



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 20 May 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, 20 MAY 2020 AT 6:30PM**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Cr Lorraine Learmonth (Mayor)</b>	<b>Yarran Ward</b>
	<b>Cr Steven Tasker</b>	<b>Murray Ward</b>
	<b>Cr Charlie Gillingham (Deputy Mayor)</b>	<b>Avoca Ward</b>
	<b>Cr Jodie Basile</b>	<b>Patchell Ward</b>
	<b>Cr Brian Gibson</b>	<b>Patchell Ward</b>
	<b>Cr Jenny Fawcett</b>	<b>Patchell Ward</b>
	<b>Cr Andrew Gibbs (arrived at the commencement of Item 6)</b>	<b>Yarran Ward</b>

<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Tom O’Reilly</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
	<b>Lisa Clue</b>	<b>Manager Governance</b>

**Gallery: Nil**  
**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 Charlie Gillingham

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 April 2020 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

### **6.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 15 APRIL TO 12 MAY, 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*.

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

**That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 15 April to 12 May, 2020.**

#### **AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Andrew Gibbs

**That the 11 May 2020 Assembly of Councillors Record Form be amended to include further detail relating to the conflict of interest disclosure.**

The Amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

**That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 15 April to 12 May, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **7.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE - INDEPENDENT MEMBER REMUNERATION**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Gannawarra Shire Council's Audit Committee Charter provides that the remuneration paid to each Independent Member be reviewed and set annually by the Council.

Taking into account the current sensitivity of the economy and sitting fee ranges across other small rural councils, it is recommended that no increase be applied to Audit Committee annual sitting fees for 2020/2021.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

**That the 2020/2021 Audit Committee annual sitting fee remain at \$1,740 for the Chair and \$1,240 for the other Independent Members.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 24 MARCH, 2020 MEETING**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Gannawarra Shire Council Audit Committee met on Tuesday, 24 March, 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Andrew Gibbs

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

**That Council note the recommendations and outcomes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 24 March, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At 31 March, 2020 Council is anticipating that the budgeted underlying surplus of \$848k will increase by \$444k to an anticipated underlying surplus of \$1.292 million.

The budgeted Operating Result of \$3.707 million surplus will increase by \$900k to an anticipated Operating Result of \$4.607 million surplus.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$660k. The adopted capital budget for 2019/2020 is \$10.877 million and it is expected to increase to \$11.537 million by 30 June, 2020.

The financial position of the Council remains stable.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Steven Tasker

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

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 COUNCIL PLAN 2017 - 2021 ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), a Council Plan for the 2017-2021 period was prepared and adopted in June, 2017.

Section 125(7) of the Act also requires that at least once in each financial year, a Council must consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect of the remaining period of the Council Plan.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Andrew Gibbs

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

**That Council, having reviewed the Council Plan 2017-2021 pursuant to Section 125(7) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, determines that the current Plan requires no adjustment or revision at this time.**

**CARRIED**

## 7.5 KERANG AERODROME - PROPOSED 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.

KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University made a presentation to a Council briefing session in April, 2019. At this briefing session both parties outlined their proposal and benefits of such a project.

The *Local Government Act 1989* is quite clear on the process required by Council on the leasing of land. Sections 190, *Restriction on power to lease land*. Section 192, *Use of land for another purpose* and Section 223 *Right to make a submission* must be adhered to if Council resolves to commence the process of leasing any council land.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jenny Fawcett

**That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Give public notice of a proposal to lease a 12 hectare parcel of land within the Kerang Aerodrome site for the purpose of constructing, commissioning and operating a 5 MW Solar Micro Grid, in accordance with section 190 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989.**
- 2. Invite submissions on the proposed lease in accordance with sections 190(4) and 192(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.**
- 3. Consider all submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, at the July 2020 Ordinary meeting of Council.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Gibbs abstained from voting.

## 8 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

## 9 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

## 10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

**11 DELEGATES REPORTS**

**11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS - 15 APRIL TO 12 MAY, 2020**

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

17 April Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board Meeting – Videoconference  
 Filming of the 2020/2021 Draft Budget video – Kerang  
 Cohuna Progress Association Meeting – Videoconference  
 24 April Loddon Campaspe Councils Meeting – Videoconference  
 25 April Lay ANZAC Day wreath – Cohuna  
 Lay ANZAC Day wreath – Leitchville  
 4 May Filming of the 2020/2021 Draft Budget video – Cohuna  
 5 May Municipal Association of Victoria Mayoral Forum – Videoconference

Cr Andrew Gibbs

4 April Request made to visit a rate payer in Cohuna for footpath concerns Mead St – Cohuna  
 10 April Verbal brief by a local neighbouring community to made aware an issue to watch – Koondrook  
 16 April Briefing on Cohuna Pool Project – Cohuna  
 22 April Request presented for assistance by former Mayor to a local business for advocacy internally – Cohuna  
 25 April ANZAC Day Dawn Service – Cohuna  
 28 April Meeting with LG Agency to discuss frameworks around procedural matters being presented – Telephone  
 4 May Filming of the 2020/2021 Draft Budget video – Cohuna  
 12 May Brief with Brappa on what they do and range of concepts they have in development – Kerang

Cr Steve Tasker

25 April Lay ANZAC Day wreath – Koondrook  
 Lay ANZAC Day wreath – Murrabit

Cr Jenny Fawcett

25 April Lay ANZAC Day wreath – Kerang

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

Function Attended	Councillor (✓)						
	Gibson	Fawcett	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Gibbs
Ordinary Council Meeting (15 April)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Briefing (11 May)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 6:47pm.**

**The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 24 June, 2020.**

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor**

**CHAIRPERSON**