



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

## **Council Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 21 October 2020**

**6:30pm**

**Council Chambers**

**Kerang**

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KERANG  
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2020 AT 6:30PM**

**PRESENT:**

<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>

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Chief Executive Officer  
Manager Governance**

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The 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 Jodie Basile

**That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 September 2020 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

### **6.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 16 SEPTEMBER TO 20 OCTOBER, 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 Jodie Basile

**That Council note the records of Assemblies of Councillors from 16 September to 20 October, 2020.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **7.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - 29 SEPTEMBER, 2020 MEETING**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Gannawarra Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) met on Tuesday, 29 September, 2020. This was the first meeting of the Committee under the new requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. This involved an increased focus on compliance and the review of the Annual Financial Statements.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Jenny Fawcett

**That Council:-**

- 1. Receive and note the summary of discussion of the Audit and Risk Committee;**
- 2. Amend the review of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter to an annual review.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2020 Financial Statements and Performance Statement are presented to Council for 'in principle' approval. The statements, subject to final audit, present the financial position of the Council as at 30 June 2020. The audit position is unqualified at this stage and is subject to consideration by the Auditor-General.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

#### **That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledge that the 'in principle' 2020 Financial Statements, and 'in principle' 2020 Performance Statement have been presented to and endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 29 September, 2020.**
- 2. Approve the 'in principle' 2020 Financial Statements and 'in principle' 2020 Performance Statement.**
- 3. Approve the Principal Accounting Officer to be authorised to effect any changes required by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.**
- 4. Nominate Cr Learmonth and Cr Gillingham to be authorised to certify on behalf of Council the 'final statement' 2020 Financial Statements, and 'final statement' 2020 Performance Statement, which are also to be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Principal Accounting Officer, and submit to the Minister and Auditor-General.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Gannawarra Shire Council 2020 Annual Report has been drafted in preparation for the inclusion of the Independent Auditor's Reports of the 2019/20 Financial Statements and 'in-principle' performance statement.

Once the Independent Auditor Reports have been received, all documents will be merged and final edits made with a copy of the 2020 Annual Report to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government by 30 November 2020.

After the 2020 Annual Report has been submitted to the Local Government Minister, Council must give Public Notice that the Annual Report has been prepared and can be inspected at the Council offices and available for inspection by the public at various other locations. A subsequent final report will be presented for adoption by Council at the November Council meeting before the Annual Report is professionally printed and more widely distributed.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

#### **That Council**

- 1. Receive and note the draft 2020 Annual Report.**
- 2. Submit the final 2020 Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government prior to 30 November 2020.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY 2019-2029 UPDATE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Since the adoption of the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029 in May 2019, Council has successfully delivered 15 actions across the three priority areas. Of 76 total actions, another 16 actions are currently underway. External funding sources have been of great assistance in progressing actions within the strategy, although with more than half of the actions based on non-Council controlled land, officers have been working with community sporting clubs to help develop project ideas and explore further opportunities for funding.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

**That Council note the update on implementation of the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029**

**CARRIED**

**8 URGENT ITEMS**

Nil

**9 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**10 DELEGATES REPORTS****10.1 DELEGATES REPORTS**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Appointed Council Delegate</b>
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

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

**That standing orders be suspended to give retiring Councillors an opportunity to speak on their time on Council.**

**CARRIED**

Crs Gibson, Basile and Learmonth spoke on their time on Council.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

**That standing orders be resumed.**

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 7:04pm.**

**The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 25 November 2020.**

**Mayor Charlie Gillingham**

**CHAIR**