



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

6:30pm

Council Chambers

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT:	Cr Lorraine Learmonth (Mayor)	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: 21

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The newly produced Gannawarra Welcome to Country video was played as the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

THE DEPUTY MAYOR READ THE OPENING DECLARATION.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Steven Tasker

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 December, 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Charlie Gillingham declared an indirect interest by close association in relation to Item 8.3 – Major Community Projects Fund. A written disclosure was provided to the CEO prior to the meeting.

6 QUESTION TIME

Ms Liz Hepburn asked two questions in relation to fire prevention in Macorna. The CEO provided a response.

Ms Andrea Otto asked two questions relating to the interpretation of the word 'council' in the context of decision making and one question relating to Council representation on external committees that attract sitting fees. The Mayor provided a response.

Mr Garner Smith asked two questions relating to the Cohuna Airport upgrade and its financial impact on Council. The Mayor and CEO provided a response.

Mr Anthony Troy asked two questions relating to the content of the Council meeting minutes. The Mayor provide a response.

Ms Sonia Wright asked three questions relating to bullying within Council. The Mayor and CEO provided a response.

Ms Nadiene Konopka asked one question relating to the tenure of current Councillors and two questions relating to the Cohuna Airport upgrade. The Mayor responded to all questions.

Mr Doug Fehring asked three questions relating to water and water trading. The Mayor and CEO provided a response.

7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 18 DECEMBER, 2019 TO 18 FEBRUARY, 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 Jodie Basile

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 18 December, 2019 to 18 February, 2020.

CARRIED

8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council officers undertake regular reviews of Council policies to ensure they are up to date and reflective of current practices and on occasion identify the need for a new policy. This report addresses two recently reviewed policies:

- Policy No. 092 – Councillor Allowances and Support
- Policy No. 107 – Public Interest Disclosure

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the following reviewed policies:**
 - Policy No. 092 – Councillor Allowances and Support**
 - Policy No. 107 – Public Interest Disclosure**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the document to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent of the policies.**

CARRIED

8.2 COUNCILLOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2019/2020**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the updated Councillor Committee memberships which effectively provides for Councillors to act as a Council delegate, on behalf of the Gannawarra Shire Council.

Due to the resignation of former Councillors Ariens and Wright from the Council, Councillor Brian Gibson has nominated as the new representative to participate on both the MAV and Council's Audit Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2019/2020	
Committee	Councillor
Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LMWRRG)	Cr Learmonth
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	Cr Gibson
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Tasker
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	Cr Gibson
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Gibson
Audit Committee x 2	Cr Gillingham & Cr Gibson
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Mayor
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Mayor

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Steven Tasker

That Council adopt the updated list of Councillor Committee memberships as detailed in this report.

CARRIED

Cr Charlie Gillingham declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Item 8.3 and left the Chamber at 7:11pm.

8.3 MAJOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Major Community Projects Funding program was advertised, with 21 applications requesting \$771,934 received by the closing date of 13 January, 2020. After an assessment of the submissions, recommendations for funding have been established and are outlined in the report and attachment.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

That Council

- 1. Approve allocation of the Major Community Projects Fund to 7 projects, totalling \$257,107.**
- 2. Approve the inclusion of \$82,500 in the Draft 2020/2021 operational budget as matching funding to support a funding application to Sport and Recreation Victoria's Local Sport Infrastructure Program for female friendly facilities at Murrabit Recreation Reserve.**

CARRIED

Cr Charlie Gillingham returned to the Chamber at 7:14pm.

8.4 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At 31 December, 2019 Council is anticipating that the budgeted underlying surplus of \$848k will increase by \$718k to an anticipated underlying surplus of \$1.566 million.

The budgeted Operating Result of \$3.707 million surplus will increase by \$1.645 million to an anticipated Operating Result of \$5.352 million surplus.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$1.960 million. The adopted capital budget for 2019/2020 is \$10.877 million and it is expected to increase to \$12.837 million by 30 June, 2020.

The financial position of the Council remains stable.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Steven Tasker

That Council receive the report outlining the 2019/2020 quarterly financial report as at 31 December, 2019.

CARRIED

8.5 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CEO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council Policy No. 133 - Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer requires Council to formally appoint an Acting CEO where the CEO has a period of continuous leave greater than four weeks. Given the CEO will be absent for a period slightly over 4 weeks, this report seeks for approval of the appointment of Phil Higgins, Director Corporate Services as the Acting CEO whilst the CEO is on leave.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council appoint Phil Higgins, Director Corporate Services as the Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period Thursday, 12 March, 2020 to 13 April, 2020 inclusive.

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATES REPORTS - 18 DECEMBER, 2019 TO 18 FEBRUARY, 2020

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

19 December	Leitchville Pre School Opening – Leitchville
20 December	Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group Meeting – Bendigo
17 January	Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group Audit Meeting – Teleconference
18 January	Kerang Regional Parkrun Launch – Kerang
21 January	Keranglink Transmission Line Meeting – Kerang
22 January	2020 Australia Day Awards Civic Ceremony – Kerang
25 January	Dinner with Australia Day Ambassadors – Koondrook
26 January	Australia Day Celebrations & Citizenship Ceremony – Kerang Australia Day Celebrations – Leitchville
30 January	Community Meeting with Solar Supplier – Cohuna
5 February	Leitchville Progress Association Meeting – Leitchville
7 February	2020 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program Opening Ceremony – Bendigo

8 February Meeting with Community Member Representatives of Murray Darling Basin Plan Board – Echuca
 11 February Murray River Group of Councils Executive Officer Review – Kerang
 Koondrook Development Committee Meeting – Koondrook
 13 February Seniors Group Advisory Meeting – Lake Charm
 17 February Macorna/ Tragowel Progress Association Meeting – Macorna
 18 February Gannawarra Resilience Committee Meeting – Kerang

Cr Charlie Gillingham

22 January 2020 Australia Day Awards Civic Ceremony – Kerang
 25 January Dinner with Australia Day Ambassadors – Koondrook
 26 January Australia Day Celebrations – Quambatook
 Australia Day Celebrations – Lalbert
 28 January Kerang Lakes Community Development Committee Meeting – Lake Charm

Cr Brian Gibson

22 January 2020 Australia Day Awards Civic Ceremony – Kerang

Cr Jodie Basile

22 January 2020 Australia Day Awards Civic Ceremony – Kerang
 25 January Dinner with Australia Day Ambassadors – Koondrook
 26 January Australia Day Celebrations & Citizenship Ceremony – Kerang

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

Function Attended	Councillor (✓)						
	Gibson	Arians	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Wright
Ordinary Council Meeting (18 December)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	A	A
Councillor Briefing and Strategic Briefing (10 February)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

A = Apology

X = Absent

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7:19pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 18 March, 2020.

Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor

CHAIRPERSON