



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Bannockburn Shire Hall

**Tuesday 13 June 2017
6.00pm – 6.47pm**

Our Vision

Golden Plains Shire offers a lifestyle and opportunities that foster social, economic and environmental wellbeing.

In partnership with the community we will provide strong leadership, encourage sustainable development and ensure quality services, to continue to improve the quality of life of residents.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,

Help us to undertake our duties impartially and honestly, in the best interests of the people of the Golden Plains Shire.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

Council acknowledges the traditional Wadawurrung owners of this land. 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.

Code of Conduct Principles

WORKING TOGETHER

We Councillors will:

- acknowledge and respect that a diversity of opinion exists among us;
- recognise that each of us has different life experience, knowledge and values, and that all of these contribute collectively to our discussions;
- behave with courtesy towards each other, Council officers and our citizens;
- conform to the policy and precedents that guide the conduct of meetings;
- attend punctually and participate in all relevant meetings, workshops and briefings;
- share reasonably in the representation, ceremonial and hosting tasks of the full Council; and
- honour the majority decisions made by the Council, irrespective of our own position, and explain these decisions frankly to the community, once made.

BEHAVING WITH INTEGRITY

We Councillors will:

- identify our financial and personal interest, or potential interest, in any matter that comes before the Council;
- be honest and truthful;
- comply with laws and the regulations deriving there from;
- respect Council property and be frugal in its use, where allowed;
- avoid using our position for personal gain or to achieve advantage over others or to obtain preferential treatment;
- be sympathetic to the legitimate concerns of our citizens;
- act impartially when making decisions and have due regard to the needs of the community as a whole, rather than that of narrow vested interest; and
- acknowledge the role of Council officers in providing advice to us and in implementing Council decisions.

MAKING COMPETENT DECISIONS

We Councillors will:

- without diminishing the short term focus, approach decisions with due regard to the long term needs of the municipality;
- form policies with regard to the needs of the entire Shire;
- direct our attentions to the strategic and statutory needs of the municipality rather than short term, transient, operational issues;
- seek to fully inform ourselves on the issues before Council before making a decision;
- take all reasonable steps to improve our knowledge of matters relevant to our municipal duties; and
- use and respect the professional knowledge of Council officers and other advisers to Council.

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1. PRESENT

Cr Des Phelan, Mayor
Cr David Evans
Cr Joanne Gilbert
Cr Nathan Hansford
Cr Helena Kirby
Cr Les Rowe
Cr Owen Sharkey

Rod Nicholls	Chief Executive Officer
Greg Anders	Director Assets & Amenity
Jillian Evans	Director Community Services
Richard Trigg	Director Corporate Services
Felicity Bolitho	Acting Manager Executive Unit
Jason Clissold	Finance Manager
Louisa White	Community Development Manager
David Greaves	Works Manager
Tim Waller	Development Manager
Bree Doody	Community Development Team Leader
Susan Firth-McCoy	Community Engagement Officer
Nick Howard	Management Accountant
Petra Neilson (Minutes)	Council Support Officer

Gallery

13 members of the community

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors must disclose a conflict of interest in accordance with Section 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Nil

4. REPORTS

4.1. KEY RESULT AREA – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

4.1.1 Hearing of Submissions to the Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan) & the Draft 2017-18 Council Budget

Department	Corporate Services
Unit	Corporate Services
Senior Manager	Rod Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Manager	Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services
Author	Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services
File References	EDMS: 01-01-013, 01-01-014, 40-01-015, 42-64-005
Council Plan Link	Financial Management
Relevant Council Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Plan 2017-2021 • Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) • Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP)
Relevant Policies & Legislative Frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Act 1989 • Valuation of Land Act 1960
Attachments	<p>Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission – G21 Regional Alliance 2. Submission – Council Plan Community Reference Group 3. Submission – Mr Noel Barlow 4. Submission – Mr Glenn Harris 5. Submission – Ms Julie Lee 6. Submission – Mr Cameron Steele 7. Submission – Ballarat Community Health 8. Submission – Women's Health Grampians <p>Draft 2017-18 Council Budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Submission – Mr John Anderson 10. Submission – Mr Kevin and Mrs Jenny Blake 11. Submission – Golden Plains Arts Inc. 12. Submission – Mr David Head 13. Submission – Mr Matt Jury 14. Submission – Mr Peter Keays 15. Submission – Mr Pieter Kulk 16. Submission – Maude Recreation Reserve Committee 17. Submission – Mr Murray and Mrs Bettine Satchell 18. Submission – Smythesdale Progress Association 19. Submission – Mr Greg Vaughan

Declarations of Interest: Councillors & Officers

Rod Nicholls: In providing this advice as the senior manager, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Richard Trigg: In providing this advice as the responsible manager and author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to table the submissions received relating to the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the draft 2017-18 Council Budget, and to hear from those persons who have requested to speak in support of their submission.

Background

Under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), Council is required to hear submissions prior to making a determination on the adoption of the Budget and Council Plan.

Following the hearing of submissions, Council will consider both the written and verbal submissions prior to adopting the Budget and Council Plan at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held in Linton on Tuesday 27 June 2017, commencing at 4pm.

