



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 19 May 2021

6:30pm

Senior Citizens Centre

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 2021 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT:

Cr Charlie Gillingham (Mayor)	Avoca Ward
Cr Garner Smith (Deputy Mayor)	Yarran Ward
Cr Keith Link	Yarran Ward
Cr Ross Stanton	Murray Ward
Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
Cr Travis Collier	Patchell Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer
Manager Governance

Gallery: Nil

Media: Nil

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That the apology received from Cr Jane Ogden be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 April 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 13 APRIL TO 11 MAY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Councillor Briefings in accordance with Clause 31 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings from 13 April to 11 May 2021.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council officers undertake regular reviews of Council policies to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and that they are reflective of current practices. This report addresses the following policies which have recently been reviewed:

- Policy No. 098 – Asset Naming
- Policy No. 102 – Community Grants
- Policy No. 107 – Public Interest Disclosure

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the following reviewed policies:**
 - **Policy No. 098 – Asset Naming**
 - **Policy No. 102 – Community Grants**
 - **Policy No. 107 – Public Interest Disclosure**

- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the documents to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent of the policies.**

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the following reviewed policies:**
 - **Policy No. 098 – Asset Naming**
 - **Policy No. 102 – Community Grants**
 - **Policy No. 107 – Public Interest Disclosure**

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

That Council:

1. **Endorse the following reviewed policies:**
 - **Policy No. 098 – Asset Naming**
 - **Policy No. 102 – Community Grants**
 - **Policy No. 107 – Public Interest Disclosure**

2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the documents to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent of the policies.**

CARRIED

7.2 2020 VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION ELECTION REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 require that the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) must prepare a report to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on the conduct of an election within the period of six months after an Election Day, and that the CEO must ensure that the report is submitted to Council at the earliest practicable meeting of the Council held after the report is received.

On Monday, 19 April 2021 the CEO received a report from the VEC on the conduct of the Gannawarra Shire Council General Election 2020.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council receive and note the Victorian Electoral Commission 2020 Local Government Elections – Gannawarra Shire Council Election Report as attached to this report.

CARRIED

7.3 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At 31 March, 2021 Council is anticipating that the budgeted underlying surplus of \$1.154 million will increase by \$506k to an anticipated underlying surplus of \$1.660 million.

The budgeted Operating Result of \$7.944 million surplus will decrease by \$1.803m to an anticipated Operating Result of \$6.141 million surplus. This decrease is due to the deferral of grant income anticipated to be recognised into 2021/22.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$3.312m. The adopted capital budget for 2020/2021 is \$17.504 million and it is expected to decrease to \$14.192 million by 30 June, 2021. This decrease is due to the timing of major multi-year projects awaiting confirmation or delayed notification of grants.

The financial position of the Council remains stable.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council receive the report outlining the 2020/2021 quarterly financial report as at 31 March, 2021.

CARRIED

7.4 G01-2021 COHUNA ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cohuna All Abilities Playground forms part of the \$3.4 million Cohuna CBD and Waterfront Connections project, supported by the State Government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package.

Council officers have completed a tendering and evaluation process and recommend the appointment of CJ & BT McLoughlan Pty Ltd as the successful tenderer for the development of the new Cohuna All Abilities Playground.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

- 1. That Council award tender G01-2021 for the Cohuna All Abilities Playground to CJ & BT McLoughlan Pty Ltd for the lump sum amount, not subject to rise and fall, of \$667,279.00 excluding GST.**

CARRIED

8 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 DELEGATES REPORTS**11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Association	Appointed Council Delegate
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Stanton
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Burt
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Mayor
Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LMWRRG) Forum	Cr Ogden
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Collier
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Link
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Mayor
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr Stanton
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Smith

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

Councillors gave verbal updates on attendance at meetings to which they are the appointed delegate.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6:53pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 16 June 2021.

**Mayor Charlie Gillingham
CHAIRPERSON**