



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

MINUTES

Council Meeting

3.00pm Friday 16 April 2021

VENUE:
Virtual Meeting

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 27 April 2021

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY
ON FRIDAY, 16 APRIL 2021 AT 3.00PM**

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

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

Council acknowledge the traditional Wadawurrung owners of the land where we meet today. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders both past and present and 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 Les Rowe

Due to the meeting being called under extraordinary circumstances and with less than 24 hours notice, Cr Rowe was an apology as he did not receive notice of the meeting.

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 LEAVE TO CONSIDER A PETITION AND E-PETITION - ROKEWOOD UNITING CHURCH - 60 FERRARS STREET, ROKEWOOD

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council seek leave of the Council to consider a Petition and an e-Petition, as taken-up on the 'change.org' platform.

CARRIED

**5.2 RECEIVE AND NOTE A PETITION AND E-PETITION - ROKEWOOD UNITING CHURCH
- 60 FERRARS STREET, ROKEWOOD****RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council receive and note the attached Petition and the e-Petition – entitled "Save the Rokewood church".

CARRIED

**5.3 HERITAGE DESIGNATION - ROKEWOOD UNITING CHURCH, 60 FERRARS STREET,
ROKEWOOD**

At 3:22pm, Cr Ian Getsom left the meeting (Internet connection was lost)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to report to the next Council meeting;

1. On the extent to which 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood VIC 3330 (VHD Place ID: 23678) is subject (or not) to Heritage protections under the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Heritage Act 2017* and any other state or federal acts.
2. On whether any form of interim Heritage protection is necessary and possible.
3. With at least a broad and rudimentary plan for the fullest, long-term protection of this unique building.

CARRIED

5.4 POTENTIAL COMPULSORILY AQUISITION - ROKEWOOD UNITING CHURCH, 60 FERRARS STREET, ROKEWOOD

MOTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Recognising Council does not have the power to compulsorily acquire the property of 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood Victoria the Council resolve to write to the Minister to request the Minister to exercise such power to compulsorily acquire the property and re-entrust it to the Presbyterian Church of Victoria Trusts Corporation for continued use as a Christian place of worship in accordance with the *Presbyterian Synod of Victoria Act 1859* *Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1900* and other acts of the Parliament of Victoria which governs the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

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

Against: Cr Owen Sharkey

CARRIED 4/1

The Meeting closed at 3.51pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 27 April 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON