



**GANNAWARRA**  
**SHIRE COUNCIL**

# **MINUTES**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, 17 August 2016**

**5:30 pm**

**Koondrook Senior Citizens Hall**

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE KOONDROOK  
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2016 AT 5:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Neville Goulding, Cr Oscar Aertssen, Cr Keith den Houting (absent at commencement of meeting), Cr Brian Gibson and Cr Lorraine Learmonth

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Rollinson – Director Infrastructure Services, Tom O’Reilly – Director Corporate Services, Mandy Hutchinson – Director of Community Wellbeing, Chris White – Director Strategic Development, David Pietsch – Manager Planning, Brent Heitbaum - Manager Projects and Design and Lisa Clue – Manager Governance.

**Gallery: 12**

**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 Mayor read the Opening Prayer.

**3 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That apologies received from Cr Gannon and Cr Arians be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 July 2016 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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 JULY 15 TO AUGUST 12**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To present to Council the Assembly of Councillors Record Form - Tuesday 9 August 2016 – Kerang Council Chambers.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

**That Council notes the records of Assembly of Councillors during 15 July 2016 to 12 August 2016.**

**CARRIED**

## **8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**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.**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Goulding

Seconded:

**That Council Grant Permit P16.024 for a period of twelve months**

**LAPSED**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Aertssen

**That Council defers consideration of Planning Application P16.024 to a future Briefing session and Council meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 NEW COUNCIL LOGO - ENDORSEMENT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Communications is reviewing Council's corporate branding guidelines and believes it is timely as part of this project to refresh the Council logo. This refresh of the logo will modernise Council's identity while still providing a clear visual link to the existing brand maintaining the key components and colours. The key logo elements (the ibis) will be stylised and placed with a modern font to create a strong, focussed design that will assist in repositioning Council. The existing corporate colours will remain, but include the addition of a Yellow. The proposed refresh of the logo will provide more options for enhancing community perception of Council as a progressive, professional, innovative and responsive organisation. It will be implemented as a forward process, not retrospectively (i.e. it will only be applied to new signage and new projects and as part of Council's natural lifecycle replacement program.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

**That Council endorse the refreshed contemporary corporate logo as attached; stylising the ibis, refining the corporate colours and moving to a more modern and flexible font.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Goulding called a Division:

In Favour: Cr Oscar Aertssen, Cr Brian Gibson and Cr Lorraine Learmonth

Against: Cr Neville Goulding

## 8.3 KERANG CBD RENEWAL (VICTORIA STREET/VICTORIA SQUARE) - UPDATE AND CONSULTATION PLAN

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the development of concept plans for the refurbishment and improvement of Victoria Street/Victoria Square, Kerang – pursuant to the award of funding from the Victorian Government for these works. The report also summarises the proposed public consultation program.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Oscar Aertssen

**That Council endorse for exhibition the concept plans as attached for the refurbishment and improvement of Victoria Street/Victoria Square.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.4 PLASTIC BAG FREE INITIATIVE - ON COUNCIL MANAGED LAND**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Councillor Goulding requested a report to be presented to Council to consider the introduction of a Plastic Bag Free Policy based on a request from Plastic Bag Free Victoria (PBFV) asking Council to join the Surf Coast Shire Council and Moreland City Council by implementing a policy that bans the distribution of single use plastic items at events held on Council's land. PBFV has requested that Council consider the introduction of a policy, before the upcoming Council elections in October. Further information on PBFV's campaign can be found at [www.plasticbagfreevictoria.org](http://www.plasticbagfreevictoria.org)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council;**

- 1. Support the intention of Plastic Bag Free Victoria in its endeavour to reduce the number of single use plastic bags being consumed across the State.**
- 2. Discourage the use of single use plastic bags on Council managed land, through the introduction of a statement on permits issued to use public land.**
- 3. Request that the Loddon Mallee Regional Waste Management Group commence an educational and awareness campaign informing the community of the damage and destruction that single use plastic bags are causing to our environment and that they continue to lobby the State and Federal governments to consider formal bans.**

### **RESOLUTION**

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

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

**That Council:**

- 1. Support the intention of Plastic Bag Free Victoria in its endeavour to reduce the number of single use plastic bags being consumed across the State.**
- 2. Discourage the use of single use plastic bags on Council managed land, through the introduction of a statement on permits issued to use public land.**
- 3. Request that the Loddon Mallee Regional Waste Management Group commence an educational and awareness campaign informing the community of the damage and destruction that single use plastic bags are causing to our environment and that they continue to lobby the State and Federal governments to consider formal bans.**
- 4. Write to the Premier, State and Federal Environment Ministers and Local Members advising of the action Council is taking to support the intention of Plastic Bag Free Victoria.**
- 5. Investigate opportunities to make available Gannawarra Shire branded reusable bags.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 LIBRARY SERVICES - UPDATE**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To update Council on Library developments including proposed changes to Library hours at Cohuna and Leitchville and the Kerang Library Refurbishment.

Council's opinion is sought in determining changes to Cohuna and Leitchville Library Hours and notification of the Kerang Library Refurbishment.

- Council decide that changes to Leitchville and Cohuna hours are warranted and determines the appropriate options.
- Proposed changes to Cohuna and Leitchville Library hours are put to the community for feedback via in-house and online surveys, and that this feedback is presented to Council for consideration.
- The Kerang Library will close on October 3 and reopen on October 17 for scheduled refurbishment.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse opening of the Cohuna Library for four days per week from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, plus Saturday morning 10:00am to 12:00pm.**
- 2. Endorse closing the Leitchville Library on Thursday morning and increasing opening hours on Tuesday from 1:30pm to 5:30pm.**
- 3. Acknowledge that the Kerang Library will be closed from 3 October to 15 October to allow for refurbishment works.**

### **RESOLUTION**

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

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

- 1. Endorse opening of the Cohuna Library for four days per week from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, plus Saturday morning 10:00am to 12:00pm.**
- 2. Endorse closing the Leitchville Library on Thursday morning and increasing opening hours on Tuesday from 1:30pm to 5:30pm.**
- 3. Acknowledge that the Kerang Library will be closed from 3 October to 15 October to allow for refurbishment works.**
- 4. Receive a report in six months time on feedback from the public in relation to changes to Library hours at Cohuna and Leitchville.**

**CARRIED**



**9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

Nil

**10 URGENT ITEMS**

Nil

**11 NOTICES OF MOTION**

**11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 67**

Cr Neville Goulding advised due to Councillor apologies he now intends to move Notice of Motion No. 67 at the September Ordinary meeting of Council.

At 6.14 pm – Cr Keith den Houting arrived at the meeting.

**12 DELEGATES REPORTS**

**12.1 DELEGATES REPORT - THURSDAY 21 JULY TO WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Delegate Reports were tabled in the August Council Meeting Agenda for Thursday 21 July to Wednesday 17 August.

**13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson  
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 Business System Upgrade 2016 (RFP279) - 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.

**13.2 CP287 Winning and Stockpiling Sandstone**

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 CP284 Wells Bridge Replacement - 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.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 6.20 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 14 September 2016.**

**Mayor – Lorraine Learmonth**

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**CHAIRPERSON**