



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

# MINUTES

## Council Meeting

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**6.00pm Tuesday 8 June 2021**

**VENUE:**  
**Virtual Meeting**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
6.00pm Tuesday 29 June 2021

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY  
ON TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 2021 AT 6.00PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Braslis (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Development), Philippa O'Sullivan (Director Corporate Services), Lisa Letic (Director Community Services), Annmaree Bowey (Coordinator Governance and Risk)

The Mayor made the following statement:

*"Welcome everyone tonight to this Council Meeting to hear the Submissions on the 2021-22 Budget and the 2021-2025 Draft Council Plan. My name is Cr. Helena Kirby and I am the Mayor at the Golden Plains Shire Council. Tonight this Council Meeting is taking place virtually and being presented in a different way, via livestream.*

*The public are encouraged to watch virtual meetings through live streaming which is available on Council's website and YouTube page.*

*As Chair of the Meeting I give my consent for this open Council meeting to be, recorded and published online, in accordance with Section 14 of Council's Governance Rules of 2020.*

*The stream will stop at the conclusion of the meeting.*

*Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the stream, every effort will be made to bring the stream back online as soon as possible.*

*A recording will be made available on Council's website following the meeting.*

*I will now run through the procedures to ensure the meeting runs as smoothly as possible.*

*In accordance with Requirement 1 of the Ministers Good Practice Guideline, I will address each Councillor individually to confirm the following:*

- they can hear the proceedings;*
- they can see other Councillors in attendance;*
- they can be seen by other Councillors; and*
- they can be heard when speaking.*

*If a Councillor is unable to confirm that they can hear and see the proceedings, or if they cannot be seen or heard, they will be recorded as absent in the Minutes and be ineligible to vote on Agenda items.*

*I will now confirm that all Councillors can be seen and heard:*

- Deputy Mayor, Cr Ian Getsom, can you please confirm that I can be seen and heard?*
- Deputy Mayor, Cr Ian Getsom, can you please now confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?*
- Cr Brett Cunningham, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?*
- Cr Gavin Gamble, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?*
- Cr Les Rowe, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?*
- Cr Owen Sharkey, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?*
- Cr Clayton Whitfield, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?*

*If any Councillor drops out during the meeting, they will be recorded as having left the meeting at that time and the meeting will continue as normal.*

*If a Councillor re-joins the meeting, I will in accordance with Requirement 1 of the Ministers Good Practice Guideline again ask the Councillor to confirm that they can hear the proceedings, see others in attendance and can be heard. Upon this confirmation it will be recorded in the minutes that the Councillor re-joined the meeting.*

*Councillors, if you would like to move or second a motion, please raise your hand in a manner that can be clearly seen on your computers camera.*

*Councillors, when voting on a matter, please also raise your hand either for or against the motion in a manner that can be clearly seen on your computers camera. Please leave your hand raised until I have declared the motion as being carried or lost.*

*If you wish to speak to an item during debate, please also raise your hand in a manner that can be clearly seen on your computers camera and leave your hand raised until I have asked you to speak. This will allow me, as the Mayor, to manage the debate accordingly.*

*When you are not speaking please ensure you are on mute.*

*Thank you."*

## **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 people. We acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners and Custodians. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders past, present and emerging. Council also respects Eastern Maar Elders past, present and emerging.

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

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 6 OTHER MATTERS

### 6.1 2021-22 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 20 April 2021, Council resolved to place on public exhibition the 2021-22 Draft Annual Budget in accordance with Section 96 of *the Local Government Act, 2020* (the Act).

Public submissions along with the individual submissions that have been received were recorded in a register that was previously presented to Councillors and outlined details of the submission. Fourteen (14) public submissions have been received. of which five (5) submitters have requested to be heard.

The 2021-22 Draft Annual Budget will be presented to the 29 June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting for final adoption.

#### Submitters Heard:

1. David Evans
2. Cameron Steele
3. Russell Coad

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council receive and note the public submissions relating to the Draft 2021-22 Annual Budget.

**CARRIED**

## **6.2 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES SUBMISSIONS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its 27 April Council Meeting, Council endorsed an increase to the Mayoral and Councillor allowances to reflect the increasing population that the Mayor and Councillors now represent and serve. The proposed allowances, which include the 9.5% superannuation equivalent are:

- Mayoral allowance: \$72,268.40
- Councillor allowances: \$25,237.58

At the same meeting, Council also resolved to invite public submissions on the remuneration levels for Mayoral and Councillor allowances between 27 April 2021 and 25 May 2021, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 and as part of the public consultation was an opportunity for submitters to present at the 8 June Council meeting

As a result of the public consultation period a total of 5 submissions were lodged using the online submission form. A table of the submissions along with the individual submissions received has been previously provided to Council for consideration. All 5 submitters have requested not to be heard at the meeting.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council receive and note the public submissions on the review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances.

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 2021-2025 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN SUBMISSIONS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its meeting held on 27 April 2021, Council resolved to place on public exhibition the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 as prepared in accordance with Section 90 of the *Local Government Act, 2020*.

The Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 was provided for public exhibition and submission for the period 28 April to 26 May 2021. Ten public submissions have been received and recorded in a register that was previously presented to Councillors. Four of the submitters have requested to be heard at the Special Council Meeting on 8 June.

The Council Plan 2021-2025 will be presented for adoption at the Council Meeting on 29 June 2021.

#### **Submitters Heard:**

1. David Bruce
2. Michael Griffin
3. Cherie Draper

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham  
Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council receive and note the submissions received relating to the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 6.57pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 29 June 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**