



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 15 April 2020

6:30pm

Senior Citizens Centre

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2020 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT:	Cr Lorraine Learmonth (Mayor)	Yarran Ward
	Cr Andrew Gibbs	Yarran Ward
	Cr Steven Tasker	Murray Ward
	Cr Charlie Gillingham (Deputy Mayor)	Avoca Ward
	Cr Jodie Basile	Patchell Ward
	Cr Brian Gibson	Patchell Ward
	Cr Jenny Fawcett	Patchell Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:	Tom O’Reilly	Chief Executive Officer
	Lisa Clue	Manager Governance

Gallery: 4

Media: 1

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land and paid her respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledged Elders from other communities who may be meeting with us today.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jodie Basile

Seconded: Cr Andrew Gibbs

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 March 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

6.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 18 MARCH TO 14 APRIL, 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Assembly of Councillors in accordance with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 18 March to 14 April, 2020.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The Budget seeks to achieve the actions and activities set out in the Council Plan by balancing the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay.

The proposed increase in rate revenue for the 2020/2021 financial year is 2% in line with the order by the Minister for Local Government under the Fair Go Rates System.

Continued capital investment in infrastructure assets (\$15.297m) primarily for renewal works (\$7.079m) features in the budget. This includes roads (\$3.962m); bridges (\$0.590m); footpaths, walking tracks and kerb replacement (\$1.029m); drainage (\$1.311m); recreational, leisure and community facilities (\$3.410m); parks, open space and streetscapes (\$0.630m); and land improvements (\$1.300m).

The Budget also achieves an underlying result of \$1.605 million surplus. Underlying operating result is an important measure of Council's financial sustainability and reflects the work being undertaken to improve efficiency and promote long term viability in the Gannawarra.

The budget document as attached is a draft working document and subject to change if required.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council:

- 1. Accept that the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/2021, as presented be the Proposed Budget prepared by Council for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate, to give public notice of the preparation of the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, noting the dates for public notice are from Thursday 23 April, 2020 to Monday 25 May, 2020.**
- 3. Invite and accept submissions up to Monday 25 May, 2020 on any proposal contained in the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 129(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and that if requested in writing, submissions will be considered, in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday 8 June, 2020 (if required) at 1.00pm in the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 169 Boundary Street, Kerang.**

4. Agree that subject to changes to the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/2021 after consideration of all submissions, the Proposed Annual Budget 2020/2021 will be presented for adoption as Council’s Annual Budget 2020/2021, in accordance with Section 130(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24 June, 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Kerang Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 169 Boundary Street, Kerang.

CARRIED

7.2 NEW POLICY NO. 140 - COVID-19 HARDSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to the impact that Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on our local businesses and employment, the Council has developed a draft policy to recognise the financial hardship being experienced

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson
 Seconded: Cr Andrew Gibbs

That Council adopt Policy No. 140 - COVID-19 Hardship

CARRIED

8 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

9 URGENT ITEMS

NIL

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

111 DELEGATES REPORTS

11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS - 18 MARCH TO 14 APRIL, 2020

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

20 March	Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board Meeting – Teleconference
23 March	Mayoral Listening Post – Murrabit
24 March	Mayoral Listening Post – Lalbert Mayoral Listening Post – Quambatook Meeting re Cohuna Pool – Kerang
31 March	COVID-19 Social Media Message filming – Kerang
3 April	MAV meeting with Victorian Mayors – Videoconference

Cr Charlie Gillingham

24 March

Audit Committee Meeting – Teleconference
 Mayoral Listening Post – Lalbert
 Mayoral Listening Post – Quambatook

Cr Steve Tasker

23 March

Mayoral Listening Post – Murrabit

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

Function Attended	Councillor (✓)						
	Gibson	Fawcett	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Gibbs
Ordinary Council Meeting (18 March)	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Briefing (6 April)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

A = Apology

122 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6:39pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 20 May, 2020.

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor
 CHAIRPERSON**