



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 15 July 2020

6:30pm

Northern District Community Health

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2020 AT 6:30PM**

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

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

Gallery: Nil

Media: Nil

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Steven Tasker

Seconded: Cr Jenny Fawcett

That the apologies received from Cr Jodie Basile and Cr Andrew Gibbs be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

6.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 17 JUNE TO 14 JULY, 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 Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council note the records of Assemblies of Councillors from 17 June to 14 July, 2020.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 DRAFT GOVERNANCE RULES AND PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to adopt and apply Governance Rules which describe the way it will conduct Council meetings and make decisions on or before 1 September 2020.

Section 57 of the Act requires Council to adopt and maintain a public transparency policy that gives effect to the public transparency principles contained with the Act; describes the way in which Council information is to be made publicly available; and specifies Council information that must be publicly available. This policy must also be adopted by Council on or before 1 September 2020.

This report seeks the endorsement of Council to commence community engagement on the Draft Governance Rules and Public Transparency Policy prior to final consideration and adoption by Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council

- 1. Endorses for community consultation and engagement:**
 - (a) The Draft Governance Rules as attached to this report;**
 - (b) The Draft Public Transparency Policy as attached to this report.**
- 2. Receives a report at the August 2020 Council meeting to consider proposed final drafts of the Governance Rules and Public Transparency Policy.**

CARRIED

7.2 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (MEMP) - ISSUE 31

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Victorian emergency management legislation requires a municipal council to prepare and maintain a municipal emergency management plan (MEMP) and appoint a municipal emergency planning committee (MEMPC) to prepare and draft a MEMP for consideration by the municipal council.

The Gannawarra Shire MEMPC regularly reviews emergency related plans and arrangements to ensure consistency with State and regional plans and arrangements; and accurate contact details for relevant agencies, organisations and individuals.

All parts and appendices contained within the Gannawarra Shire MEMP have been reviewed within the last three years, a Draft reviewed MEMP has been provided to the MEMPC and stakeholder organisations for comment, and the document is now presented to Council for adoption.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council adopt the Gannawarra Shire Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) Issue 31, as presented and attached.

CARRIED

7.3 HALL AND BUILDING HIRE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The reduction of charges for the Cohuna and Kerang memorial halls and the Cohuna, Kerang, Koondrook and Quambatook Senior Citizen buildings for the 2020/2021 year is anticipated to assist the running of community events and re-ignite events that have been in recess during the COVID-19 restrictions. The reduction in charges of 50% for twelve months will have a modest impact on the Council's financial position.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council reduce the hire charges for the Cohuna and Kerang memorial halls and the Cohuna, Kerang, Koondrook and Quambatook Senior Citizen buildings for the 2020/2021 year by 50%.

CARRIED

7.4 KERANG AERODROME - LEASE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been approached by KIG Energy Pty Ltd to seek approval from Council to lease 12 hectares within the Kerang Aerodrome land for the purpose of construction, commissioning and operating a 5 MW Solar Micro Grid.

A public notice was placed in the Gannawarra Times on the 29 May 2020 advising of Councils intention to lease a 12 hectare parcel of land within the Kerang Aerodrome and that people may make submissions in relation to the proposed lease and must be submitted by 29 June 2020

Council received four (4) submissions in relation to the proposed lease. All the submissions were concerned with solar panels being installed within the aerodrome land and any possible risk due to reflective glare from the installation.

The public notice was in relation to the leasing of land within the aerodrome. The concerns which were raised through the submission period will be addressed through the planning permit application stage and subsequent development of the lease.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council:

1. **Having considered submissions received in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the necessary steps to lease a 12 hectare parcel of land within the Kerang Aerodrome, located at Airport Road Kerang to KIG Energy Pty Ltd.**
2. **Authorise for the CEO, on behalf of Council, to execute the documents required to finalise the lease transactions.**

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Steven Tasker

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

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1. **Having considered submissions received in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the necessary steps to lease a 12 hectare parcel of land within the Kerang Aerodrome, located at Airport Road Kerang to KIG Energy Pty Ltd.**
2. **Authorise for the CEO, on behalf of Council, to execute the documents required to finalise the lease transactions.**
3. **Require a bond that is adequate to the amount necessary to ensure the site is fully rehabilitated back to its original state.**

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

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CARRIED

7.5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - TRANSFER OF LAND

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on five land transfers between Gannawarra Shire Council and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that have been in various states of action and consolidation for the past four years. All five land transfers can now start the legislative process if Council resolves to continue with the Land Transfers.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council:

1. **Approve the transfer of land situated 25 Channel Street Cohuna (Volume 10129, Folio 231) and 43 Channel Street Cohuna (Lot 1, TP 181693M) from Gannawarra Shire Council to the Department of Health and Human Services;**
2. **Approve the transfer of land situated 6 Murray Street Kerang (Volume 8876, Folio 701) and 45 McCann Crescent Kerang (Volume 8703, Folio 872, Lot 30) from the Department of Health and Human Services to Gannawarra Shire Council;**
3. **Approve the termination of Deed of a Joint Venture Agreement, including the removal of caveat and mortgage to 9-11 Guthrie Street, Quambatook;**
4. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake necessary steps to transfer each parcel of land described above, including the execution of all relevant documentation.**

CARRIED

7.6 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - ANNUAL REVIEW**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council must review the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAM Plan) on an annual basis and if appropriate, amend the plan. A copy of the DAM Plan must be provided to the Secretary, including any amendments. In addition, Council must also publish an evaluation of the implementation of the DAM Plan in their annual report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Steven Tasker

That Council note the annual review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan.

CARRIED

7.7 DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2020-2025**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Through a review of the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2016-2020 and subsequent community consultation, a new Draft Community Engagement Strategy 2020-2025 has been developed. This strategy addresses new requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* whilst implementing recommendations aligned with best practice community engagement. It has been presented for Council's endorsement to commence a community consultation process to gain further feedback on the strategy.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Jenny Fawcett

That Council endorse the Draft Community Engagement Strategy for public comment commencing Thursday, 16 July and closing Friday, 21 August, 2020.

CARRIED

7.8 2020 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates a State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey throughout Victorian local government areas. The main objectives of the survey are to assess the performance of councils across a range of measures and to seek insight into the ways to provide improved or more efficient service delivery. The survey also provides councils with a means to fulfil some statutory reporting requirements.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Steven Tasker

That Council note the results of the 2020 Community Satisfaction Survey for Gannawarra Shire Council

CARRIED

8 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

9 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

10 DELEGATES REPORTS

10.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

Association	Appointed Council Delegate
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Brian Gibson
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Mayor
Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LMWRRG)	Cr Lorraine Learmonth
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Brian Gibson
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	Cr Brian Gibson
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Steve Tasker
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Mayor

NB: * Audit Committee - no delegate report is required as the Audit Committee formally reports back separately to Council in accord with the Audit Committee Charter.

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7:01pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 19 August 2020.

**Mayor Lorraine Learmonth
CHAIRPERSON**