Discussion

At the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017, Council resolved to formally prepare the Budget and place the Budget and Council Plan (incorporating the MPHWP) on public exhibition and invite submissions. At this meeting, Council also resolved to:

- Hear any submissions on any proposal (or proposals) contained in the draft 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the MPHWP) and draft 2017-18 Council Budget, made in accordance with Section 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 at a Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 13 June 2017; and
- Consider a notice of motion to adopt such 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the MPHWP) and 2017-18 Council Budget at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017.

The proposal was advertised in accordance with the Act in The Courier (Ballarat) and Geelong Advertiser. Copies of the documents were made available at both Council Customer Service Centres, on Council's website and at the Bannockburn Public Library. Residents were also advised using websites, social media, community posters and media releases.

Written submissions were invited and submitters could request to address Council in support of their submission.

Eight submissions have been received in relation to the Council Plan and 11 submissions in relation to the Budget. A number of submissions were supportive of Council's strategic direction and Budget.

Community Engagement

Community engagement was undertaken over the past eighteen months by asking the community to respond to some targeted questions on the Budget and Council Plan and attend community forums aimed at gathering information on the direction the community wishes to see Council take over the next four years.

Consultant group mach2 was engaged to work with the community and Council on the development of the Council Plan and engage with the community on key issues that impact the SRP.

The consultation included a comprehensive community engagement and communications plan encompassing:

- A community survey;
- Community Listening Posts facilitated by Council officers for face to face conversations with the community about their priorities for the future;
- Community Workshops facilitated by mach2 and Council officers to have a more in depth conversation with the community; and
- A Community Reference Group to enable more in depth involvement of members of the community.

The Budget communications plan included promotion of the public submissions process which was open for four weeks. Communications channels include media releases, social media, Gazette, Council website, newspaper public notices and posters at Customer Service Centres and on community noticeboards.

Formal public consultation has been undertaken as detailed above in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Financial & Risk Management Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report as Council will not formally consider the Budget and Council Plan until its meeting on 27 June 2017. It is considered that there are no risk management implications.

Economic, Social & Environmental Implications

It is considered there are no economic, social or environmental implications.

Communications

Council had a communication plan for the Budget and Council Plan which included:

- Hard copy Budget posters displayed in community centres, Council offices and appropriate local businesses;
- Social media (Facebook) posts encouraging residents to view/ submit on the Budget and Council Plan – linked to the Have Your Say page on Council website;
- Full page ads using the Budget poster in community newsletters (Inverleigh, Bannockburn, Linton, Rokewood, Meredith); and
- Corflutes advertising Budget submission dates were placed throughout May in six major towns including Teesdale and Rokewood.

Correspondence will be undertaken with all submitters and Council will advertise the final decision on the Budget and Council Plan.

Conclusion

The draft 2017-2021 Council Plan and draft 2017-18 Council Budget have been developed over a lengthy period allowing for significant input from residents. The submission period closed on Monday 29 May at 5pm.

In relation to the Council Plan, 8 submissions were received, with 3 requests to speak to their submission. In relation to the Budget, 11 submissions were received with 4 requests to speak to their submission.

The Council meeting to adopt the 2017-2021 Council Plan and the 2017-18 Council Budget will be held in Linton on Tuesday 27 June 2017 commencing at 4pm.

Moved Crs Kirby/Hansford

That Council resolves that each submitter be heard for a maximum of five minutes, in the following order:

Council Plan

- 1. Community Reference Group – Des Joyce***
- 2. Glenn Harris***
- 3. Julie Lee***

Council Budget

- 1. Jenny Blake***
- 2. David Head***
- 3. Peter Keays***
- 4. Pieter Kulk***

Carried

It is recorded that:

Council Plan

- Des Joyce, Community Reference Group addressed Council between 6.03pm and 6.12pm;
- Glenn Harris was an apology and
- Julie Lee addressed Council between 6.12pm and 6.19pm.

Council Budget

- Jenny Blake addressed Council between 6.19pm and 6.25pm;
- David Head addressed Council between 6.26pm and 6.33pm;
- Peter Keays addressed Council between 6.33pm and 6.37pm; and
- Pieter Kulk addressed Council between 6.37pm and 6.46pm.

Following the hearing of submissions, Council resolved as follows:

Moved Crs Gilbert/Kirby

That Council resolves to consider submissions prior to adopting the 2017-2021 Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the 2017-18 Council Budget at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2017.

Carried

5. ATTACHMENTS

Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Attachment 1	Item 4.1.1	Submission – G21 Regional Alliance
Attachment 2	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Council Plan Community Reference Group
Attachment 3	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Mr Noel Barlow
Attachment 4	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Mr Glenn Harris
Attachment 5	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Ms Julie Lee
Attachment 6	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Mr Cameron Steele
Attachment 7	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Ballarat Community Health
Attachment 8	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Women's Health Grampians

Draft 2017-18 Council Budget:

Attachment 9	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Mr John Anderson
Attachment 10	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Mr Kevin and Mrs Jenny Blake
Attachment 11	Item 4.1.1	Submission – Golden Plains Arts Inc.
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Attachments are available on Council's website.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.47pm.

7. CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Section 93(5) of the Local Government Act 1989, I hereby certify that the minutes of this Council meeting have been confirmed as a true and correct record.

Confirmed, Mayor, Cr Des Phelan

Date

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