



MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 23 March 2021

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 27 April 2021

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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, 23 MARCH 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, my name is Cr Helena Kirby and I am the Mayor of the Golden Plains Shire Council. Tonight this Council Meeting is taking place from the Golden Plains Civic Centre Council Chambers however, in light of the current Coronavirus situation, closed to the public and being presented in a different way, via livestream.

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

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Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the stream a recording will be made available on our website.

Those Councillors and staff in attendance in person tonight, are advised to practice social distancing and the hygiene recommendations of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Due to the Coronavirus situation, public presentations and submissions will be presented virtually. For those that do not wish to present their public presentations for Public Question Time, a written response will be provided. The maximum 3 minutes still applies."

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

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

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ian Getsom

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Owen Sharkey declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.4 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020. The nature of the interest being that it is a perceived conflict, Cr Owen Sharkey left the meeting at 6:27pm and returned at 6:44pm . Cr Owen Sharkey was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

Cr Clayton Whitfield declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.7 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Whitfield submitted a vote in the Inverleigh Play space public consultation. Cr Clayton Whitfield left the meeting at 7:02pm and returned at 7:18pm. Cr Clayton Whitfield was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**7.1 DELEGATES REPORT - 23 FEBRUARY 2021 TO 22 MARCH 2021**

	Cr Kirby	Cr Cunningham	Cr Gamble	Cr Getsom	Cr Rowe	Cr Sharkey	Cr Whitfield
Council Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Briefing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strategic Councillor Briefing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Portfolios	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Cr Helena Kirby

- 24 February Meeting with Department of Transport
- 26 February G21 Board Meeting
- 26 February Meeting with Stuart Grimley MP
- 1 March G21 Sport & Recreation Pillar meeting
- 5 March CHCV Mayor & CEO meeting
- 5 March PUGRC Mayor and CEO meeting
- 5 March Meeting with The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP
- 5 March International Women's Day luncheon
- 12 March International Women's Day breakfast
- 15 March Victorian Local Government Grants Commission meeting
- 18 March Open House - Community Engagement on the Digital Hub at The Well
- 19 March Meeting with The Hon. Jaala Pulford MP

Cr Brett Cunningham

- 25 February G21 Economic Development Pillar meeting
- 1 March G21 Sport & Recreation Pillar meeting
- 3 March MAV Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment training

Cr Gavin Gamble

- 26 February Grampians Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group Local Government Forum Induction Meeting

Cr Ian Getsom

- 25 February Timber Towns Victoria General Meeting
- 11 March Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

Cr Les Rowe**Cr Owen Sharkey**

- 5 March PUGRC Mayor and CEO meeting

Cr Clayton Whitfield

26 February Grampians Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group Local Government Forum Induction Meeting

18 March Open House - Community Engagement on the Digital Hub at The Well

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 23 February 2021 to 22 March 2021.

CARRIED

7.2 MEETING RECORD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To receive any Meeting Records that disclose any conflict of interests declared since the previous Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council receive and note the Meeting Records from 24 February 2021 to 23 March 2021 as attached.

CARRIED

7.3 P20140 28 BELL COURT, TEESDALE (USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR DOMESTIC ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (KEEPING OF 5 DOGS))

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to a planning permit application for the use and development for domestic animal husbandry (keeping of 5 Dogs).

The application has been referred to a Council meeting for determination because there are two (2) objections to the application, which relate to amenity impact and noise. This report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application, and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

A recommendation has been made to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit to allow for the use and development of the land for a domestic animal husbandry. Whilst two (2) objections to the application were received, the proposal is consistent with relevant planning policy, and officers recommend that the application be approved, subject to appropriate conditions.

Speaker

Anonymous (Objector)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council resolve to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the use of the land for a domestic animal husbandry at 28 Bell Court, Teesdale subject to the recommended conditions.

CARRIED

Cr Owen Sharkey declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.4 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020. The nature of the interest being that it is a perceived conflict, Cr Owen Sharkey left the meeting at 6:27pm and returned at 6:44pm . Cr Owen Sharkey was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

At 6:27 pm, Cr Owen Sharkey left the meeting

7.4 P20121 19 DONALDSON ROAD, LETHBRIDGE (9 LOT SUBDIVISION)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report relates to a planning permit application for the development of land for the purposes of a nine (9) lot subdivision at Crown Allotment 19 Donaldson Road, Lethbridge. The application has been referred to the Council Meeting for determination because there is one objection to the application from a neighbouring landowner who has concerns regarding drainage. The report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. The Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application and objection for consideration prior to making a decision.

Speaker

Anonymous (Objector)

Brendan O'Loan (Applicant)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a nine lot subdivision at 19 Donaldson Road, Lethbridge subject to the recommended conditions.

CARRIED

At 6:44 pm, Cr Owen Sharkey returned to the meeting.

7.5 AMENDMENT C92GPLA TEESDALE STRUCTURE PLAN - POST EXHIBITION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to inform Councillors of the results of exhibition of the Teesdale Structure Plan and Amendment C92gpla (to implement the TSP) which occurred between November 26, 2020 and January 25, 2021.

This report recommends minor changes to Amendment C92gpla and the TSP in response to submissions. It is important to note however that officers do not recommended any changes in response to the majority of objections. It is therefore necessary for Council to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent planning panel to impartially consider the position of all parties and resolve the outstanding objections.

Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the submissions for consideration prior to making a decision.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Authorise officers to make changes to the Teesdale Structure Plan (TSP) and Amendment C92gpla in accordance with officer recommendations identified in table 1 of this report.
2. Refer all submissions to an independent Planning Panel pursuant to section 23(1)(b) of the Planning and Environment Act.
3. Authorise officers/suitable persons to represent Council at the Planning Panel hearing generally in accordance with the response to submissions outlined in this report.

CARRIED

7.6 REFLECT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The development of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) provides Council an opportunity to strengthen relationships with the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Golden Plains as articulated in the Golden Plains 2040 Community Vision. The Reconciliation Action Plan program provides a framework for organisations to support the national reconciliation movement as well as to progress partnerships with Traditional Owners.

Reconciliation Australia recommends a stepped process for responding to reconciliation, commencing with the development of a Reflect RAP. Committing to the 'Reflect RAP' allows Council time to spend time scoping and developing relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders, to set a vision for reconciliation and to explore our sphere of influence, before committing to more specific actions or initiatives. It is anticipated that our RAP will launch during Reconciliation Week in June 2021 and have a lifespan of approximately 18 months.

An internal working group comprising cross departmental representation was convened in October 2020 to commence development on the organisations inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) under the framework provided by Reconciliation Australia and well resolved draft plan is now complete.

It is a requirement of the RAP Accreditation process that RAPs are lodged with Reconciliation Australia for feedback and quality assurance purposes and we seek Council support to move forward with this process.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gavin Gamble

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council endorse the draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 as presented in Attachment 1, for review under the RAP Accreditation Process offered by Reconciliation Australia.

CARRIED

At 7:02 pm, Cr Clayton Whitfield left the meeting.

Cr Clayton Whitfield declared a general conflict of interest in Item 7.7 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2020 The nature of the interest being that Cr Whitfield submitted a vote in the Inverleigh Play space public consultation. Cr Clayton Whitfield left the meeting at 7:02pm and returned at 7:18pm. Cr Clayton Whitfield was absent whilst this matter was being discussed and considered.

7.7 INVERLEIGH PLAY SPACE NAMING - REPORT FOR DECISION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Council meeting held on 23 February 2021, Council received the voting results of the public consultation for the preferred name for the Inverleigh Play Space which was held between 16 December 2020 and 29 January 2021. The four names considered as part of the vote were Leigh River Park, Inverleigh Community Park, Inverleigh Play Park and Yerram Yaluk Bun.

Voting was open to all residents of Golden Plains Shire and the extended community and stated that 'all votes will be counted and the name with the majority of votes will become the official name of the feature, subject to Council approval'.

A total of 115 valid votes were received with "Yerram Yaluk Bun" receiving the highest number of votes.

Voters were given the opportunity to present a submission and / or objection to Council at the February Council Meeting, however no formal submissions to speak were received and one objection was subsequently withdrawn prior to the Council meeting.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council resolves to seek further feedback from the community on the two names that received the highest number of votes, being Yerram Yaluk Bun and Leigh River Park, also this process would include a 30-day exhibition period.

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. Resolve to name the Inverleigh Play Space the name that received the highest amount of votes being 'Yerram Yaluk Bun'.
2. Inform the community of Council's decision, request to enter into a language agreement with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and request the name be endorsed and gazetted by the Registrar at the Office of Geographic Names.

CARRIED

At 7:18 pm, Cr Clayton Whitfield returned to the meeting.

7.8 FLAG POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in response to a Notice of Motion raised by Cr Sharkey at the 15 December 2020 Council meeting "That Council consider adoption of a Flag Policy at a future Council Meeting no later than March 2021".

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Adopt the Flag Policy as attached.
2. Refers the cost of the installation and lighting of a third flagpole at The Well, Smythesdale and the Golden Plains Civic Centre, Bannockburn to the 2021/22 Capital Works Budget.

CARRIED

7.9 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2020-2021 - ROUND 2

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council endorsement of the application made under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-2021 Round 2 for the Ross Creek Play and Active Rec Upgrade which is seeking \$450,000 from this fund and requires a contribution of \$100,000 from Council which has been included in the draft 2021/22 Capital Works Budget.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

That Council:

1. Endorses the application made to the State Government Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-2021 – Round 2 for \$450,000 towards the upgrade of Ross Creek Play and Active Rec Upgrade.
2. Notes that \$100,000 has been included in the Draft 2021/22 Capital Works Budget as Councils contribution to this \$550,000 project.

CARRIED

7.10 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - 2021 LOCAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks endorsement of the funding applications to the 2021 Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council endorses the following grant applications for the 2021 Sport and Recreation Victoria Local Sports Infrastructure Fund;

1. Leighdale Equestrian Centre Upgrade (Female Friendly Facilities category) – Total project cost of \$537,000 [\$358,000 SRV, \$169,000 GPS and \$10,000 Leighdale Equestrian Centre Committee of Management.]
2. Bannockburn Victoria Park Ovals Safety Netting (Scoreboards and Fixed Equipment category) – Total project cost of \$50,000 [\$25,000 SRV, \$19,000 GPS and \$6,000 Bannockburn FNC.]

CARRIED

7.11 COVID -19 HARDSHIP POLICY AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRESS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an update on the assistance provided to customers experiencing financial difficulties as a result of COVID-19 impacts.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council note the update on assistance provided to our residents through the COVID-19 recovery plan during 2020/21.

CARRIED

7.12 SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND IN BANNOCKBURN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is proposed to declare approximately 3.5 hectares of Council owned land in the northern part of the Bannockburn Recreation Precinct as surplus to Council's needs and initiate a rezoning, subdivision and development plan process with a view to selling the land in the form of residential allotments, as well as potentially providing for affordable / social housing under the State Governments "Big Housing Build" program.

The land was previously identified as a potential site for an AFL football oval but is no longer the preferred location for the oval. Opportunities for dual ovals and netball courts have since been incorporated in the exhibited Bannockburn Growth Plan, acknowledging that the growth will warrant the establishment of a new Football/Netball Club.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council;

1. Deem the land described as "surplus area" in the attachment to this report as surplus to Council's needs.
2. Commence the preparation of a Planning Scheme Amendment for a combined rezoning (to General Residential Zone 1) and subdivision, in accordance with the requirements of Section 96A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, including the modification to the local planning policy maps that identify the land for a residential purpose instead of a recreation purpose and the preparation of a Development Plan for the land in accordance with the requirements of the Development Plan Overlay Schedule 1.
3. Establish a dedicated Recreational Future Fund (Reserve) so that nett profits from the sale of the land or any residential development is set aside to enable future recreational improvements across the Shire.

Cr Rowe called for a division

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

Against: Crs Les Rowe and Brett Cunningham

CARRIED 5/2

7.13 COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM ACTION PLAN 2021 - 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide an overview on the Draft Community Planning Action Plan 2021 – 2024. The actions have been informed by and align with a review that was undertaken of the Community Planning Program (CPP) and its recommendations.

A CPP Review was undertaken during 2020 including community and internal engagement and a report on the outcome of the Review was delivered at the Councillor Briefing on 15 September 2020 and identified the strengths of the programs and provided high level recommendations outlining the future direction of the CPP.

A comprehensive approach to the development of the Draft Action Plan 2021 – 2024 (Attachment 1) has been undertaken to turn the themed recommendations from the CPP Review into reality, with a focus on program efficiency and effectiveness, while ensuring the CPP is delivered in an equitable manner and is responsive to the diverse needs of our communities.

The Action Plan outlines the actions, tasks, timelines, responsibilities, performance measures monitoring and evaluation that Council will undertake from 2021 to 2024 to ensure the CPP can delivering on its objectives.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council adopts the Draft Community Planning Program Action Plan 2021 – 2024 (Attachment 1).

CARRIED

7.14 BERRYBANK WINDFARM RATING AGREEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Construction of the Berrybank Wind Farm Stage 1 has been completed and is currently undergoing commissioning. For rating purposes, alternative energy generators are treated under State policy via specific rating agreements rather than the general rating provisions that apply to the majority of properties in the Shire. This report seeks endorsement of the proposed rating agreement for the Berrybank Wind Farm in accordance with the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Berrybank Wind Farm rating agreement with Berrybank Development Pty Ltd as provided in Attachment 1.
2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the rating agreement when finalised.

CARRIED

7.15 STATUTORY PLANNING ADVERTISING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Act) provides the legislative requirements for advertising planning applications.

This report, and attached policy and procedure is intended to implement a consistent approach to how the Statutory Planning department undertake public notice of planning applications when public notice is required.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council approves the Advertising Planning Applications Policy and Procedure as attached.

CARRIED

7.16 PROPOSED NAMING OF UN-NAMED ROAD, LETHBRIDGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received a request from a resident for a section of unmade road leading to their property and principle place of residence to be added to Council's road register for maintenance and grading purposes. The road is located off Clarkes Road in Lethbridge – see map in attachment 1.

The request meets the criteria required to add the road to the Road Register and was supported by the Director of Assets and Amenities (at the time) and the Roads and Drainage Engineer. To be included on the road register, the road must also be given a unique name.

Following consultation with the resident and receiving in-principle support from the Registrar of Geographic Names, it is proposed to name the road 'Capron Lane'.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council:

1. Endorse naming the currently un-named section of road off Clarke's Road, Lethbridge, 'Capron Lane' in accordance with the *Naming Rules for places in Victoria – Statutory Requirements for naming roads, features and localities - 2016*.
2. Advertise its intention to name the road 'Capron Lane' and invite feedback from the community in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
3. Consider any submissions or objections received during the advertised period and if no objections are received, proceed with the gazettal process.

CARRIED

7.17 BANNOCKBURN SHIRE HALL - BANNOCKBURN SURGERY LEASE AGREEMENT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Following the close of the Expression of Interest (EOI) period for the lease of the Bannockburn Shire Hall which resulted in no formal EOI responses, Council was approached by the Bannockburn Surgery with a request for them to lease the premises as a location for the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

In accordance with Council's Property Management Framework and Property Use Agreements Policy, Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), has the power under S5 delegation to the CEO made by Council resolution on 28 July 2020, to enter into a short-term lease agreement from 16 March 2021 to 1 December 2021. The lease includes a peppercorn rental fee of \$11 and the Bannockburn Surgery will pay for all outgoings including the cost of furniture removal and storage for the period of the lease.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note the lease entered into with Bannockburn Surgery for the use of the Bannockburn Shire Hall at 12 High Street, Bannockburn to facilitate the delivery of COVID-19 Vaccinations within the Golden Plains Community.

CARRIED

7.18 REVIEW OF INSTRUMENT DELEGATION - COUNCIL TO STAFF

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation – Council to Members of Staff enables Council to delegate functions, duties and powers, other than specific exemptions, to Council staff.

A review of the instruments of delegation from Council to members of Council staff has been undertaken. The review included:

- legislative changes required under the new Local Government Act 2020;
- changes required under the instrument template issued by Maddocks Lawyers (January 2021);
- an internal review to ensure alignment with overall organisational requirements, structure and position responsibilities; and
- minor cosmetic changes.

The changes are summarised in detail within the report.

The updated instrument of delegation is presented for Council's adoption (Attachment 1).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, Golden Plains Shire Council, resolves that:

1. There be delegation to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
2. The instrument comes into force immediately once the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
3. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 URGENT BUSINESS

U.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Council consider making a decision about electricity procurement beyond 30 June 2021 to avoid the uncertainty and volatility in wholesale energy prices.

That Council accept and consider this matter as urgent business.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Gavin Gamble

CARRIED

U.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present information to Council to make a decision on electricity procurement beyond 30 June 2021. To hedge against the uncertainty and volatility relating to wholesale energy prices, and to secure better prices and price certainty as well as reducing Golden Plains Shire Council's (Council) emissions, Council has participated in Victorian Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (LG PPA) Buyers Group. By way of background, attached is a Council Report from August 2019 which was adopted by Council. Discussions and negotiations around this issue have been complex and lengthy. The LG PPA is for 10 years and the total cost will exceed standard CEO financial delegation. However, due to volatility in energy markets and the confidentiality surrounding the final details of the LG PPA the time frame for Council to opt into the final agreement is extremely short. For all these reasons, officers recommend that Council delegate authority to the CEO so that this contract can be signed if the final offer is favourable to Council financially.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council:

1. Delegates approval to CEO to sign up Golden Plains Shire to the Local Government Power Purchasing Agreement on the condition that final pricing being at or below business as usual pricing.
2. Should the Local Government Power Purchasing Agreement not be at or below Business as usual pricing, Council to consider signing up the Local Government Power Purchasing Agreement at a future Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

11 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

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 G21 Strategic Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - h 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 confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8:42pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON