



Unconfirmed Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 6:00pm

Maryborough Town Hall, 71 Clarendon Street, Maryborough.

Attendees

The meeting commenced at 6.08 pm.

Present

Councillors:

Ben Green (Mayor)

Grace La Vella

Geoff Bartlett

Jake Meyer

Gerard Murphy

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Harriott

Acting General Manager Community Wellbeing, Carolyn Bartholomeusz

Acting General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning, Bhavin Mehta

General Manager Corporate Performance, Liam Routledge

Interim Manager Governance Property and Risk, Rob Duboa

Governance Officer, Melissa Hill

1 Welcome

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

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Anna de Villiers (Deputy Mayor) and Cr Long were an apology.

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 March 25, 2026, be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Meyer

Seconder: Cr La Vella

CARRIED

5 Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

There were no minutes for Delegated or Advisory Committees.

6 Petitions

6.1 Petition Report - Objections to the proposed closures of Dunolly, Bealiba and Talbot transfer stations.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. receives and notes the petition submitted on 2 April 2026 containing a total of 787 signatures objecting to the proposed closures of the Dunolly, Bealiba, and Talbot transfer stations; and;
2. receives and notes the petition submitted on 16 April 2026 containing 88 signatures objecting to the proposed closure of Talbot transfer station
3. Refers the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration as prescribed by section 53.9 of the Governance Rules.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr Meyer

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the order of the agenda items be changed; item 7.1 Deledio Recreation Reserve Design And Construct Tender Award to be presented further down the agenda items.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

7 Council Reports

7.2 Council Plan Action Plan Update (September 2025 to March 2026)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council notes the progress of the Council Plan Annual Action Plan 2025–2026 for the period 30 September 2025 to 31 March 2026, including the impact of resource limitations and budget constraints on delivery, as detailed in the attached report.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr Meyer

CARRIED

7.3 S11A Update to the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for Statutory Services.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. adopt the updated S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation made under section 11A of the *Local Government Act 2020*; and
2. appoint and authorise the following officers as authorised officers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:
 - Manager Statutory Services
 - Coordinator Statutory Planning
 - Building Surveyor (Limited)
 - Coordinator Compliance; and
3. Revoke any previous Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation that are inconsistent with the updated S11A Instrument.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconder: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

7.4 Castemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail Project Update and Preferred Operating Model

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Provides in principle support for the proposed operating model for the Castlemaine–Maryborough Rail Trail, whereby Central Goldfields Shire Council and Mount Alexander Shire Council would act as the operators with support from an independent Advisory Committee;
2. Notes that the project is not currently identified as a priority within Council's 2026 Advocacy Strategy, adopted Integrated Transport Strategy 2020-2030, and is referenced only at a high level within the Walking and Cycling Strategy; and
3. Notes that any future decision for Council to assume responsibility for the operating model, including entering a lease with VicTrack, will be subject to:
 - a. confirmed availability of external funding to begin construction of the trail.
 - b. detailed financial assessment in accordance with Council's adopted Financial Plan and Asset Plan; and
 - c. a future resolution of Council.

Moved: Cr La Vella

Seconder: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

7.5 Appointment of Members to the Aerodrome Advisory Group 2026–2029

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Note and consider Confidential Attachment 1 – Applicant Information (Personal Information), which has been treated as confidential in accordance with sections 3(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.
2. That Council approve the appointment of the following eight applicants, as recommended by officers, to the Aerodrome Advisory Group for the 2026–2029 term:
 - a. Ian Carfrae
 - b. Rod Brown
 - c. John Kidon
 - d. Gregory Thomas Corcoran
 - e. Anthony Ohlsen
 - f. Melanie Waddell
 - g. Cameron Bird
 - h. Benjamin Morgan

3. Note that this represents a departure from the adopted Terms of Reference, which provide for five community members, and that this broader membership is recommended to strengthen representation and advisory capacity.
4. Acknowledge that the Aerodrome Advisory Group operates in an advisory capacity only and does not hold decision making or operational authority.
5. Note that future aerodrome investment, development and compliance activities will be subject to Council's financial constraints and determined through the annual budget process and aligned with the adopted Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

Moved: Cr Bartlett

Seconded: Cr La Vella

CARRIED

7.6 D022-23 – 3280 Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council defer the item to obtain more information.

Moved: Cr Green

Seconded: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

7.1 Deledio Recreation Reserve Design and Construct Tender Award

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Awards Contract G25-26-19 Deledio Reserve New Modular Pavilion Project to MKM Building Group for the contract sum of \$ 2,399,150.00 (exclusive of GST), having regard to Confidential Attachment 1 – Tender Evaluation Panel Report for RFT G25-26-19 and Confidential Attachment 2 – Probity Report – Deledio Reserve New Modular Pavilion Project.
2. Approves a variation to Contract No. G25-26-19 Deledio Reserve New Pavilion Project to include additional services works in the amount of \$286,618.50 (exclusive of GST), to be delivered by MKM Building Group.
3. Notes that, following approval of this variation, the revised total contract sum for Contract No. G25-26-19 is \$2,685,768.50 (exclusive of GST).
4. Notes that while the tender documentation contemplated delivery of a modular pavilion solution, the recommended tender proposes a non-modular construction methodology, which has been assessed by officers as meeting the intent of the original tender scope, functional requirements, funding conditions, and project outcomes.

5. Notes that the value of Contract G25-26-19 exceeds the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation and therefore requires Council approval.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to:
 - a. Issue the Letter of Acceptance, subject to final negotiations; and
 - b. Approve contract variations within an agreed tolerance of up to plus or minus 10% of the original contract sum of \$2,685,768.50 (exclusive of GST), provided the total contract value does not exceed \$2,954,345.35 (exclusive of GST), for the purposes of efficient contract administration.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to do all things necessary to execute Contract G25-26-19 on behalf of Council, including notifying all tender respondents of Council decision.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Meyer

CARRIED

8 Urgent Business

Cr Murphy introduced an item as a matter of urgency and requested that it be accepted under S21.2 of the Governance Rules.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council accept the submission of Urgent Business under Governance Rules S21.2.

Mover: Cr Bartlett

Seconded: Cr La Vella

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council;

1. Having heard clearly the views and deep concerns within our community on the proposed closure of the waste transfer stations at Dunolly. Talbot and Bealiba, and taking into account the comments and views on the submissions and today of the petitions received by Council, assures the community and the submitters they these views must and will be factored into the Council's deliberations on the draft 2026/27 draft budget, and that therefore there is no further need for the submitters to present on this issue to Council on 29th April
2. Individual submitters who had requested to present to Council be advised of this and that a notice advising this be placed in the Council notices in the Maryborough Advertiser on 24th April 2026 and social media.
3. That the Transfer stations will stay open and that Council continue to charge the current rates.

Mover: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Bartlett

At 7:15pm, Cr Murphy stated that he would like to withdraw the urgent business item.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council accept the withdrawal of the submission of Urgent Business.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Meyer

WITHDRAWN

9 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion presented.

10 Confidential Business

There were no confidential business items presented.

11 Meeting Closure

The Mayor, Cr Green closed the Council Meeting at 7.17pm.