

MINUTES

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 24 November 2020

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 6.00pm Tuesday 15 December 2020

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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, 24 NOVEMBER 2020 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, any questions submitted for Public Question Time will not be read out at tonight's meeting, with all questions to receive a written response.

Again due to the Coronavirus situation, public presentations and submissions must be in written form only and will be read out by myself as Mayor. The maximum 5 minutes still applies. We do have presentations on planning items tonight which I will read out at that point in the agenda.

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 thestandards 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 Les Rowe Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 September 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 DELEGATES REPORT - 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 23 NOVEMBER 2020

Cr Helena Kirby

21 September Council Meeting

6 October Municipal FIRE Management Planning Committee virtual Meeting

6 October Municipal EMERGENCY Management Planning Committee virtual Meeting

28 October G21 Arts, Heritage & Culture Pillar virtual Meeting

29 October Active Ageing & Inclusion Advisory Group virtual Meeting

14 November Taking Oath/Affirmation of Office
14 November Councillor Induction Session 1
17 November Councillor Induction Session 2

17 November Council Meeting

19 November Councillor Briefing Meeting

19 November Councillor Induction Session 3

Cr Brett Cunningham

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Cr Les Rowe

21 September Council Meeting

6 October Municipal FIRE Management Planning Committee virtual Meeting

14 November Taking Oath/Affirmation of Office

14 November Councillor Induction Session 1

17 November Councillor Induction Session 2

17 November Council Meeting

19 November Councillor Briefing Meeting

19 November Councillor Induction Session 3

Cr Owen Sharkey

21 September Council Meeting

2 October Berrybank Windfarm CEC virtual Meeting

19 October Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine virtual Board Meeting

14 November Taking Oath/Affirmation of Office

14 November Councillor Induction Session 1

17 November Councillor Induction Session 2

17 November Council Meeting

19 November Councillor Briefing Meeting

19 November Councillor Induction Session 3

Cr Clayton Whitfield

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17 November Councillor Induction Session 2

17 November Council Meeting

19 November Councillor Briefing Meeting

19 November Councillor Induction Session 3

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Rowe

Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 21 September 2020 to 23 November 2020.

7.2 COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS - ROUND 2, 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide details to the Council on the funding of 17 projects, proposed by a variety of community groups through Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program, Round 2 2020.

Council received 20 applications during August and September 2020, 17 of which are eligible for funding. 3 applications were assessed as unsuccessful. The 17 proposed projects have been assessed and will require \$71,928 to complete. This includes:

- \$25,440 for Health and Wellbeing, Sports and Recreation projects through the Healthy Active Living Stream.
- \$8,110 for Arts and Culture projects through the Creative Communities Stream.
- \$33,243 for Environmental projects through the Environment and Sustainability Stream.
- \$5,135 for Community safety initiatives through the Community Safety Stream.

Council's total contribution of \$71,928 for the Round 2 Community Strengthening Grants will leverage another \$204,560 in value and provide a return of \$2.80 for every \$1 contributed by Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council acknowledge the approved Community Strengthening Grants, Round 2 2020 to the value of \$71,928 to the following recipients:

- Life Saving Victoria 'Sink or Swim' Aquatic Safety and First Aid online \$4,385
- Bannockburn and District Men's Shed Inc. Security Alarm System \$750
- Mannibadar Hall Committee Mannibadar Soldier Settlement Centenary \$5,610
- Linton Cemetery Trust Chines Memorial Information Plaque and Landscaping -\$2,500
- Garibaldi Landcare Group- Hardies Hill Reserve Wetlands Restoration \$4,000
- Inverleigh Golf Club Inc. Inverleigh Golf Club Watering Project \$8,600
- Linton and District Progress Association Enhancing Biodiversity and Visibility of Linton's Edinburgh Reserve - \$1,300
- Yarrowee Leigh Catchment Group Replacement of Landcare Tree Planting Tools -\$1,256
- Batesford Fyansford Stonehaven Landcare Inc. Enhancement of Biodiversity in Red Gum Reserve - \$2,087
- Geelong Sustainability Group Community Solar Bulk Buy \$8,000
- Bannockburn Community Planning Group Milton St. Arbour \$8,000
- Maude Recreation Reserve COM Maude Recreation Reserve Cricket Nets \$3243
- Hands of Change Limited Meredith Community Garden \$5,000
- Bannockburn and District Netball Association Inc. Community Sports Grandstand -\$10,000
- Rokewood Kindergarten Rokewood Kindergarten Outdoor Blinds Project \$2,717

- Meredith Cricket Club Updating the Cricket Nets \$2,500
- Woady Yaloak Athletic Club Haddon Recreation Facility Seating Enhancement Project - \$1,980

.CARRIED

7.3 GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT - ADOPTION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the LGA), Council must prepare and adopt an Annual Report every financial year. The majority of reporting requirements for the 2019-20 year were completed and presented to the Council meeting in September 2020, however at that time the audited financial statements had not been signed off by the Auditor General. Those statements were received in October 2020 and the complete 2019-20 Annual Report is now presented to Council for adoption.

The unqualified Audit opinions on the 2019-20 Performance Statement and 2019-20 Financial Statements appear in the document and disclose an overall surplus of \$5.5 million, an Adjusted Underlying Result of \$0.4 million and capital expenditure on assets of \$21.4 million.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council adopt the Golden Plains Shire Council 2019-20 Annual Report in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, submitting it to the Minister of Local Government by 30 November 2020, as required under Section 133(1) of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

7.4 COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 DEVELOPMENT - PROJECT PLAN AND TIMELINES EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that all Councils prepare and adopt a Council Plan for a period of at least the next 4 financial years by 31 October in the year following a general election.

This report details the legislative requirements, project plan, key stages and scheduled timelines to develop and adopt the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

The project plan and timelines have been developed in collaboration with Council officers across a number of areas and some steps already commenced. Following endorsement of the project plan and timelines, officers will continue to progress key stages for the development and adoption of the Council Plan by 30 June 2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council endorse the project plan and timelines for the development of the Council Plan 2021-2025.

7.5 QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As at 30 September 2020, the Income Statement reports total operating revenue of \$31.3m and total operating expenditure of \$9.5m, which results in a year to date surplus of \$21.8. This is \$3.5m favourable compared to the original budget, and \$2.5m favourable to the revised budget.

The Capital Works Statement indicates total capital works expenditure of \$4.4m, which is \$2.9m above the original budget, and \$1.8m above the revised budget.

The Finance Quarterly Report will be presented at the 2 December 2020 Audit and Risk Committee meeting for noting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note and adopt the content in the Quarterly Finance Report for the 3 months ended 30 September 2020.

CARRIED

7.6 QUARTERLY COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 IMPLEMENTATION - PROGRESS REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to update Council on the progress made in completing the 2020-21 actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note the report and achievements attained in the implementation of the actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021 for the first quarter from 01 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.

7.7 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM EXTENSION FUNDING ALLOCATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the adoption of Councils 2020/21 budget in June 2020, Council has been allocated \$1,333,655 as part of the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI). In July 2020 at its Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved (subsequently approved by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development) to allocate the funding to six projects.

In early October 2020, the Federal Government announced an extension to the LRCI program and allocated an additional \$1,512,680 to Golden Plains Shire Council.

The guidelines for the extended program had not been released at time of writing this report, but based on the existing guidelines and available information regarding the extended program, officers believe the key eligibility criteria for projects to be nominated include:

- Projects eligible for funding are local road and community infrastructure projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public.
- Projects must be delivered by 31 December 2021
- Projects must be additional to existing 2020/21 work plans
- LRCI funding cannot be used to substitute other funding sources, including Council budget allocations.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

