



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

14 September 2016

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, COHUNA
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 5.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Neville Goulding, Cr Oscar Aertssen, Cr Keith den Houting, Cr Neil Gannon, Cr Lorraine Learmonth, Cr Mark Arians

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Rollinson – Director Infrastructure and Development, Sid Hutchinson – Acting Director Corporate Services, Mandy Hutchinson – Director of Community Wellbeing, David Pietsch – Manager Planning, Building and Local Laws, Kate Callow – Administration Officer, Mikayla Penrose – Youth Council Mayor.

Gallery: 4

Media: 1

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land, and paid her respect to elders both past and present.

2 OPENING PRAYER

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Prayer.

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neil Gannon

Seconded: Cr Oscar Aertssen

That the apology received from Cr Brian Gibson be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith den Houting

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 August 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Oscar Aertssen declared an indirect financial interest in relation to item 8.7 - Community Grants Program, Grant Application No. 7 Barham/Koondrook Historical Society Inc.

Cr Keith den Houting declared a direct interest in relation to item 8.1 – Planning Application P16.024.

6 QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked from the gallery.

7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AUGUST 13 TO SEPTEMBER 9

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present to Council the Assembly of Councillors Record Form - Tuesday 6 September 2016 – Kerang Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neil Gannon

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That Council notes the records of Assembly of Councillors during 13 August 2016 to 9 September 2016.

CARRIED

8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That Council agree that 8.6 : Gannawarra Shire Children and Youth Strategy 2016 be accorded precedence at this time.

CARRIED

8.6 GANNAWARRA SHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUTH STRATEGY 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present Council with the Gannawarra Shire Children and Youth Strategy 2016 (the strategy) for adoption. The strategy articulates Council and the wider community's role in supporting and nurturing children and young people.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council adopt the Gannawarra Shire Children and Youth Strategy 2016.

CARRIED

At 5:43 pm, Cr Keith den Houting left the meeting.

8.1 PLANNING APPLICATION P16.024 – USE OF LAND FOR A CAMPING AND CARAVAN PARK AT 46 COLLINS ROAD, KERANG.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report was deferred from the 17 August Council Meeting.

This report is being presented to Council to determine a planning application for the use of land for a Camping and Caravan Park at 46 Collins Road in Kerang. The application was advertised to surrounding property owners and occupiers and six written objections were received. The proposal is considered not to comply with the provisions of the Gannawarra Planning Scheme and therefore has been recommended for refusal by Council officers.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Mark Arians

Seconded: Cr Oscar Aertssen

That Council issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Permit (P16.024) on the following grounds:

- a) The proposed use is inconsistent with the orderly and proper planning of the area.**
- b) The proposed use is inconsistent with the provisions of the Gannawarra Planning Scheme, in particular, clause 21 (Municipal Strategic Statement) and clause 32.03 (Low Density Residential Zone).**
- c) The proposed use is likely to detrimentally affect the amenity of surrounding residential properties by way of noise generation and of loss of privacy.**

CARRIED

At 5:47 pm, Cr Keith den Houting returned to the meeting.

8.2 CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To enable Council staff to enjoy the Christmas holiday period with friends and family, it is proposed that Council close its main Administration Offices, Libraries, Kerang Long Day Care Centre and Works Depot from the usual closing time on Friday 23 December, 2016 and re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gannon

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledge the closure of the Council offices over the Christmas/New Year period from the usual closing time on Friday 23 December, 2016 through to the usual opening time on Tuesday 3 January, 2017.**
- 2. Advertise the office closure in the local newspapers, website and Facebook.**

CARRIED

8.3 VICTORIAN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMUNITY SPORT - ENDORSEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport (VCCCS), and to seek endorsement of the principles and values established therein. The report also notes the various activities which Council could undertake to promote broad awareness of the Code.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Keith den Houting

Cr Oscar Aertssen moved an amendment to the original recommendation as follows:

That Council note the principles of the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport.

