



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 28 February 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 on 28 March 2023

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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.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Grace La Vella (Mayor

Anna De Villiers

Liesbeth Long

Geoff Lovett

Chris Meddows-Taylor

Wayne Sproull

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer Matthew Irving

General Manager Community Wellbeing Emma Little

General Manager Corporate Performance Mick Smith

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Gerard Murphy

CEO Lucy Roffey

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To present for confirmation the following:

- Confidential Minutes of Council Meeting 25 October 2022
- Minutes of Council Meeting 20 December 2022
- Minutes of Special Council Meeting 31 January 2023

The Minutes were confirmed.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 FINANCE FORECAST REVIEW REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the 2022-23 financial forecast and how it compares against the adopted budget, noting any material differences.

MOTION

That Council:

1. receives and notes the attached Mid-Year Forecast for the period to 30 June 2023, noting an operating result \$11.7m, \$1.2m favourable to budget; and
2. receives and notes a Capital works spend of \$19.4m to June 2023.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Cr de Villiers abstained.

Carried.

Cr Lovett spoke in favour of the motion.

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8.2 JANUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the financial performance for the year to date and how it is tracking against the adopted budget, noting any material differences.

MOTION

That Council receives and notes the attached Finance Report for the period to 31 January 2023.

Moved: Cr Lovett

Seconded: Cr Long

Cr de Villiers abstained

Carried.

Cr Lovett spoke in favour of the motion.

8.3 ELECTORAL STRUCTURE REVIEW

The purpose of this report is to present information about the Central Goldfields Shire Council Electoral Structure Review currently being conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached submission endorsing seven single-Councillor wards be provided to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Lovett

Carried

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

8.4 ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH – PROPOSED ENTRY FEES

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the proposed increase in Energy Breakthrough participant entry fees for 2023.

MOTION

That Council endorse the proposed fee increase for the 2023 Energy Breakthrough event.

Moved: Cr Long

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Cr Long spoke in favour of the motion.

8.5 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PROGRESS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of the projects identified in the 2022-23 Action Plan.

MOTION

That Council note the progress of the 2022-23 Action Plan

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Cr Meddows-Taylor spoke in favour of the motion.

8.6 S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council adopt a S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the Local Laws and Planning Compliance Officer.

The S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation appoints Council staff under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, which allows them to fully discharge their duties and responsibilities under that Act.

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MOTION:

1. That Council adopt the attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the member of Council staff set out in the Instrument.
2. The attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation comes into force immediately and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
3. That the attached S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation be signed.

Moved: Cr Sproull

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

Carried

Cr Sproull spoke in favour of the motion.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 MARYBOROUGH GOODS SHED

Councillor: Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor

The following Motion was received in a Notice of Motion in accordance with Council's Governance Rule 22.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Write to the Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport and Infrastructure requesting that the former Goods Shed at Maryborough Railway Station be made available to Council for community purposes and specifically for use by the Maryborough Men's Shed to enable its continued development, including plans to accommodate women within its membership, and that funding be allocated for appropriate fit out for its new purpose.
2. Advise Martha Haylett MP Member for Ripon accordingly and seek her continued advocacy with Government for this to be agreed and implemented.

Moved: Cr Meddows-Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sproull

Carried

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

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

11. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.33pm.