

MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 27 August 2024

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 10 September 2024

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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 AUGUST 2024 AT 6.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Tudball (CEO), Lynnere Gray (Director Corporate Services), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Environment), Emma Wheatland (Acting 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

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following public question was submitted by Annie Cranby. The answer was provided by Emma Wheatland, Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth.

Question

On 22nd August 2023, a question regarding the rationale for council's promoting intensive animal agriculture was questioned, highlighting the inherent risks involved. Council responded that this plan had arisen from a 2004 report and that amongst the consultees were animal farmers Bartters, Western Plains Pork, VFF chicken, and individual pig and poultry breeders. Given the exacerbation of climate heating, the millions of animals euthanised in the two major Golden Plains avian flu outbreaks, and the outdatedness of the report, would council consider re-evaluating the strategy, this time including the views of epidemiologists, climatologists, and more equitable inclusion of plant based agriculture, to ensure that these risks are better addressed?

Answer

The Golden Plains Food Production Precinct plan was updated in 2017.

As part of councils Climate Action Plan (2022-2032) Council will support agricultural businesses to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including connecting landholders with information and opportunities to implement climate friendly features on their property, including regenerative agriculture and biodiversity protection.

The following public question was submitted by Annie Cranby. The answer was provided by Emma Wheatland, Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth.

Question

On 26th June, Darebin council became the first Australian council to endorse the plant based treaty, with an overwhelming majority of eight votes for and one against the motion. The treaty puts food systems at the heart of the climate crisis, aiming to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal agriculture, to promote a shift to more healthy, sustainable plant based diets and to actively reverse damage to planetary functions and biodiversity. What are the potential barriers to Golden Plains council endorsing the treaty, and how can these barriers be overcome?

Answer

Golden Plains Shire Council has not investigated potential barriers to implementing a plant based treaty however council continues to work with our partners and community to explore best practice and emerging trends in food systems and food security.

This work has included the establishment of a local food network. The network consists of an independent group of local food and farming enthusiasts who will work to develop an action plan to support the local agriculture and food industries and improve access to local, sustainable, and healthy food for Golden Plains residents.

The following public question was submitted by Ruth Weston. The answer was provided by Emma Wheatland, Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth.

Question

At the start of the Avian flu outbreak in Golden Plains shire earlier this year, we sent an email from numerous signatories to every councillor expressing our concern about your, quote: "strong policy to support intensive animal agriculture" this being a policy which creates an alarmingly ideal scenario for the spread of pathogenic bacteria and viruses which could lead to another, entirely preventable pandemic. Now that over a million sentient beings have been killed in Victoria, NSW and the ACT in this year alone and there is a real risk of this virus spreading to other species such as cattle, will Golden Plains council now stop approving further planning applications for intensive animal agriculture in the shire?

Answer

State policy and zoning seeks to ensure the protection of the state's agricultural base by preserving productive farmland. Statewide policy documents and Codes of Practice are utilised as a tool to assess animal industries. Council can only assess planning applications for intensive farming practices in line with the state government provisions, including referral to external agencies as and when required. Further enquiries regarding this outbreak should be directed to Agriculture Victoria or any human health concerns, to the Victorian Department of Health.

The following public question was submitted by Ruth Weston. The answer was provided by Emma Wheatland, Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth.

Question

Golden Plains has a Public Health and Wellness action plan 2021-2025. Two of its main goals are Increasing Healthy Eating and Tackling Climate Change and its Impact on Health.

The World Health Organisation recommends the intake of fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains and unsaturated fats found in fish, avocado and nuts. They do not recommend the saturated fats found in meat, cream and cheese produced by animal agriculture.

Will Golden Plains Councillors now consider changing their policy of supporting intensive animal agriculture to one that is aligned with healthy eating and which addresses the climate crisis?

Answer

Each year, council commits to a range of actions that support healthy eating which align with our Council Plan and Municipal Health and Wellbeing plan objectives. These actions are reported on in our annual plan which can be found on Councils website. Currently, the planning scheme promotes agriculture on farming zoned land. A localised planning policy which limits the type of agriculture that is permissible is not likely to be supported if it does not align with state direction for agriculture on farming land. As part of councils Climate Action Plan (2022-2032) Council will support agricultural businesses to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including connecting landholders with information and opportunities to implement climate friendly features on their property, including regenerative agriculture and biodiversity protection.

The following public question was submitted by Diane Roberts. The answer was provided by Emma Wheatland, Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth.

Question

In Australia we have the Climate Change Authority which gathers information for the Federal government and advises on actions. Part of their information gathering is taken from the Climate Council of Australia which has stated over 50% of methane emissions in Australia comes from Animal agriculture and it is the major driver in deforestation leading to increased climate change. Also, as the recent outbreaks of avian flu has shown, in an increasingly unstable climate, factory farming becomes an incubator for disease. With higher temperatures there will be worse to come. Therefore to not only support but promote animal agriculture is definitely not in the interest of the residents of this area, nor the generations to come. It would make far more environmental and business sense at this juncture to agree only to plant based farming in the region, leading to a safer and more secure future.

So, I would like to ask why Goldens Plains is still approving animal agriculture businesses in the region when the Federal and State Government have made international and national commitments to address climate change?

Answer

Golden Plains Shire assesses planning applications in line with the Planning Scheme. The Victorian Planning Scheme promotes agriculture on farming zoned land.

The following public question was submitted by Stephanie Jones. The answer was provided by Emma Wheatland, Acting Director Community, Planning and Growth.

Question

Last month there were numerous newspaper reports highlighting the significant risk of H5N1 bird flu that has rapidly spread to every continent except Australia, leaving a trail of death in its wake. Experts warn the strain is likely to arrive in Australia in Spring. With the threat of massive disruption to Australia's native birds and the poultry industry, as well as the potential transfer between mammals (including humans), what actions are being taken by the Golden Plains Council, as an intensive animal agriculture region, to mitigate this risk?

Answer

When assessing risk and implementing risk mitigation relating to H5N1 bird flu, Golden Plains Shire Council continues to be guided by and seek advice from specialist government bodies such as Agriculture Victoria and Victorian Department of Health.

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 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.

MANDATORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES / MEETINGS

- Audit Committee
- G21 - Board of Directors
- Ballarat Regional Alliance of Councils
- Peri Urban Group of Rural Councils
- CEO Review Committee
- Municipal Association of Victoria
- Geelong Regional Library Corporation
- Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Board
- Golden Plains Emergency Management Committee
- Council Meeting, Strategic Briefing, Councillor Briefing and Portfolio Meetings

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / EVENTS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

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

CARRIED

7.2 PROPERTY AT 66 BROOKE STREET, SMYTHESDALE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In July 2022 Council acquired the property at 66 Brooke Street, Smythesdale, acknowledging the strategic location of the land in proximity to the current Council facility in Heales Street, Smythesdale.

Council officers arranged for a Building Condition Assessment and a Heritage Assessment to determine the potential future use for the building, extent of refurbishment if possible or whether the building was not suitable for future use.

The Building Condition Assessment identified the structure as having a condition rating of 7 – an asset of poor overall condition. Deterioration would be quite severe and would be starting to limit the serviceability of the asset. Maintenance costs would be high. The amount required to re-purpose the building would be almost \$600,000, which far exceeds the current value of the structure.

The Heritage Assessment identified that the building was relocated to this site from Haddon in the early 1970s. There are no redeeming heritage features that meet the threshold warranting protection.

In addition to the consultants' reports, Council officers have undertaken a community consultation process, as well as an evaluation of existing community facilities and the utilisation of same.

There is substantial weight of evidence that the retention of the building on site will result in a substantial adverse financial impact on Council; therefore the officer recommendation is for the sale and disposal of the building.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the disposal (Sale) of the building located on 66 Brooke Street Smythesdale through an Expression of Interest process, and
2. In the event the Expression of Interest process is not successful, support the demolition and removal of the building.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Endorse the disposal (Sale) of the building located on 66 Brooke Street Smythesdale through an Expression of Interest process, and
2. In the event the Expression of Interest process is not successful, support the demolition and removal of the building.
3. Suitable landscaping design and works to be undertaken post demolition.

This motion was carried

A division was called.

In Favour: Crs Gavin Gamble, Helena Kirby, Brett Cunningham and Clayton Whitfield

Against: Crs Les Rowe, Owen Sharkey and Ian Getsom

CARRIED 4/3

7.3 COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLEMENTATION - QUARTER FOUR UPDATE AND 2023-24 PROGRESS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Council with an update on the progress of Year 3, Quarter 4 actions from the Council Plan 2021-2025, as well as a comprehensive overview of the 2023-24 reporting period.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council note the implementation of the Year 3, Quarter 4 actions of the Council Plan 2021-2025 and corresponding 2023-24 progress report.

CARRIED

7.4 PROCUREMENT POLICY UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is committed to ensuring continuous improvement and strong compliance processes are in place for its procurement activities in order to achieve value for money and generate benefits for Council and its community. This policy has been reviewed and updated to be in line with Victorian Local Government Best Practice Procurement guidelines and Social Procurement: A guide for Victorian Local Government.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe
Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council adopt the amended Procurement Policy and Exemption Procedure as attached (August 2024).

CARRIED

7.5 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fraud and Corruption Control Policy has been reviewed with updates made to the related legislation and documents and references.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council adopt the revised Fraud and Corruption Control Policy as attached (July 2024)

CARRIED

7.6 PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Transparency Policy was adopted by Council in August 2020 and is due for review. The review and refresh of this Policy is presented to Council for adoption. The changes proposed to this policy are primarily in relation to format and expression and the order and flow of items to improve readability.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council adopt the updated Public Transparency Policy as attached.

CARRIED

7.7 COMMUNITY VISION 2040 REFRESH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From January to March 2024 community members were invited to provide feedback on the 2040 Community Vision. Through the engagement, only minor changes were recommended with majority of respondents believing the vision still reflects the needs and vision for Golden Plains Shire residents. Councillors adopted the recommended changes at Council Briefing on 21 May 2024 (attached) and Officers has since incorporated these changes presented in this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. Note: The Community Engagement Summary report was uploaded to the Have Your Say Community Vision page on Councils Website for community viewing July 2024.
2. Council to endorse the revised Community Vision 2040 informed by community consultation and Councillors adoption of recommendations in 21 May 2024.

CARRIED

7.8 DISABILITY ACTION PLAN STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2025-2029

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following community consultation of the Draft Disability Action Plan March-May 2024, the Disability Action Plan Strategic Framework was produced and presented to Councillors, including a community engagement summary report.

On the 18 June 2024, Councillors endorsed the Draft Disability Action Plan Strategic Framework 2025-2029, for public exhibition and feedback. The Strategic Framework was released to the public and open for feedback for four weeks and closed Friday 26 July 2024.

The Disability Action Plan Strategic Framework 2025-2029 provides the framework for Council to address current and future needs of people with disabilities in accordance with The Disability Act 2006 (Section 38) which requires all Government organisations to have a Disability Action Plan (or similar) and ensuring alignment to Councils current strategies and plans; Council Plan, Community Vision 2040, Reconciliation Action Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Note: Public exhibition and community feedback on the Draft Disability Action Plan Strategic Framework 2025-2029 has closed.
2. Adopt the New Disability Action Plan Strategic Framework 2025-2029.

CARRIED

7.9 DRAFT GROWING PLACES STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Draft Growing Places Strategy is an evidence-based depiction of the preconditions for future growth and an inventory of what is required to support growth in the Shire. It is guided by principles from the Community Vision 2040. The draft Strategy presents the results of the background studies and work undertaken since 2021 to determine suitable locations for housing growth in the Shire.

This draft Strategy is completed and the next phase of the project is to engage with the community before final approval of the Strategy.

Community engagement and final approval will be deferred to after the council election caretaker period.

Approval of the draft Strategy is sought to finalise the work of this Council and to ensure the work may continue to progress following caretaker period.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield
Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council endorse the Draft Growing Place Strategy, text as attached (Attachment 1) for community and stakeholder engagement.

CARRIED

7.10 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C102GPLA - POLICY NEUTRAL AMENDMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amendment C102gpla implements the policy neutral recommendations of the *Golden Plains Planning Scheme Review 2022* and has been through a public exhibition process and two submissions were received. This report recommends the adoption of the amendment before submitting the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Adopts Amendment C102gpla which applies policy neutral changes to the ordinances and planning scheme maps as recommended by the review of the *Golden Plains Planning Scheme 2022*.
2. Requests the Minister for Planning to approve Amendment C102gpla in accordance with section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

CARRIED

7.11 BANNOCKBURN INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (DRAFT)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plan has been developed to support Golden Plains Shire Council (GPSC), and the wider Barwon IWM Forum network, in managing the impacts and demands of urbanisation and population growth in Bannockburn. Urbanisation and population growth cause significant changes to the water cycle, and without planning and collaboration across the water cycle service providers and stakeholders, these changes can degrade waterways and landscapes, and impact water security.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

1. Endorse the Public DRAFT Bannockburn Integrated Water Management Plan (IWM) for community consultation.
2. Endorse the public consultation process, to be conducted by online survey, to commence on Wednesday 28 August and close on Monday 16 September.

CARRIED

7.12 INVERLEIGH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PROPOSED SOLUTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council resolutions from the 16 May 2023 Council Meeting have progressed with the options identified reviewed. The options were then presented to the residents at which time officers advised the options presented were with the available budget in mind. With the support of the Mayor and Councillor Whitfield, the consultant was asked to consider and prepare new options to investigate the greater protection of properties in King Road and Faulkner Road. Modelling of the final options was presented to residents who generally supported the overall improvements to their properties. The next stage is to proceed with the detailed design and construction of the selected option.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Approve the detailed design and construction of intersection lowering at Argyle Park, Faulkner and King Roads and associated works (Option 1 as described in this report).;
- (b) Note Council previously approved a budget for this project of \$1,354,000, of which \$1,254,000 remains and that concept estimate for Option 1 exceed available budget by an estimated \$77,000.
- (c) Note that as part of the proposed works, rectification to the Common Road outfall is also required as part of the general drainage outcome associated with the proposed works which has not been included in the cost estimates for the options considered to date.
- (d) Note final budget requirements will be reported to Council as part of the construction Request for Tender process.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

- (a) Approve the detailed design and construction of intersection lowering at Argyle Park, Faulkner and King Roads and associated works (Option 1 as described in this report).;
- (b) Note Council previously approved a budget for this project of \$1,354,000, of which \$1,254,000 remains and that concept estimate for Option 1 exceed available budget by an estimated \$77,000.
- (c) Include in the detailed design for Option 1, further refinement of the design to reduce the impact in flood behaviour on the downstream properties.
- (d) Should the survey results from the details design of Option 1 show a freeboard of less than 100mm in a 1% event for properties in King Road and Casuake Drive, mitigation works be investigated and designed.
- (e) As part of the 2025/26 budget deliberations, officers prepare a report for a future council meeting on the funding options to design and construct the following:
 - i. The Common Road outfall upgrade and the Kind Road and Casuake Drive mitigation works, and;
 - ii. The infrastructure requirements emanating from the Bannockburn North and Bannockburn South Flood Studies.
- (f) Note final budget requirements will be reported to Council as part of the construction Request for Tender process.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

A motion was moved to suspend standing orders at 8.05pm.

CARRIED

The meeting resumed at 8.10pm.

7.13 FEDERATION BRIDGE - REPAIRS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the 18 July 2023 council supported full replacement of the Federation Pedestrian Bridge with a new suspension bridge pending design outcomes. The final design was approved and tendered with prices well above the available construction budget of \$350,000. A review of the Bridge Assessment Report determined that major repairs valued at \$325,000 can be undertaken within the available budget with an outcome that extends the life of the bridge by 25 years, provides access to the community and allows for future planning for its eventual replacement.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That Council:

1. Rescind the decision to replace the Federation Pedestrian Bridge and support proceeding with repairs to the Federation Pedestrian Bridge.
2. Request officers to inform the community of the change in direction.

This motion was carried

A division was called.

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

Against: Cr Les Rowe

CARRIED 6/1

7.14 FOOTPATH STRATEGY - ADOPTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Footpath Strategy sets out a strategy for how GPSC will commence to deliver and upgrade its formal footpaths within the Shire over the next 10 years. The Strategy is prepared in response to changing population needs and our ability to plan for growth. The strategy sets out a 'level of service framework' and a 'prioritisation matrix' to support selection of projects for delivery.

The Draft Footpath Strategy was endorsed by Council at the 26 June Council meeting for public exhibition. Following the exhibition period a total of nine (9) submissions were received, mostly in support of the framework and matrix; suggesting other locations where the framework can be applied and how the strategy can inform subdivision development. There are no changes required to the strategy from the feedback received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council adopt the Footpath Strategy 2024- 2034 and apply the Level of Service Framework and Prioritisation Matrix to the assessment of existing and future paths across the Shire.

