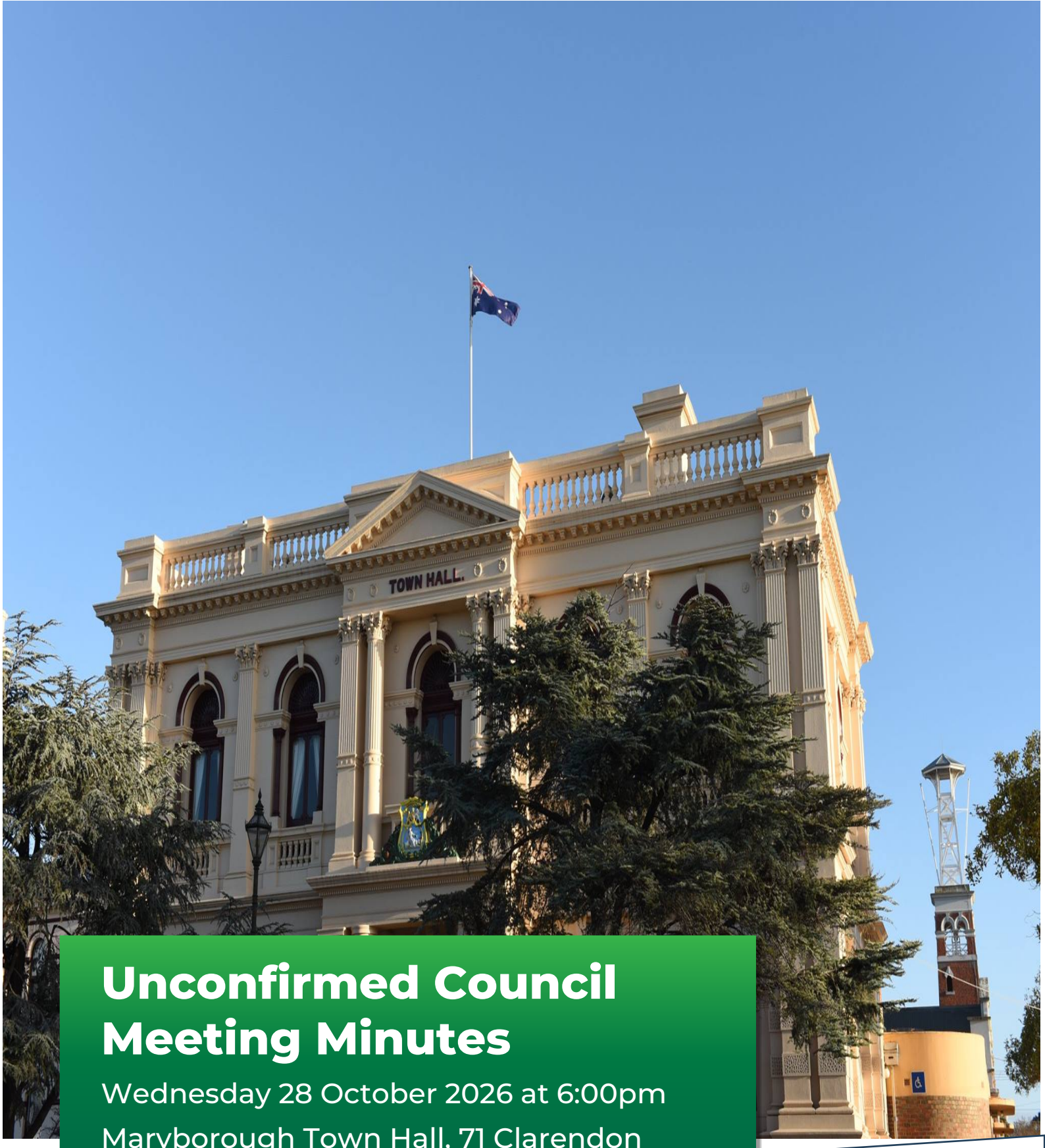


Unconfirmed Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 28 October 2026 at 6:00pm

Maryborough Town Hall, 71 Clarendon Street, Maryborough.

Hybrid Meeting (in person and online)

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL

The Council Meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

Attendees

PRESENT

Councillors:
Ben Green (Mayor)
Grace La Vella
Geoff Bartlett
Liesbeth Long
Jake Meyer
Gerard Murphy

Officers:
Chief Executive Officer, Peter Harriott
Director Community Wellbeing, Emma Little
Director Assets and Planning, Bhavin Mehta
Director Corporate Services, Liam Routledge
Manager IT and Business Transformation, Rob Duoba
Melissa Hill Governance Officer

1 Welcome

The Mayor, Cr Ben Green welcomed attendees to the meeting and then read an Acknowledgment of Country and the Council Prayer.

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That council approve leave of absence for Councillor Anna de Villiers for the period 12 October 2026 to 30 October 2026.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Grace La Vella

CARRIED

3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

4 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Council Meetings

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 September 2023, be confirmed and the Minutes of the Additional Council Meeting held on 28 September 2023, be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Jake Meyer

CARRIED

5 Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

Nil.

6 Petitions

6.1 Petition Report - Objection to Recommended Carisbrook Rural Living Rezoning

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition submitted on 30 September 2026 containing a total of 83 signatures, objecting to the recommended Carisbrook Rural Living rezoning and;
2. Refers the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration as prescribed by section 53.9 of the Governance Rules.
3. Notes in the minutes the e-petition4hich gained 441 signatures in support of opposing rezoning but did not meet our Governance Rules requirements.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Grace La Vella

CARRIED

7 Council Reports

7.1 2025-2026 Annual Report

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2025-26 Annual Report
2. Notes the 2025-26 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Moved: Cr Gerard Murphy

Seconder: Cr Jake Meyer

CARRIED

7.2 Draft Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy for Community consultation and;
2. Note that the final Policies will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of community feedback.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Gerard Murphy

CARRIED

7.3 Draft Leasing and Licensing Policy

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Leasing and Licensing Policy for Community consultation;
2. Note that the final Policy will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of community feedback.

Moved: Cr Grace La Vella

Seconder: Cr Gerard Murphy

CARRIED

7.4 Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Community Facility Hire Policy 2026 for community consultation and;
2. Note that the final Policy will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of community feedback.

Moved: Cr Jake Meyer

Seconder: Cr Geoff Bartlett

CARRIED

7.5 Talbot Town Hall Community Market

That Council defer the item to the next meeting.

Moved: Cr Gerard Murphy

Seconder: Cr Geoff Bartlett

CARRIED

7.6 CMRT Project Update - Finalisation of the project, final implementation, maintenance and renewal costs

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1) Notes the substantial progress of the CRMT pre-construction phase, including reference design, investigations, consultation, staging and operating model assessment.

2) Acknowledges the potential contribution to tourism, economic development, active transport, community health and township connectivity.

3) Requests independent benchmarking of annual maintenance and lifestyle renewal assumptions, including the 25-year life and year-18 intervention.

4) Requests a joint timetable with Mount Alexander Shire and Central Goldfields Shire for the operating model, governance, lease and outstanding approvals.

5) Supports development of a joint construction funding and advocacy strategy, including staged delivery, without committing Council to construction expenditure.

6) Requests a report within three months, identifying decisions, responsible parties, indicative costs and a timetable for progress towards construction funding.

Mover: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr Murphy

CARRIED

7.7 Councillor Nomination to the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council nominates Cr Liesbeth Long as Central Goldfields Shire Council's representative on the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board for a two-year term from 18 November 2026 to 17 November 2028.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Liesbeth Long

CARRIED

7.8 G1806-23 Internal Audit Services Contract Extension

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council exercise the extension option for contract G1806-23 for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to RSD Audit Pty Ltd for a further term of 3 years for the Contract sum of $136.350 (exclusive of GST) based on Schedule of Rates for the initial term of 3 years, commencing on 11 December 2026 and expiring on 10 December 2029.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Grace La Vella

CARRIED

8 General and other Urgent Business

No Councillor reports and general business were presented.

9 Notices of Motion

9.1 Notice of Motion, Number 4 – Cr Geoff Bartlett.

The following motion was received as a notice of motion in accordance with Central Goldfields Shire Council Governance Rules: S23 Councillors May Propose Notices of Motion and S24 Notice of Motion.

That Council:

1) Notes the intention of this motion is purely exploratory in nature and as such does not bind or indeed is intended, to commit council to any action or thing in regard to 'Cambridge Street' Carisbrook.

2) Notes the existence of Cambridge Street and requests the CEO to verify and report;

   a) on the current tenure and legal status of the relevant road reserve and land;

   b) the current status of Cambridge Street on Council's Public Road Register;

   c) the respective responsibilities of the relevant road authority or authorities;

   d) the historical and current access arrangements serving the adjoining titled lots and;

   e) any relevant Crown land, lease, licence or other tenure arrangements, including the legal effect of any transaction occurring on or about 29 August 2025.

3) Notes that there are existing titled lots adjacent to Cambridge Street and requests the CEO to verify and report on:

   a) the number and legal identity of the relevant lots;

   b) existing sewer, water and electricity servicing arrangements;

   c) existing lawful access arrangements; and

   d) any other infrastructure or servicing matters relevant to any potential development.

4) Requests the CEO to prepare a report to Council addressing;

   a) the applicable road classification and standard required for current or future residents access under Council's current Road Management Manual, relevant operational road standards and/or any other applicable Council policy;

   b) indicative costs associated to achieve that applicable classification, including:

   c) i. raw materials and procurement;

      ii. planning, surveying, engineering and design;

      iii. construction and machinery;

      iv. labour and contractor costs; and

      v. other costs considered relevant by officers;

   c) the fees applicable for the planning, cultural heritage, environmental, road management and other statutory approvals or requirements that may apply, in respect of other referral or partnership agencies:

      i. North Central Catchment Management Authority;

      ii. Department of Transport and Planning;

      iii. Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action ;

iv. applicable planning scheme overlays and heritage controls;

v. whether a Cultural Heritage Management Plan or other Aboriginal cultural heritage process is required;

vi. whether any Land Use Activity Agreement requirements arise in relation to the land requiring consultation with Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation; and

vii. any other relevant statutory authority or approval;

d) indicative scenarios for additional rate revenue associated with any future development of the relevant titled lots in the short and long term; and

5) Notes Council's strategic objective of supporting appropriate housing development and the State Government's housing objectives, whilst recognising that any future infrastructure decision regarding expenditure or road status improvement be assessed against and have regard to Council's statutory responsibilities and available resourcing.

Moved: Cr Geoff Bartlett

Seconder: Cr Gerard Murphy

CARRIED

10 Confidential Business

Nil

11 Meeting Closure

The Mayor, Cr Green closed the Council Meeting at 7:19pm.