CARRIED

8.4 ASSET DISPOSAL - KERANG SHEEP YARD INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to seek Council approval to advertise and offer the sheep yards (infrastructure only not land) at the Kerang saleyard for sale by expression of interest.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That Council resolve to advertise the Kerang sheep yards infrastructure (not land) for sale by expression of interest to purchase and remove the sheep yards and three loading ramps from the Kerang saleyards.

CARRIED

8.5 2016 ANNUAL "IN PRINCIPLE" FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - APPROVAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under section 132 (2) (4) (5) of the Local Government Act 1989, a Council cannot submit its Financial Statements or Performance Statement to the Auditor-General or the Minister unless the Council has passed a resolution giving 'in principle' approval to the Financial Statements, and Performance Statement and authorising two Councillors, on behalf of the Council, to certify the statements once amendments or changes requested by the Auditor-General have been made.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith den Houting

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledge that the 'in principle' 2016 Financial Statements, and 'in principle' 2016 Performance Statement have been presented to and endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting of 30 August 2016.**
- 2. Approve the 'in principle' 2016 Financial Statements, and 'in principle' 2016 Performance Statement.**
- 3. Approve the Principal Accounting Officer to be authorised to effect any changes required by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.**
- 4. Nominate Cr Lorraine Learmonth and Cr Brian Gibson to be authorised to certify on behalf of Council the 'final statement' 2016 Financial Statements, and 'final statement' 2016 Performance Statement, which are also to be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Principal Accounting Officer, and submit to the Minister and Auditor-General.**

CARRIED

8.7 2016/2017 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ROUND 1**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To advise Council of applications received for Round 1 of the 2016/2017 Community Grants Program and seek endorsement of the recommendations of projects to fund through this round.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- 1. Approve the allocation of \$27,149 Community Grants (Round 1) as outlined in the attached schedule.**
- 2. Write to all applicants confirming the outcome of the Community Grants Program**
- 3. Display a list of the grant recipients on Councils website.**

RESOLUTION

Cr Oscar Aertssen moved an amendment to the original recommendation as follows:

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That Council;

- 1. Approve the allocation of \$25,149 Community Grants (Round 1), as outlined in the attached schedule, excluding grant application no. 7 - Barham/Koondrook Historical Society Inc.**
- 2. Write to all applicants confirming the outcome of the Community Grants Program**
- 3. Display a list of the grant recipients on Councils website.**

CARRIED

At 6:04 pm, Cr Oscar Aertssen left the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neil Gannon

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That Council approve the allocation of \$2,000 to grant applicant no. 7 - Barham/Koondrook Historical Society Inc.

CARRIED

At 6:05 pm, Cr Oscar Aertssen returned to the meeting.

8.8 AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES- GANNAWARRA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As our Children's services run on a calendar year basis each September officers review the fees to ensure compliance with the National Competition Policy and market rates across the region. Officers recommend an increase of 4% to all Children's Services fees effective to 30 June 2017. Council Officers will bring a recommendation to Council for 1 July 2017 to 30 December 2017 when the Council Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2017 – 2018 are presented.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gannon

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the amendment to the Schedule of Fees and Charges to reflect a proposed 4% increase in Children's Services fees from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017.**
- 2. That all Children's Services clients be notified of the fee increase.**

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 URGENT ITEMS

Geoff Rollinson – Director of Infrastructure and Development gave Councillors an update on the flooding in other municipalities and implications for the Gannawarra Shire.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 67

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neville Goulding

Seconded: Cr Keith den Houting

MOTION

That officers bring a report to Council;

- 1. Outlining the average CIV for the Residential, Commercial, Irrigation and Dry Land farms for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**

2. **Outlining the average Rate payable by Residential, Commercial, Irrigation and Dry Land farms for 2015/16, 2016/17.**
3. **Comparing the number of Assessments for the four categories for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**
4. **Documenting the Assessments as percentages for Residential, Commercial, Irrigation and Dry Land farms.**
5. **Documenting those percentages as percentage of average rate payable by each category for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**
6. **Comparing the percentage of assessments for all categories against the percentage of rates payable by each category, for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**
7. **Comparing the average rate for all categories using an advalorium method, the average rate as per the budget, and the percentage of assessments calculated as a percentage of rates payable by each category, for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**
8. **Comparing percentage of Assessments for Residential and Commercial combined and Irrigation and Dry Land farms combined, for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**
9. **Comparing the percentage of rates payable by Residential and Commercial combined and Irrigation and Dry Land farms combined, for 2015/16 and 2016/17.**

CARRIED

12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATES REPORT - THURSDAY 18 AUGUST TO WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Delegate Reports for Thursday 18 August to Wednesday 14 September.

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

18 Aug	3SH Interview MAV Arts & Culture Meeting – Melbourne
21 Aug	Gateway volunteer - Cohuna
22 Aug	Meet the VICSES Board – Echuca Quambatook Progress Association Annual Meeting
23 Aug	Gannawarra Resilience Network – NDCHS – Kerang
24 Aug	NCCMA Gunbower Island Community Reference Meeting
25 Aug	State Government Jobs for Victoria – Melbourne MAV Environment Committee Meeting – Melbourne Whistleblower play - Cohuna
26 Aug	Kerang Schools Book Parade
30 Aug	Gateway Volunteers Meeting Lake Charm Seniors meeting

31 Aug	MRGC Mayors and CEOs Dinner – Koondrook
1 Sep	MRGC Mayors and CEOs Meeting – Koondrook Citizenship Ceremony – Kerang
3 Sep	Kerang Historical Society Annual Heritage Day
5 Sep	CCLLEN Board Meeting – Echuca
6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang
7 Sep	Rural Councils Victoria CEOs, Mayors & Councillors Forum – Melbourne
8 Sep	Annual Conference & Dinner – Melbourne 3SH Interview
9 Sep	MAV State Council – Melbourne
12 Sep	Principal for a Day – Koondrook Walk to School - Koondrook
13 Sep	Cohuna Neighbourhood House Annual Meeting
14 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Neville Goulding

18 Aug	Gunbower Forest Drive meeting
23 Aug	Ice Breakthrough meeting - Cohuna
26 Aug	Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board Meeting - Ballarat
29 Aug	LMWRRG Local Govt. Waste Forum meeting – Bendigo NCCMA meeting – Bendigo
1 Sep	NCCMA meeting – Bendigo
5 Sep	Kow Swamp Land and on Water Implementation Group - Leitchville
6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang
7 Sep	CVAF Dinner with Chinese Delegation
10 Sep	Volunteer at Gateway to Gannawarra
14 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Neil Gannon

6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang
14 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Oscar Aertssen

29 Aug	Youth Council Meals on Wheels – Kerang
1 Sep	Citizenship Ceremony - Kerang
6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang
13 Sep	Walk to School – Kerang South Primary Koondrook Development Committee meeting
14 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Keith den Houting

30 Aug	Audit Committee meeting - Kerang
1 Sep	Citizenship Ceremony - Kerang
6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang U3A AGM - Kerang
14 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Mark Arians

3 Sep	Kerang Historical Society Annual Heritage Day
3 Sep	Gannawarra Toy Run Committee meeting
5 Sep	Show and Shine Committee meeting
6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang
7 Sep	Principal For a Day – Kerang Primary School
12 Sep	Rotary Spelling Bee
14 Sep	Ordinary Council Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Brian Gibson

6 Sep	Council Briefing – Kerang
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13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Keith den Houting

Seconded: Cr Oscar Aertssen

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989:

13.1 Seasonal Pools Labour Hire Tender CP290 - Award of Contract

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2)(d) 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 contractual matters.

13.2 Packaged Meals Contract 2017-2019 (CP291) - Awarding of Tender

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2)(d) 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 contractual matters.

13.3 CP292 - Property Maintenance Service Contract 2016-2019

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2)(d) 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 contractual matters.

13.4 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 89(2)(a) 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 personnel matters.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 6:30pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 12 October 2016.

Mayor – Lorraine Learmonth

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CHAIRPERSON