



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 12 October 2021

VENUE:
Virtual Meeting

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 26 October 2021

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 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), Steven Sagona (Acting Director Community Services), Leanne Wilson (Manager Development and Regulatory Services), Matthew Sims (Coordinator Community Safety & Municipal Fire Prevention Officer), Lynette Sorgiovanni (Community Safety Support Officer), Sophie Brown (Acting Governance and Legal Services Officer)

The Mayor made the following statement:

"Good Evening Everyone. Good Evening Councillors and submitters to tonight's Council Meeting. My name is Helena Kirby and I am the Mayor of 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?
Cr Ian Getsom: I can see and hear you Madam Mayor.*
- Cr Brett Cunningham, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
Cr Brett Cunningham: Yes I can see and hear all other Councillors thank-you.*
- Cr Gavin Gamble, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
Cr Gavin Gamble: Yes Mayor, I can see and hear all other Councillors.*
- Cr Les Rowe, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
Cr Les Rowe: Yes I can hear and see fellow Councillors thank-you.*

- Cr Owen Sharkey, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
Cr Owen Sharkey: Yes thank-you very much Madam Mayor, able to see and hear each Councillor.
- Cr Clayton Whitfield, can you please confirm that you can hear and see other Councillors?
Cr Clayton Whitfield: Thank-you Madam Mayor, I can see and hear all 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 the 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 the 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 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 VERBAL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE LOCAL LAW - GENERAL PUBLIC AMENITY

Speakers

1. Mark Tarbett
2. Diane Dunne
3. James Manche
4. Kerrie McFane
5. John Bolitho
6. Sue Debets
7. Paul Stefanovic
8. Elizabeth Gillespie
9. Lyndal Fair
10. Sam Davis

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June 2020, Council resolved to commence proceedings to update and review Local Law No. 2 General Public Amenity. A draft Local Law was prepared and in August and September 2020, was put on public display on Council's website or printed off when requested by a member of the public.

In a Strategic Planning Workshop in February and a Council Briefing in March, Councillors were informed of the contentious issues and amendments were made and discussed.

Between April and June, Council Officers met with the solicitors engaged to assist with the Local Law, Harwood Andrews, and worked on the changes. Over the past 3 months, the Local Law has been checked, re-checked, and formatted by Harwood Andrews.

On the 22 September 2021 Council advertised on social media and on Council's website that verbal submissions can be made by submitters who wrote to Council last year. On 28 September and 7 October, a targeted email was sent to all submitters who requested to make a verbal submission. At the time of writing this report, nine (9) submitters have chosen to speak.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council hear submissions from those requesting to address Council in support of their written submission in relation to the Draft Local Law.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 7.27pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Golden Plains Shire Council held on 26 October 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON