



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 16 February 2022

6.30pm

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer
Acting 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 Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Gillingham, Stanton, Ogden and Collier

Against: Crs Smith, Burt and Link

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 8 DECEMBER 2021 TO 8 FEBRUARY 2022

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 Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings from 8 December 2021 to 8 February 2022.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At 31 December, 2021 Council is anticipating that the budgeted underlying surplus of \$586k will increase by \$751k to an anticipated underlying surplus of \$1.336 million. This increase is due to earlier than anticipated sales of industrial estate lots.

The budgeted Operating Result of \$9.382 million surplus will decrease by \$729k to an anticipated Operating Result of \$8.653 million surplus. This decrease is due to the deferral of grant income anticipated to be recognised into 2022/23.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$2.213 million. The adopted capital budget for 2021/2022 is \$16.542 million and it is expected to decrease to \$14.329 million by 30 June, 2022. 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 Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council receive the report outlining the 2021/2022 Quarterly Budget Report as at 31 December, 2021.

CARRIED

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Gillingham, Stanton, Ogden and Collier

Against: Crs Burt, Smith and Link

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. 104 – Rates Subsidy
- Policy No. 115 – Lanes - Roadways
- Policy No. 116 – Private Assets in Road Reserves

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

That Council:

1. **Endorse the following reviewed policies:**
 - **Policy No. 104 – Rates Subsidy**
 - **Policy No. 115 – Lanes**
 - **Policy No. 116 – Private Assets in Road Reserves**

CARRIED

8 URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council admit Cr Smith's motion relating to swimming pool management as urgent business.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Gannawarra Councillors:

1. receive a report containing:
 - a) The cause of reduced operating hours of council pools
 - b) Protocols used to communicate any disruption to the public
 - c) Planned remedies to enable a reliable service to be provided for the rest of the pool season
2. receive this report by the close of business 23 February 2022

CARRIED

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 QUESTION TIME

| Author | Question | Response |
|----------------|--|--|
| Tania – Kerang | Is there a plan in place to deliver pool services to Kerang for the rest of the season that does not comprise of closing the pool multiple times a week or short notice closures? | Council is continuing to operate with adjusted hours of operation through February and March 2022. We don't plan on closing the facilities unless absolutely necessary in situations where community safety within the facilities could be compromised due to a lack of appropriate supervision. |
| | Does the council plan to offer refunds to seasons ticket holders due to the lack of promised services delivered this season? | No, refunds are not being considered at this time. |
| Sarah – Kerang | How does the council plan to ensure all OH & S regulations are being followed at the Kerang pool for the remainder of the season? Particularly around adequate breaks for lifeguards and safe chemical handling. | Council will continue to follow its Operating procedures and Supervision Plan for the Kerang Swimming Pool in line with the Lifesaving Victoria Guidelines and Council's Public Pool Registration and Code of Practice. |

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 |
| Timber Towns 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 there are the appointed delegate.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7:21pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 16 March 2022.

Mayor Charlie Gillingham

CHAIR