



MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 28 November 2023

VENUE:
Linton Community Hub
Council Chamber
68 Sussex St, Linton

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 19 December 2023

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE LINTON COMMUNITY HUB, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 68 SUSSEX ST, LINTON
ON TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 6.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis (CEO), Emma Wheatland (Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth), Lynne Gray (Director Corporate Services), Rosie Wright (Coordinator Governance and Risk)

APOLOGIES: Cr Clayton Whitfield, Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Environment)

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 Clayton Whitfield was an apology for this meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That the minutes of the scheduled Council meetings held on 21 November 2023 and 24 October 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD

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 a Citizen Recognition Award to Patrick Bennett who is being recognised for his achievement in the sport of Futsal (Indoor Soccer).

- Patrick is 6 years old, lives in Haddon and was selected for the Victoria State Futsal under 8's team to compete at the 2024 National Club Championships which will take place on 12 January to 14 January 2024.
- Patrick has been playing Futsal for about 1 year, with a mix of both indoor and outdoor and this will be his first time competing at a national level. Patrick enjoys learning new tricks and skills, as well as running fast. Each week he travels to Melbourne to train for an hour with the team in preparation for the Championships which involves a three hour round trip.
- Selection for the team was Victoria wide, so Patrick needed to compete against those with significantly more training and development opportunities in Melbourne. His selection for the Victorian State team shows his skills and commitment to his chosen sport.

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 Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

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

CARRIED

7.3 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS 2023 ROUND 2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has approved funding for 13 community projects, through Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program 2023 Round 2 based on recommendations from the assessment process.

Council received 16 applications during September 2023. The 13 successful applications will be supported by a total Council contribution of \$78,102.50 across the grant streams as follows:

- Healthy Active Living: \$39,688 (for health and wellbeing, sports and recreation projects)
- Environment and Sustainability: \$10,000 (for environmental projects)
- Creative Community: \$16,877.50 (for arts, culture and heritage projects)
- Community Safety: \$11,537 (for safety related projects)

Council's contribution of \$78,102.50 for the Round 2 Community Strengthening Grants 2023 will deliver in 13 projects with a combined total project value of \$174,000. Some of the key community benefits across the eight projects are:

- Promoting increased physical activity and social connection, and bringing communities together
- Providing educational and social support services
- Enhancing accessibility, and improving safety and appeal of community spaces

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

1. Note the approved Community Strengthening Grants 2023 Round 2 to the following recipients:
 - The Bop Arts Co-op Ltd – *'Reactive The BOP Workshops'* – \$10,000
 - Smythesdale Community Arts and Music Fiesta – *'Smythesdale Community Arts and Music Fiesta 2024'* – \$6,877.50
 - Trust for Nature (Victoria) – *'Working together to heal Country – Dog Rocks Reserve'* - \$10,000
 - Meredith Community Centre Inc. – *'Seniors Out and About'* – \$7,000
 - Smythesdale Craft and Cuppa - *'Craft and Cuppa Program 2024'* – \$1,500
 - Inverleigh senior Citizens Club Inc. – *'Inverleigh Seniors Community Engagement'* – \$7,000
 - Haddon Community Learning Centre Inc. – *'Chairs, Tables, and Trolley Replacement and Upgrade'* – \$7,170
 - Golden Plains VEX Robotics Club – *'Golden Plains VEX Robotics Club'* – \$8,082
 - Golden Oldies Mens Activity Group – *'Golden Oldies Mens Activity Group'* – \$7,000
 - Shelford Community Garden – *'Shelford Community Garden'* – \$1,936
 - Smythesdale Cemetery Trust – *'Safety Barriers at Smythesdale Cemetery'* – \$920

- Shelford Recreation Reserve Committee of Management – ‘*Carpark Undergrowth Clean Up*’ – \$8,646
 - Cape Clear Recreation Reserve – ‘*Extreme Weather Days*’ – \$1,971
2. Request that officers undertake a review of the funding criteria and guidelines prior to the next round of community strengthening grants.

CARRIED

7.4 INTRODUCTION OF GLASS BIN - FINAL TRANSITION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Government introduced the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021. One of the main actions under the Act is the introduction of a four-bin waste management system across the state.

The Act requires Councils to provide municipal waste and recycling services which must include the following:

- Residual (general) waste
- Commingled Recyclables (excluding glass)
- Glass (to be introduced before 2027)
- Food organics and garden organics (FOGO) (to be introduced before 2030)

Following the development of a draft transition plan in September 2020, and granting of a kerbside reform grant, Council engaged MRA consultants to undertake a review of waste services. Multiple scenarios were assessed, with the following recommended:

- 140 L General waste bins collected fortnightly
- 240 L Recycling bins collected fortnightly
- 240 L FOGO bins collected fortnightly
- 140 L Glass bins collected 4 weekly

In addition to this assessment, Council was successful in receiving additional funding support to purchase the glass bins and roll out the service before the end of 2024.

This report concludes a series of presentations and completes all the assessment work completed on modelling the introduction of the glass service. This report seeks formal endorsement and authorisation of the new glass service arrangements as set out in this report, commencing October 2024.

To summarise, introduction of the glass service from October 2024 will provide the following benefits:

- Significant capital cost savings for Council by accessing additional financial support from DEECA.
- Reduction of recycling frequency: alignment with service delivery benchmarking across Victorian Councils and better value for money proposition for rate payers.
- Risk mitigation - anticipating bin supply issues in subsequent years as glass bins implemented State-wide. This provides confidence to Council in procuring bins early, and compliance with the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021.
- Operationally: opportunity to assess the impact of bin roll out and disperse service delivery risk by staging the Glass and FOGO services implementations.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

1. Note the introduction of the new glass service as mandated by the State Government's four-stream waste and recycling system will commence from October 2024.
2. Authorise the purchase of the new 140L glass bins through Councils kerbside collection

contractor: Cleanaway and that they be funded from Councils waste reserve and a State Government grant.

3. Note the introduction of this new glass service will coincide with a change to the Recycle Bin collection from weekly to fortnightly.
4. Note the fourth bin which will provide for Food and Green organics (FOGO) will likely commence in early 2026 in line with the opening of the Region Renewable Organics Network (RRON).

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT TRACKS AND TRAILS STRATEGY - ENDORSE FOR EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft 'Tracks and Trails Strategy' aims to guide the future planning, development and activation of Tracks and Trails across Golden Plains for the next 10 years.

Council received funding under Sport and Recreation Victoria's (SRV) Local Sports Infrastructure Fund: Planning Stream, to support the delivery of this strategy.

The process to develop this strategic document commenced in late 2022, and the draft document highlights key findings, current trends and strategic priorities for Tracks and Trails throughout Golden Plains Shire and the wider region. It also responds to feedback collected following an extensive community consultation process.

The draft 'Tracks and Trails Strategy' has been reviewed by officers and SRV representatives, and it is proposed that it be made available and advertised to the Golden Plains community for a period of 6 weeks from 30 November 2023 to 11 January 2024. Feedback received during the public exhibition process will be considered for informing the final Strategy prior to being presented to Council in February 2024 for adoption.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council endorse the attached draft 'Tracks and Trails Strategy' for public exhibition and feedback.

CARRIED

7.6 AUTHORISATION FOR PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - C102GLPA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks the adoption of the *Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme Review 2022*, as required under Section 12(B) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) and seeks authority to prepare and exhibit Amendment C102gpla.

Amendment C102gpla implements the policy neutral recommendations of the *Golden Planning Scheme Review 2022*. The amendment enables Golden Plains Shire Council (Council) to respond to its planning function under 12(B) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, which requires Council to periodically review its planning scheme and subsequently work towards enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the planning scheme.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. Adopt the *Golden Plains Planning Scheme Review 2022*.
2. Authorise the preparation and exhibition of an amendment to the Golden Plains Planning Scheme in accordance with section 20(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to apply policy neutral changes to the ordinance and planning scheme maps as recommended by the recent review of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme 2022.

CARRIED

7.7 FINANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Quarter 1 Finance Report outlines the financial results for the three months ended 30 September 2023, together with a comparison to the revised budget adopted by Council (inclusive of carry forwards from 2022-23 and additional funding received to complete projects).

This report includes a summary of Council's financial performance and position for the 2023-24 year up to 30 September 2023, and an update on capital projects as at 30 September 2023. A high-level full year forecast is also included in the financial statements.

The Quarter 1 report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at their 14 November 2023 meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note the Quarter 1 Finance Report for the 3 months ended 30 September 2023.

CARRIED

7.8 COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLEMENTATION - QUARTER 1**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To update Council on the progress made in implementing Year 3, Quarter 1 actions of the Council Plan 2021-2025.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council note the implementation of the Year 3, Quarter 1 actions (1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023) of the Council Plan 2021-2025.

CARRIED

7.9 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report provides a record of expenditure made on behalf of Councillors in the performance of their duties for quarter one of 2023/24. 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 Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council note the contents of the Councillor Expenses and attendance report for quarter one of 2023/24.

CARRIED

7.10 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 14 NOVEMBER 2023**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is being submitted to Council to provide a summary of business considered at the 14 November 2023 meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee.

The unconfirmed minutes are provided in Attachment 1 for Council's noting.

The Audit & Risk Committee also considered one confidential report regarding the tender for Council's internal audit services.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council note the unconfirmed minutes from the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 14 November 2023.

CARRIED

7.11 TENDER FOR SLATE QUARRY ROAD, MEREDITH - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Slate Quarry Road east from Ballan-Meredith Road is a single lane road for 800m then widens to a two-lane road connecting with Geelong-Ballarat Road. It is proposed to widen the existing single lane road section to a two-lane sealed road and improve the intersections with Ballan-Meredith Road and Watson Steet. This contract includes all Civil works required to complete the scope of works as defined in the construction drawings and schedule of quantities. Works to include widening of the existing road, installation of new box culverts across Ballan-Meredith Road and drainage improvements with upgrades to private driveway culverts.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe
Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

1. Resolves to award the Contract GPSC-RFT-12-2023 - Slate Quarry Road Improvement, Meredith to Bild Infrastructure Pty Ltd for the sum of \$787,820 (incl. GST).
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7.21pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 19 December 2023.

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Brett Cunningham
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CHAIRPERSON