



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 20 December 2022

6:00pm

Meeting held in person

Community Room 1, Community Hub, Maryborough
and livestreamed on the internet.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors:

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Liesbeth Long

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Anna de Villiers

Confirmed at the Council Meeting held
28 February 2023

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The Mayor commenced the meeting at 6pm, welcoming all present, with an acknowledgement of country and the Council Prayer.

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PRESENT:

Councillors

Grace La Vella (Mayor

Anna De Villiers

Liesbeth Long

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Officers

Acting General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning, Alan Jones

Acting General Manager Community Wellbeing, Veronica Hutcheson

General Manager Corporate Performance, Mick Smith

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

The report presented for confirmation the confidential minutes of the special Council meeting held 22 November 2022.

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MOTION

That Council Confirms the minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 November 2022 with the following amendment relating to Item 8.4 Civil Engineering Consultancy Panel – Contract G1643-22 - the changing of contractor name from Bespoke to Keith David Biglin.

Moved: Cr Sproull

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Abstain: Cr Murphy, Cr De Villiers for the reason they were absent from the Council Meeting held 22 November 2022

Carried.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

The report presented the proposed dates and times for meetings of Council for the 2023 calendar year.

MOTION

That Council adopts the following dates for council meetings in 2023:

- *Tuesday 28 February*
- *Tuesday 28 March*
- *Tuesday 2 May*
- *Tuesday 30 May*

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- *Tuesday 27 June*
- *Tuesday 25 July*
- *Tuesday 22 August*
- *Tuesday 26 September*
- *Tuesday 24 October*
- *Tuesday 21 November– Meeting to appoint Mayor and consideration of appointments to committees and organisations*
- *Tuesday 28 November*
- *Tuesday 19 December*

Moved: Cr De Villiers
Seconded: Cr Long

Carried

- Crs De Villiers, Long and Sproull spoke in favour of the motion.

8.2 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C34CGOL (OMNIBUS)

The report presents for Council's consideration the submissions received in response to public exhibition of the Planning Scheme Amendment C34cgol (Omnibus) and resolve on the next step in the amendment process.

The purpose of the amendment, which was on public exhibition from 21 September to 3 November 2022, is to implement recommendations of the Planning Scheme Review (PSR) and other key strategies.

MOTION

That Council:

1. *make changes to Amendment C034cgol in response to submissions, in accordance with Attachment 1 Amendment C34cgol – Submissions Summary; and*
2. *request the Minister for Planning appoint an independent planning panel to consider unresolved requests and provide advice to Council*

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor
Seconded: Cr De Villiers

Cr Meddows Taylor spoke in favour of the motion.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

The following procedural motion was put prior to a vote being taken on the motion as put above, in accordance with Governance Rule 41:

That the motion regarding Planning Scheme Amendment C34CGOL (Omnibus) be deferred until the Council Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2022.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Murphy

Carried

- Cr Lovett spoke in favour of the procedural motion.

8.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE'S BIENNIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

As required section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, an Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) report must be prepared and presented to Council on the outcomes of the Audit and Risk Committee meetings on a biennial basis.

This report from the Committee covers the six months to 30 November 2022.

MOTION

That Council:

1. note the Biennial Report for Council from the Audit and Risk Committee.
2. thank the members for their ongoing commitment to the function of the audit and Risk Committee.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Murphy

Carried

Cr Lovett spoke in favour of the motion.

8.4 NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

The presents to Council the financial performance for the year to date and how it is tracking against the adopted budget, noting any material differences.

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MOTION

That Council Receives and notes the attached Finance Report for the period to 30 November 2022.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

- Cr Murphy spoke in favour of the motion.
- Dr De Villiers requested re list of grants that dollar of value be listed with them in future.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of the following motions was received in accordance with the Governance Rules Chapter 2, Division 4.

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 7 - CR GEOFF LOVETT - 52 ROSS STREET, MARYBOROUGH

MOTION

1. Notwithstanding the Framework Planning work being undertaken for Maryborough North, Carisbrook and Flagstaff, the 8-hectare parcel of land at 52 Ross Street, Maryborough should be considered, as a priority and in isolation, for broad hectare residential development as per the application Council received in June 2022 to rezone and subdivide the land pursuant to Section 96A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
2. As a matter of urgency, Officers are to make the position of Council clear, in relation to the land at 52 Ross Street, Maryborough, to other government authorities including the CFA and DELWP.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Murphy

Carried

Crs Lovett and Murphy spoke in favour of the motion.

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9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 8 - CR CHRIS MEDDOWS-TAYLOR PASSENGER RAIL ADVOCACY MARYBOROUGH SECTOR

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the commencement in December 2022 of the four new weekend passenger rail services which were funded within the 2022-2023 Victorian State Budget.
2. Express appreciation to the Minister for Public Transport the Hon Ben Carroll MP for this addition and to the Deputy Premier the Hon Jacinta Allan MP for making the commencement announcement at Maryborough Railway Station, as well as thanking Martha Haylett who has been elected as the Member for Ripon, for her support in passenger rail advocacy as a candidate for the seat of Ripon.
3. Congratulate the Victorian Government on its Election commitment for reduced country passenger rail fares which will significantly benefit regional and rural communities and boost rail patronage.
4. Note the discussions leading to the commencement announcement between Council and the Department of Transport, which also included a request by Council for Myki activation in line with previous advocacy to the Government and PR and marketing support through the Department and/or V/line to promote the destinations in the Maryborough rail sector to encourage added visitation, as well as ensuring Maryborough Station ticketing hall and the toilets are opened at a reasonable time ahead of the morning services enabling greater comfort and convenience for passengers.
5. Note that some of these key requests were also raised with the Deputy Premier and Martha Haylett as Labor Candidate for Ripon during the recent visit to announce the commencement of weekend services, with Council continuing its advocacy for an added weekday service leaving Maryborough for Melbourne weekday mid-mornings and returning from Melbourne mid-evening.
6. Resolve to consolidate and update its priority passenger rail advocacy priorities to the Victorian Government as follows:
 - a) Providing an added weekday service each day leaving Maryborough for Melbourne weekday mid-mornings and returning from Melbourne mid-evening.
 - b) Activating Myki at an early date, noting also that under the Government's proposed fare reduction program, Myki connectivity creates added fare reduction benefits.
 - c) Recognising that if Myki activation is not possible, then implementing other easy access ticketing arrangements and/or making other transitional arrangements, including easier access for smaller communities along the Maryborough sector where ticket purchase arrangements are more difficult.
 - d) Extending station access arrangements including ticket hall waiting and toilet access for passengers arriving for the early morning service departing Maryborough Station.

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- e) Monitoring and reviewing the timing of the added weekend services by the Department of Transport and Council, with a view to assessing if there is benefit in a subsequent timetable change enabling the morning departure from Melbourne and the afternoon return from Maryborough to be both one hour later than currently scheduled.
- f) Allocating Government funding for PR and marketing of the visitor experiences for destinations along the Maryborough sector which the new weekend services has created added access to, in order to develop added visitation and boost passenger rail patronage in the sector.
- g) Ensuring the Government is aware of the importance of enhanced passenger rail services to Council and our community, including the emphasis Council is placing on the development of the Ballarat - Maryborough Growth Corridor.

Advise the Minister for Public Transport the Hon Ben Carroll MP and Martha Haylett MP the Member for Ripon accordingly.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

- Crs Meddows-Taylor and Lovett spoke in favour of the motion.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.