



MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday 27 April 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
Held on 25 May 2021

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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
Grace La Vella
Geoff Lovett
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 Stockfield
Manager Business Transformation, David Oliver
Manager Governance Property and Risk, Nikki Parker

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

To present for confirmation the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2021. The Mayor suggested an amendment – the passing of Mr Fred Treble OAM is acknowledged in the minutes and his previous service as Councillor and Mayor are noted. The Mayor would like the words “of City of Maryborough” added in the minutes.

Council Resolution

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2021 with the agreed amendment.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

7. PETITIONS

Nil

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8. OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 CARISBROOK RECREATION RESERVE UPGRADES

The purpose of this report is to request that Council endorses the revised Carisbrook Recreation Reserve and Pavilion plan which incorporates the relocation of the bowls club pavilion.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses the:

- 1. Carisbrook Recreation Reserve Master Plan*
- 2. Carisbrook Recreation Reserve Floor Plans*
- 3. Bowls Club Pavilion Plan.*

Moved **Cr de Villiers**
Seconded **Cr Sproull**

Crs de Villiers and Sproull spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.2 MARYBOROUGH AERODROME

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider recommendations to undertake planning for the future of the Aerodrome to realise the economic and community benefits of this important local asset and for transitioning the Maryborough Aerodrome leases to new terms and conditions to meet the requirements of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978).

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Approve the allocation of \$30,000 in the 2021/22 Budget for the development of a business plan for the Maryborough Aerodrome;*
- 2. Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Maryborough Aerodrome Taskforce in Attachment 1 adding the word stakeholders to the composition of the members of the taskforce;*
- 3. Commence an Expression of Interest process for membership of the Maryborough Aerodrome Taskforce;*
- 4. Approve the waiving of rates on Aerodrome leases for the Aeroclub and Maryborough Ambulance Transfer Station on the basis that they provide services at the Aerodrome that are accessible to and for the benefit of the community in accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989; and*
- 5. Confirm that current leases are transitioned to DELWP leases on current rents and lease terms; and*

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6. *Approve that new leases be negotiated on terms of 7+7+7 years, with rent set at \$3.50 sq/m +CPI for the first term of 7 years, and market rent reviews for subsequent terms.*

Moved Cr La Vella
Seconded Cr Lovett

Crs La Vella, Lovett and Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.3 PYRENEES HIGHWAY CARISBROOK - CULVERT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT No. G1473-2021

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider awarding Contract G1473-2021 Pyrenees Highway Carisbrook – Culvert Construction, following a public tender process.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Award the Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook – Culvert Construction contract No. G1473-21 to Leech Earthmoving and Contracting Pty Ltd for \$170,896.00 (GST Inclusive).*
2. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the Common Seal to the contract documentation for Contract G1473-21 for Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook – Culvert Construction.*

Moved Cr Anna de Villiers
Seconded Cr Sproull

Cr Anna de Villiers and Cr Sproull spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.4 CONTRACT No. G1472-21 GILLIES STREET MARYBOROUGH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (Between Layton Road and Sutton Road

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider awarding Contract No. G1472-21 Gillies Street, Maryborough - Road Reconstruction, following a public tender process.

Council Resolution.

That Council:

1. *Award the Gillies Street, Maryborough - Road Reconstruction contract No. G1472-21 to Doran Earthmoving Pty Ltd for \$535,526.20 (GST Inclusive).*
2. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the Common Seal to the contract documentation for Contract G1472-21 for Gillies Street, Maryborough - Road Reconstruction.*

Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr La Vella

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Cr Murphy spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.5 THE COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

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.

The updated Community Engagement Policy was adopted by Council at the February Meeting.

The updated Communications and Engagement Strategy establishes shared expectations for communications and engagement and features a detailed action plan for how we will further develop, improve and evaluate our activities moving forward.

In accordance with the Community Engagement Policy, the Shaping Central Goldfields: Engagement Plan has been prepared to guide the development of the Community Vision and Council Plan (including the long-term Financial Plan)..

Council Resolution.

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the updated Communications and Engagement Strategy 2021-2022*
- 2. Adopts the Shaping Central Goldfields: Engagement Plan 2021*
- 3. Disband the Community Voice Panel and write to panel members thanking them for their contribution to Council's policy and strategy development*

Moved **Cr Long**
Seconded **Cr Murphy**

Crs Long, Murphy, Sproull, La Vella and Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.6 DRAFT EXPENSES AND SUPPORT FOR COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF DELEGATED COMMITTEES POLICY

The purpose of this report is to present the amended draft Expenses and Support for Councillors and Members of Delegated Committees Policy to Council for adoption.

This Policy has been reviewed and updated following discussions during a councillor briefing in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Council Resolution.

That Council adopt the Expenses and Support for Councillors and Members of Delegated Committees Policy.

Moved **Cr La Vella**

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Seconded Cr Long

Cr La Vella and Cr Long spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.7 DRAFT AMENDED GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY FOR COUNCILLORS POLICY

The purpose of this report is to present the draft amended Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy to Council for adoption.

This Policy has been reviewed and updated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Council Resolution.

That Council adopt the Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality for Councillors Policy.

Moved Cr Sproull
Seconded Cr Lovett

Cr Sproull and Cr Lovett spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.8 ADVOCACY ON KEY ISSUES FOR THE CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of the recent meeting with the Minister for Local Government and the Mayor and CEO, and issues raised with the Minister to advocate on behalf of the Central Goldfields Shire Community.

Council Resolution.

That Council note the advocacy undertaken on behalf of the Central Goldfields Shire community at the recent meeting with the Minister for Local Government and in the letter from the Mayor to the Minister in Attachment 1.

Moved Cr Long
Seconded Cr Murphy

Cr Long, Cr Murphy and Cr Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.9 MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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 March 2021.*
- 2. Council approves and adopts the financial forecast including an operating result of \$1.635m and a Capital Works Program of \$6.8m to 30 June 2021.*

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Moved Cr Murphy
Seconded Cr de Villiers

Cr Murphy spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

8.10 PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-22

The purpose of this report is to provide Council a Proposed Budget for 2021-22 for community consultation.

Council Resolution.

That Council endorses the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget and commences community consultation on the Budget.

Moved Cr Lovett
Seconded Cr Murphy

Cr Lovett, Cr La Vella and Cr Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

9 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING CONFIRMATION REPORT

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Cr Sproull noted the one year anniversary of the accident causing the death of four police officers and the impact this may have had on Victorian Police officers that serve our community. Cr Sproull also gave thanks to Victoria Police officers in the Shire who are often exposed to the risk of harm.

Cr Sproull noted that 28 April is International Workers Memorial day for remembering workers who have lost their life at work and acknowledged Sonac for two years without a lost time injury.

13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

13.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the recommendations from the Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Advisory Committee report on the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review.

Council Resolution.

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That Council note that the CEO's performance review has been conducted by the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee in accordance with the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee Policy.

Moved **Cr La Vella**
Seconded **Cr Lovett**

Cr La Vella, Cr Lovett and Cr Meddows-Taylor spoke to the motion.

CARRIED

That Council closes the meeting to the public under section 66 (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) to consider a matter that is "confidential" as defined by section 3 (1) a) of the Act because it contains information relating to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

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

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 6.55 pm.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 7.12 pm

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair, Cr Meddows-Taylor declared the meeting closed at 7.12pm.



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