- 1. Endorse allocating \$1,512,680 as part of the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program funding to the following projects (project allocations shown in brackets):
 - (i) Replace bridge quardrails at various locations (\$200,000)
 - (ii) Upgrade Enfield Playground (\$250,000)
 - (iii) Upgrade Bunninyong Mt Mercer Road / Hardies Hill Road, Garibaldi intersection (\$250,000)
 - (iv) Upgrade Derwent Jacks Road / Snow Gum Road / Reef Road / Chromes Road, Berringa intersection (\$250,000)
 - (v) Paddys Gully Road Bridge Replacement, Rokewood Junction (\$318,680)
 - (vi) Bannockburn Skate Park Upgrade (\$99,900)
 - (vii) Lethbridge Cricket Net Upgrade (\$145,000)
- 2. Note Council would be required to contribute an estimated \$331,000 toward the Paddys Gully Road Bridge Replacement, Rokewood Junction to be considered as part of the 2021/22 budget deliberations.
- 3. Note the list of projects endorsed by Council will be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development for final approval.

7.8 DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Act 2020 (Section 55) requires that Council adopt a Community Engagement Policy on or before 1 March 2021.

The Draft Policy has been developed by Council officers following their participation in sector-wide better practice forums and workshops led by Local Government Victoria on the development and implementation of a Community Engagement Policy and taking into consideration the unique attributes of Golden Plains Shire Council and the community.

Following Council endorsement of the Draft Policy it will be placed on public exhibition to enable the community to review and contribute to the further development of the Policy prior to Council adoption by 1 March 2021.

To ensure sufficient time for community consultation and feedback officers are seeking approval to place on public exhibition the Draft Community Engagement Policy.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Clayton Whitfield Seconded: Cr Brett Cunningham

That Council endorse the Draft Community Engagement Policy (Attachment 1) for public exhibition and feedback.

7.9 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For many years, Council has chaired, organised and participated in the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC). The MEMPC was made up of Council staff and our Emergency Management (EM) partners in Barwon South West and Grampians Regions and works through current EM issues and identifies and plans for hazards.

Due to changes that will come into effect next month, the structure of the MEMPC will change for the inaugural meeting in 2021. A resolution from Council is required to disestablish the current MEMPC and to authorise the CEO to establish a new MEMPC.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council:

- 1. Authorises the disestablishment of the existing Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) established under s21(3)-(5) of the *Emergency Management Act 1986*, in recognition that on 1 December these provisions are repealed by s82(2) of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* and replaced by the provisions of s68 of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018*.
- 2. Authorises the CEO to facilitate the establishment of the MEMPC in accordance with the provisions of s68 of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (which inserts a new 'Part 6-Muncipal Emergency Management Planning Committees' into the *Emergency Management Act 2013* on 1 December 2020).
- 3. Notes that, under the MEMPC Terms of Reference provided and the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (which inserts s59 and 59F into the *Emergency Management Act 2013* on 1 December 2020), Council's role is to establish the committee. Once established, the committee exists separately to Council and is not a committee of Council.

7.10 COUNCIL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To confirm the dates for Council and Audit & Risk Committee meetings.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brett Cunningham

Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council adopt the meeting schedule for the 2021 Council Meetings and Audit & Risk Committee Meetings.

Council Meetings (Scheduled)

Meeting Date	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tuesday 19 January 2021 (3rd Tuesday)	6:00pm	Live Streamed (COVID)
Tuesday, 23 February 2021	6.00pm	Live Streamed (COVID)
Tuesday, 23 March 2021	6.00pm	Live Streamed (COVID)
Tuesday, 27 April 2021	6.00pm	Live Streamed (COVID)
Tuesday, 25 May 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 8 June 2021 (Budget submissions)	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 22 June 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 27 July 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 24 August 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 28 September 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 26 October 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 16 November 2021 (Mayoral Election)	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 23 November 2021	6.00pm	To be determined
Tuesday, 21 December 2021 (3 rd Tuesday)	6.00pm	To be determined

Audit & Risk Committee Meetings

Meeting Date	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tuesday, 9 February 2021	9.00am	Golden Plains Civic Centre
Tuesday, 11 May 2021	9.00am	Golden Plains Civic Centre
Tuesday, 14 September 2021	9.00am	Golden Plains Civic Centre
Tuesday, 9 November 2021	9.00am	Golden Plains Civic Centre

CARRIED

7.11 COUNCIL DELEGATES 2020/2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To determine the appointment of Councillors and officers to various internal and external organisations and committees for 2020/21.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Ian Getsom

That Council appoints Councillor delegates to the various internal and external organisations and committees for 2020/21 as shown in Attachment 1.