CARRIED

7.15 OPTIONS TO REPLACE GOLDEN LAKE ROAD BRIDGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the 23 July 2024 Council Meeting, a Notice of Motion was submitted and supported by Council requesting a report to a future council meeting be prepared regarding options for replacement of Golden Lake Road Bridge. The replacement of this bridge was considered by Council at its 27 August 2019 meeting where, following a tender process, it resolved in summary not to proceed with the replacement. The bridge continues to be used but is weight limited to 5 tonnes. Council officers have consulted with emergency service providers who have confirmed that the bridge is not critical to them providing a response, and in CFA's case, they have advised using the bridge as an escape route for properties to the north of Casey Road / Golden Lake Road is not advisable during a fire. In fact, more often than not it is too late to leave during a fire and CFA recommends strongly leaving properties in advance of fires.

Golden Lake Road is a low use road, with a traffic count conducted between 22 May 2024 and 6 June 2024 (15 days) indicating an average of 18 vehicles per day use the bridge. It is likely this number would reduce once the bridge on Linton – Piggoreet Road is replaced (which was severely damaged during the November 2022 flood and the replacement bridge is scheduled to be completed by end of August 2024). It is most likely that some users are using Golden Lake Road as a detour while the Linton – Piggoreet Road bridge is being replaced.

It is assumed replacement of the Golden Lake Road bridge would be similar to the design that was tendered in 2019, being a single lane 20m long by 5m wide (approx.) concrete bridge. The tenders received indicated the replacement cost was in the order of \$730,000. Current estimated cost to replace is \$850,000 (\$770,000 + 10% contingency). The options for Golden Lake Road Bridge (also known as Christies Bridge) include:

- Not replace the bridge in accordance with Council's 2019 resolution, maintain the 5 tonne limit and discontinue the road (bridge portion) when the bridge becomes unserviceable.
- Elevate its priority and use Council bridge renewal budget to replace the bridge. Council's bridge renewal 2024/25 budget is \$1.2 Million offset by \$720K income. The income is an estimate of what Council hope to receive in government funding subject to successful applications.
- Apply to the Federal Government for 80% funding of replacement cost in the next round (in about early 2025) from the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. Council officers have applied for funding to replace 3 bridges under the current round, Wilgul-Werneth Road (Howells Bridge), Wurrook Road Bridge and Pinchgut Road Bridge (damaged by flood event).
- Include as a new initiative in future Council budget deliberations.
- Implement a Special Rate and Charge Scheme so property owners who receive a direct benefit contribute to the replacement cost.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note this report.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom
Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

1. That Council elevate the priority of this bridge in the bridge replacement program.
2. That Officers pursue funding through the Federal Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

This motion was carried

A division was called.

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

Against: Crs Gavin Gamble and Owen Sharkey

CARRIED 5/2

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - AMALGAMATION OF COUNCILS - CR SHARKEY

I, Councillor Owen Sharkey, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 August 2024, I intend to move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council officers provide a briefing day report to council on the process, and legislative requirements involved in an amalgamation of councils.

This motion was carried

A division was called.

In Favour: Crs Les Rowe, Owen Sharkey, Brett Cunningham and Ian Getsom

Against: Crs Gavin Gamble, Helena Kirby and Clayton Whitfield

CARRIED 4/3

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SATISFACTION RESULTS - CR SHARKEY

I, Councillor Owen Sharkey, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 August 2024, I intend to move the following motion:-

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council requests that the results of the recent Local Government Satisfaction Survey results be presented at the next available Council meeting.

This motion was carried

A division was called.

In Favour: Crs Les Rowe, Owen Sharkey, Brett Cunningham, Ian Getsom and Clayton Whitfield

Against: Crs Gavin Gamble and Helena Kirby

CARRIED 5/2

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

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 Neighbour Agreement for extractive industry operation at Sago Hill Quarry

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - a 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 Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION**

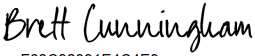
Moved: Cr Ian Getsom
Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council reopens the Council meeting to the public at 9.24pm and close the meeting.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 9:25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 10 September 2024.

Signed by:

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CHAIRPERSON