



MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday 23 February 2021

6:00pm

Community Hub

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Liesbeth Long

Gerard Murphy

Wayne Sproull

Geoff Lovett

Grace La Vella

Chris Meddows-Taylor (Mayor)

Anna de Villiers

Confirmed at the Council Meeting

23 March 2021

CONFIRMED MINUTES

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING AND WELCOME

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm
The Mayor, Cr Meddows-Taylor welcomed everybody.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Chris Meddows-Taylor (Mayor)
Liesbeth Long
Gerard Murphy
Wayne Sproull
Geoff Lovett
Grace La Vella
Anna de Villiers

Officers

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
General Manager Corporate Performance, Mick Smith
General Manager Community Wellbeing, Martin Collins
General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning, Rebecca Stockfeld
Manager Business Transformation, David Oliver
Nikki Parker, Manager Governance, Property and Risk

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Murphy stated "Mr Mayor, I have a conflict in item 8.10 it's about the contract management of recreation facilities."

Councillor Murphy's disclosure of a conflict of interest in regard to Item 8.10 was noted.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To present for confirmation the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 January 2021.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 January 2021.

Moved **Cr Murphy**
Seconded **Cr La Vella**

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

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7. PETITIONS

Nil

8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

At the December Council Meeting, Council endorsed that the *Draft Community Participation and Engagement Policy* and *Draft Communications and Engagement Strategy* be advertised for community feedback for a period of four weeks.

Mayor thanked and congratulated community, staff and ward councillors involved in the development of the documents.

Council Resolution

That Council adopts the updated Central Goldfields Shire Community Engagement Policy.

Moved **Cr La Vella**
Seconded **Cr De Villiers**

Cr La Vella spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.2 GRANT ALLOCATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the proposal to allocate the balance of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program of \$420,388 to footpath works in Maryborough (\$300,000) and \$120,388 to other priority projects identified in the Community Plans.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. allocate the \$452,288 balance of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 funding to improving the pathway network in Maryborough (\$300,000) and \$40,000 to each of the three wards Flynn, Tullaroop and Paddys Ranges to implement priority projects in the Our Community 2030 Community Plans ; and*
- 2. make an application to the Building Better Regions Fund for \$773,000 to progress Stage 2 of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery Project.*

Moved **Cr Sproull**
Seconded **Cr La Vella**

Cr Sproull spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

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8.3 ADVOCACY FOR WEEKEND RAIL SERVICES

The purpose of this report is for Council to resolve to advocate for increased passenger rail between Melbourne and Ballarat and Maryborough.

Council Resolution

That Council advocate for increased passenger rail between Melbourne and Ballarat and Maryborough; particularly for services that increase opportunities for travel for employment and education and increased weekend services to support regional tourism.

Moved Cr Long
Seconded Cr Lovett

Cr Long spoke to the motion.
Cr Lovett spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.4 ADVOCACY ON STATE REDIVISION

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission on the current State redivision process.

Council Resolution.

That Council make a submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission on the State redivision in support of Ripon being retained and Central Goldfields Shire staying intact within Ripon to maintain its communities of interest

Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr Long

Cr Murphy spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.5 DRAFT COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the draft Councillor Code of Conduct for adoption and to nominate a Councillor to facilitate discussions between parties in disputes between Councillors which involve the Mayor.

Council Resolution.

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Councillor Code of Conduct; and*
- 2. will nominate a councillor to facilitate discussions between parties in disputes between councillors which involve the Mayor.*

Moved amended motion:Cr de Villiers
Seconded Cr La Vella

Cr de Villiers spoke to the motion.

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CARRIED

8.6 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of the projects identified in the 2020-21 Action Plan.

Council Resolution.

That Council note the update on the status of the projects identified in the 2020-21 Action Plan.

Moved **Cr Murphy**
Seconded **Cr La Vella**

Cr Murphy spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.7 USE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND UTILITY INSTALLATION AT 2748 PYRENEES HIGHWAY, MOOLORT

Planning application PA 2000996, for use and development of a Solar Energy Facility and Utility Installation at 2748 Pyrenees Highway, Moolort, has been lodged with the Minister for Planning as the Responsible Authority.

Council has made a submission to the proposal, stating consent subject to conditions and support of the reference document *Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline: Example planning permit conditions*.

Council Resolution.

That Council note that a submission has been made to the Minister for Planning in relation to the solar energy facility and utility installation at 2748 Pyrenees highway, Moolort.

Moved **Cr Sproull**
Seconded **Cr Long**

Cr Sproull spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.8 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT – IMPLEMENTATION OF DUNOLLY AND CARISBROOK FLOOD STUDIES

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to consider the Planning Panel Victoria report and adoption of planning scheme Amendment C031cgo1 as required by Sections 29(1) and 31(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Council Resolution.

That Council:

1. *Adopt the revised Central Goldfields Planning Scheme Amendment C031cgo1, in accordance with the recommendations in the Panel Report: Central Goldfields*

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Planning Scheme Amendment C31cgol - Dunolly and Carisbrook Flood Studies and captured in Attachments 2 to 5 to this report, in accordance with Section 29 (1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;

2. *Formally adopt the Carisbrook Flood and Drainage Management Plan 2013 and Dunolly Flood Investigation Study Report 2014; and*
3. *Request approval of adopted Amendment C031cgol by the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 31(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

Moved **Cr de Villiers**
Seconded **Cr Long**

Cr de Villiers spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.9 DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT AND MID YEAR REVIEW

The purpose of this report is to update Council on its financial performance for the year to date, how it is tracking against the adopted budget and now includes a forecast result for the full financial year.

Council Resolution.

That Council:

1. *Receives and notes the attached Financial Report for the period to 31 December 2020.*
2. *Council notes the financial forecast including an operating result of \$2.4m and a Capital Works Program of \$10.9m to 30 June 2021.*

Moved **Cr Murphy**
Seconded **Cr Lovett**

CARRIED

6:52pm Councillor Murphy left the room

8.10 CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MARYBOROUGH SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE, OUTDOOR POOLS (DUNOLLY, MARYBOROUGH AND TALBOT), TULLAROOP LEISURE CENTRE AND NOLAN ST GYM

The purpose of this report is to advise Council about the procurement process and project team for the new management services for the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre (MSLC), outdoor pools (Dunolly, Maryborough and Talbot), Tullaroop Leisure Centre and Nolan St Gym.

Council Resolution.

That Council note the report of Manager Community Partnerships regarding management services for the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre, outdoor pools (Dunolly, Maryborough and Talbot), Tullaroop Leisure Centre and Nolan St Gym.

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Cr Lovett moved motion:

"I move that this item be deferred until Council are fully informed of the proposed changes to the contract for management services of the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre and swimming pools and that Council has input into drafting the new contract ensuring that user groups are not disadvantaged."

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

CARRIED

Cr Murphy returned to the meeting: 7:05pm

9 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING CONFIRMATION REPORT

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS

Cr La Vella notified that she wished to raise an urgent motion regarding the cost of engaging a consultant to report on options for the Maryborough aerodrome.

The Mayor explained the Governance Rules in relation to urgent motions, raised concerns that a motion such as suggested by Cr La Vella does not fulfil the criteria for urgent business.

Cr La Vella withdrew her request to raise an urgent motion.

12 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Meddows-Taylor declared the meeting closed at 7:14pm.



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