7.12 PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT LOMANDRA DRIVE, TEESDALE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2020, Council issued a Planning Permit for the subdivision of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale. In addition to meeting the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act* and the Golden Plains Planning Scheme in gaining a permit to create multiple lots, Council must comply with sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act* (the Act) prior to the sale of any Council owned land.

Council published two notices to comply with the requirements of the Act, one in the Golden Plains Times and one in the Geelong Advertiser. Both notices indicated that the closing date for submissions was 5.00 pm on Monday 6 July 2020.

At the closing time, no objections to the proposed sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale were received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council:

- Note that public notices were published in the Golden Plains Times on 4 June 2020 and Geelong Advertiser on 6 June 2020 in accordance with sections 189 and 223 of the Local Government Act.
- 2. Note that no objections were received by the closing date and time for submissions.
- 3. Approve the sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale, following the subdivision of the land into 37 lots.

CARRIED

7.13 GPSC-RFT-10-2020 - MEREDITH SHELFORD ROAD WIDENING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden Plains Shire Council wish to upgrade Meredith-Shelford Road, Meredith from Henderson's Road to Lower Plains Road. Councillors have previously been provided a copy of the confidential tender evaluation documentation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to award the Contract for the Meredith Shelford Rd Widening Henderson's Rd to Lower Plains Rd to Bitu-Mill (Civil) Pty Ltd for the contract for the sum (incl. contingency) of \$874,534.82 (exclusive of GST).
- 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council.

7.14 GPSC-RFT-04-2020 - SHELFORD-MT MERCER & RUSSELLS BRIDGE ROAD UPGRADE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden Plains Shire Council wish to construct sealed shoulder and provide guard fencing along the Shelford-Mt Mercer Road in Mt Mercer, extending from Grahams Road to Rices Road with a total distance of approximately 3.5km. Councillors have previously been provided a copy of the confidential tender evaluation documentation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

- Resolves to award the Contract GPSC-RFT-04-2020 Shelford-Mt Mercer and Russells Bridge Road Upgrade to Bitu-Mill (Civil) Pty Ltd this contract for the sum of \$1,007,037.35 (exclusive of GST).
- 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council.

.CARRIED

7.15 GPSC-RFT-17-2020 - PANEL CRUSHED ROCK AND QUARRY PRODUCTS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is seeking to appoint a panel of suppliers for the supply only (ex bin) of quarry products for Council's road maintenance and construction programs. Councillors have previously been provided a copy of the confidential tender evaluation documentation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Clayton Whitfield

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to award the Contract GPSC-RFT-17-2020 Panel for the provision of Crushed Rock and Quarry Products to the following panel of suppliers:
 - DE Quarry Solutions
 - Geelong Quarries Pty Ltd
 - Holcim
 - North Altona Rock Blasting
- 2. Awards the contract for an initial Contract term of three (3) years with two (2) x 12 month extensions at Councils discretion.
- 3. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council

7.16 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT - FIRST QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides a record of expenditure made on behalf of Councillors in the performance of their duties for the first quarter of 2020/21. This report also includes quarterly updates on Councillor attendance at both scheduled and unscheduled meetings of Council. Providing regular updates throughout the year on the Councillor attendance at meetings enables enhanced transparency rather only one annual update as reported in Council's annual report.

RESOLUTION	

Moved: Cr Owen Sharkey Seconded: Cr Les Rowe

That Council note the contents of the Councillor Expenses and attendance report for the first quarter of 2020/21 being the quarter ended 30 September 2020.

8	NOTICES OF MOTION				
Nil					
9	PETITIONS				
Nil					
10	CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION				
Nil					
The Meeting closed at 7.26pm.					
The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2020.					
	CHAIRPERSON				