended over the past month. This report contains records of informal meetings of Councillors as defined under Rule 1 of Chapter 5 of Council's Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report and Informal Meetings of Councillors for the past month.

CARRIED

7.3 PREPARATION OF 2023/24 DRAFT BUDGET - ENDORSE FOR EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023/24 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.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, place the 2023/24 Draft Annual Budget on public exhibition.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice and make available for public inspection the 2023/24 Draft Budget.
3. Invite submissions and feedback on the 2023/24 Draft Budget, including the composition of proposed rates and charges, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy until 9am on Monday 29 May 2023.
4. Considers any submissions at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2023.
5. Endorses, subject to changes to the 2023/24 Draft Budget after consideration of all submissions, to notify and place on public notice its intention to adopt the 2023/24 Annual Budget at a Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

CARRIED

7.4 LINTON COMMUNITY HUB - FUTURE MANAGEMENT MODEL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A 12-month trial period of a community management and activation model was implemented at Linton Community Hub in March 2022. This report details that under Management Agreements, three tenant groups have conducted various activities within the building, made the facility available to other users and worked cohesively together for the benefit of the Linton community over the trial period.

With the trial period coming to an end, consideration of the next steps and options for the future management and activation of the Linton Community Hub are required including consideration of the expenses incurred for the building's operations. It is proposed that the current Management Agreements with the three groups be extended for an additional 12-month period ending on 31 March 2024 and that building operating expenses be funded from the Community Halls budget.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Note the current management model for the Linton Community Hub and its activation outcomes following a 12-month trial.
2. Endorse the extension of the current Management Agreements with the three tenant groups for an additional 12 months.
3. Continue to fund approximately \$15,000 from existing operational budgets to cover building cleaning, basic maintenance, and utility costs for the next 12 months.
4. Review the Management Agreement and costs in 12 months.

The motion was LOST

A division was called.

In Favour: Cr Gavin Gamble

Against: Crs Helena Kirby, Les Rowe, Owen Sharkey, Brett Cunningham and Clayton Whitfield

LOST 1/5

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Note the current management model for the Linton Community Hub and its activation outcomes following a 12-month trial.
2. Endorse the extension of the current Management Agreements with the three tenant groups for an additional 12 months only.
3. Continue to fund approximately \$15,000 from existing operational budgets to cover building cleaning, basic maintenance, and utility costs for the next 12 months only.
4. Require the tenant groups to self-fund the basic building maintenance and utility costs in order to extend the agreements for any further term following this 12 month extension.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council consider item 7.6 – Active Ageing & Inclusion Advisory Committee and Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Terms of Reference, before item 7.5 – Ross Creek Recreation Reserve Draft Masterplan.

CARRIED

7.6 ACTIVE AGEING & INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Active Ageing and Inclusion Advisory Committee (AA&IAC) has formally been in existence since February 2021 when the current Active Ageing and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 was endorsed by Council. Current members of AA&IAC have, however, been functioning as an advisory group to Council since 2011 when the (former) Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee was established. Current members of the group have expressed their hope to strengthen their voice to Council as a mechanism of advocacy and accountability. The attached Active Ageing & Inclusion Advisory Committee Terms of Reference works towards this goal.

Establishment of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee (AC&HAC) is an action of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy 2022-2026. The AC&HAC will provide advice to Council on policies, plans, initiatives and activities to advance arts, culture and heritage in Golden Plains Shire. The attached Terms of Reference (Attachment 2) describes the purpose, objectives, roles, responsibilities and operational governance of the AC&HAC.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

1. Adopt the Active Ageing & Inclusion Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as per Attachment 1.
2. Adopt the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as per Attachment 2.

CARRIED

7.5 ROSS CREEK RECREATION RESERVE DRAFT MASTERPLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has engaged True Resource Group to consult with community stakeholders on current facility provisions at the reserve, identify the demand for possible future facility improvements and explore potential participation opportunities through the development of an updated Draft Masterplan (Attachment 1) for the Ross Creek Recreation Reserve.

An extensive community engagement process to develop this Draft Masterplan update was undertaken, with the engagement process demonstrating strong community interest in this reserve, and the current and future opportunities for participation and facility activation. The Ross Creek Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (CoM) took part in face to face and telephone sessions, with further one to one discussion occurring with key user groups, the local primary school, and several Council Officers.

This process has been supported by a detailed research and evidence base, and will inform strategic planning, investment and priorities for future infrastructure and programming opportunities for the period 2023-2033. The Draft Masterplan provides clear and prioritised recommendations and is supported by evidence of community need, benefit and sustainability, and will assist in the scoping of potential funding/grant opportunities which aim to deliver facility improvements and increase participation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble
Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council endorse the updated Ross Creek Recreation Reserve Draft Masterplan (Attachment 1) for public exhibition.

CARRIED

7.7 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NGA) OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2023 - MAYORAL ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2023 and the related expenditure.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Cunningham at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2023.

CARRIED

7.8 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT - QUARTER THREE ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides a record of expenditure made on behalf of Councillors in the performance of their duties for quarter three of 2022/23. This report also includes quarterly updates on Councillor attendance at both scheduled and unscheduled meetings of Council, to provide transparency on Council decision making.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey
Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note the contents of the Councillor Expenses and attendance report for quarter three of 2022/23.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9 PETITIONS

At 7:31pm Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham vacated the Chair and left the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Cr Gavin Gamble assumed the Chair.

9.1 PETITION - STOP GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL REZONING AND SELLING PUBLIC RECREATION LAND IN BANNOCKBURN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition was submitted to Council on 23 March 2023. The petition is entitled "Stop Golden Plains Shire Council rezoning and selling public recreation land in Bannockburn". The petition contained 951 signatures, of which 365 gave a Golden Plains Shire based location.

This petition has been received and is submitted to the Council in accordance with rule 37 of the Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe
Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

1. Receive the petition.
2. Refer the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

CARRIED

At 7:42pm Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7.42pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 23 May 2023.

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Brett Cunningham
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CHAIRPERSON