



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Bannockburn Shire Hall

**Tuesday 14 June 2016
6.00pm to 6.38pm**

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 Jenny Blake
Cr Andrew Cameron
Cr Nathan Hansford
Cr Helena Kirby
Cr Bill McArthur
Cr Greg Vaughan

Rod Nicholls	Chief Executive Officer
Greg Anders	Director Assets & Amenity
Jillian Evans	Director Community Services
Mike Barrow	Manager Executive Unit
Jason Clissold	Finance Manager
Melinda Mitchell	Executive Assistant
Ann Card	Senior Communications & Marketing Officer

Gallery

14 members of the community

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. REPORTS

4.1. KEY RESULT AREA – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

4.1.1 Hearing of Submissions to the 2016-17 Council Budget, 2013-2017 Council Plan & 2017-2020 Strategic Resource Plan

Department	Corporate Services
Unit	Finance
Senior Manager	Rod Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Manager	Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services
Author	Jason Clissold, Finance Manager
File References	Bluepoint: 40-01-014, 42-64-004, 01-01-012, 40-02-001
Council Plan Link	Financial Management
Relevant Council Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Plan• Strategic Resource Plan
Relevant Policies & Legislative Frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Government Act 1989• Valuation of Land Act 1960
Attachments	1. Submissions

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, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Jason Clissold: In providing this advice as the author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to table the submissions received relating to the 2016-17 Council Budget, the 2013-2017 Council Plan and 2017-2020 Strategic Resource Plan (SRP), and to hear from those persons who have requested to speak in support of their submission.

Background

As required 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 Council Budget, Council Plan and SRP.

Following the hearing of submissions, Council will consider both the written and verbal submissions when deciding on the Budget, Council Plan and SRP at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held in Linton on Tuesday 28 June 2016, commencing at 4pm.

Discussion

At the Council meeting held 26 April 2016, Council resolved to formally prepare the Budget and place the Budget, Council Plan and SRP on public exhibition and invite submissions. At this meeting, Council also resolved to:

- Consider any submissions on any proposal (or proposals) contained in such Budget, made in accordance with Sections 129 and 223 of the Act at a Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 14 June 2016; and
- Consider a notice of motion to adopt the 2016-17 Council Budget at the Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 28 June 2016.

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

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

Community Engagement

Formal public consultation has been undertaken as detailed above in accordance with Section 223 of the Act. Council also undertook a number of community engagement sessions prior to the preparation of the draft Budget, Council Plan and SRP.

Financial & Risk Management Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report as Council will not formally consider the Budget, Council Plan and SRP until its meeting on 28 June 2016. 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 has a communication plan which includes corresponding with all submitters and advertising the final decision on the Budget.

Conclusion

By the close of submissions at 5pm Monday 30 May 2016, a total of 10 submissions were received, with 3 requests to speak to their submission. The Council meeting to adopt the Budget will be held in Linton on Tuesday 28 June 2016 commencing at 4pm.

Moved Crs McArthur/ Kirby

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

- 1. David Head**
- 2. Owen Sharkey**
- 3. Voice & Action GPS Inc (represented by David Evans)**

Carried

It is recorded that:

- David Head addressed Council between 6.04pm and 6.09pm;
- Owen Sharkey addressed Council between 6.10pm and 6.15pm; and
- Voice & Action GPS Inc, represented by David Evans, addressed Council between 6.16pm and 6.37pm.

Following the hearing of submissions, Council considers the following recommendation.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to consider submissions prior to the adoption of the 2016-17 Council Budget, 2013-2017 Council Plan and 2017-2020 Strategic Resource Plan at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28 June 2016.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Item 4.1.1 Submissions

Attachments are available upon request.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.38pm.

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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