

MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 22 October 2024

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
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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, 22 OCTOBER 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: Shane Walden (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Environment), Lynnere Gray (Director Corporate Services), Emma Wheatland (Acting Director Community, Planning & 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 Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 September 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 INTENTIONALLY BLANK DUE TO ELECTION PERIOD POLICY

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 DELEGATES' REPORTS & INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is typically the item on the agenda where 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.

During the Election Period, the ordinary business of Council must be done a little differently to ensure the election is conducted in a fair and equitable manner.

Council has an Election Period Policy in place to ensure that the ordinary business of Council can continue throughout the Election Period.

Please note that Council has been in the Election Period since 17 September 2024, which means that Councillor functions and engagement opportunities have been limited, to ensure the conduct of a fair and equitable election.

Noting that it is the election period there will not be the opportunity for Councillors to speak to this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Helena Kirby

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

This motion was carried.

A division was called.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

7.2 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT FOR SIGNING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The financial statements and performance statement have been prepared by Council Officers and were subject to a financial audit during the final audit visit by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) from 3-13 September 2024.

The statements were reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 8 October 2024 following the VAGO audit.

The performance statement includes results for 2023/24 and 2022/23. Councils are required to establish materiality thresholds to explain movements between reporting periods. If the current year result falls outside the materiality threshold range, Councils are required to explain the movement as a material variance.

Council is required under the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations to prepare the Governance and Management checklist, which is to be certified by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

1. Note the annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 attached;
2. Note the Audit and Risk Committee recommendation for the final audited 2023/24 Financial Statements and Performance Statement to be certified on behalf of Council by Cr Brett Cunningham (Mayor) and Cr Owen Sharkey, in accordance with Section 99 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;
3. Authorises the Mayor and Cr Sharkey to certify the annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2024; and
4. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to certify the Governance and Management checklist.

This motion was carried.

A division was called.

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

Against: Cr Les Rowe

CARRIED 6/1

7.3 ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 133(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is required to prepare an Annual Report each fiscal year. This year the Annual Report must be presented at a public Council Meeting before Election Day 26 October. Additionally, the Act mandates public notification of the report's availability for inspection, both at Council offices and on the Council's website.

The Annual Report 2023/24 provides a comprehensive insight into Council's achievements and performance supporting the five community outcomes areas as set out in the Council Plan 2021-2025.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council approves the Golden Plains Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil


10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

Nil

The Mayor acknowledged the last Council meeting of this Council term, and thanked Councillors for their time and commitment.

The Meeting closed at 6.07pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024.

Signed by:

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER