



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 18 August 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, 18 AUGUST 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
	Cr Jane Ogden	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

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

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

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 14 JULY TO 10 AUGUST 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 Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings from 14 July to 10 August 2021.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 COUNCILLOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS - TIMBER TOWNS VICTORIA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council holds financial memberships for various committees, both locally and regionally, in the interests of advocating for and on behalf of the community. Membership to these and a number of other committees provides for Councillors to act as a Council delegate or representative on behalf of the Gannawarra Shire Council.

Timber Towns Victoria (TTV) has recently requested Council consider becoming a financial member along with requests from Arbuthnot Sawmills Koondrook and the Koondrook Development Committee.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council:

- 1. Become a financial member of Timber Towns Victoria; and**
- 2. Appoint Councillor Garner Smith as Councillor delegate to represent Council on Timber Towns Victoria.**

CARRIED

7.2 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. 068 – Dogs and Cats – Designated Areas
- Policy No. 069 – Roads - Drainage

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That Council:

- 1. Endorse reviewed Policy No. 068 – Dogs and Cats – Designated Areas**
- 2. Repeal Policy No. 069 – Roads – Drainage.**

CARRIED

7.3 DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires councils to develop a Financial Plan by 31 October 2021. The scope of the Financial Plan is for a period of 10 financial years and is to ensure the long term financial sustainability of the Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council place the Draft Financial Plan out for public comment utilising the Communication Strategy Actions outlined in this report and reconsider the Draft Financial Plan for adoption at the 20 October 2021 Council meeting.

CARRIED

7.4 COUNCIL PLAN 2021-25, COMMUNITY VISION AND ACTION PLAN - YEAR 1**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with the opportunity to consider the draft Council Plan 2021-2025, Community Vision and Action Plan – Year One for adoption.

The Council Plan 2021-2025 and Action Plan – Year One incorporate the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan that identifies goals and strategies based on evidence for creating a local community in which people can achieve maximum health and wellbeing. Feedback received from two community members and the Victorian Government have been incorporated into the final suite of documents.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm to seek CEO and Governance advice.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council

- 1. Adopt the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Community Vision**
- 2. Adopt the Council Plan 2021-2025 Action Plan – Year One**

The meeting resumed at 6:57pm.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

That the Motion now before the meeting be adjourned until Council's October meeting, so that Council staff can conduct a thorough consultation process with the community using the latest revision of the council plan.

LOST

Cr Garner Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Smith, Link and Burt

Against: Crs Stanton, Ogden, Collier and Gillingham

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Community Vision**
- 2. Adopt the Council Plan 2021-2025 Action Plan – Year One**
- 3. Request staff to remove all references to, and photos of Cr Garner Smith from the Council Plan.**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm to seek CEO and Governance advice.

The meeting resumed at 7:05pm.

The Amendment was not accepted by the Mayor as it purports to be an amendment but is not, is not relevant to an item of business on the agenda and is outside the powers of Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council

- 1. Adopt the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Community Vision**
- 2. Adopt the Council Plan 2021-2025 Action Plan – Year One**

CARRIED

Cr Garner Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Stanton, Ogden, Collier, Burt and Gillingham

Against: Crs Smith and Link

8 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 79

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That Gannawarra Council:

1. Call for a report to the next Council meeting to consider authorizing a contribution of up to \$50,000 to the Murray Border Region Government Advocacy Initiative and,
2. The Council Report provide information and funding options to guide Councillors to make an informed decision on this proposed unbudgeted expenditure

CARRIED

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 7:31pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 15 September 2021.

**Mayor Charlie Gillingham
CHAIRPERSON**