



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 15 May 2024

6:00 PM

Kerang Senior Citizen Community Rooms

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE KERANG SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY ROOMS
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Cr Ross Stanton (Mayor)	Murray Ward
Cr Charlie Gillingham (Deputy Mayor)	Avoca Ward
Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
Cr Travis Collier	Patchell Ward
Cr Garner Smith	Yarran Ward
Cr Keith Link	Yarran Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: **Chief Executive Officer**
Director Corporate Services

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Welcome to Country video was played.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration

3 APOLOGIES

CR JANE OGDEN IS ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM 1 MARCH 2024 TO 31 MAY 2024.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 April 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

GEOFF ROLLINSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ITEM 12.1

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 9 APRIL 2024 TO 9 MAY 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Councillor Briefings in accordance with Clause 31 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 9 April 2024 to 9 May 2024.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Income shows a forecasted variance of (\$3.179m) and a (\$0.471m) variance for expenditure. The budgeted Operating Result of \$30.298 million surplus will decrease by \$31.939 million to an anticipated Operating Result of \$1.641 million deficit. This decrease is due to the deferral of grant income anticipated to be recognised into 2023/24 the reduced capital grants for flood works and capital work projects carried forward to be completed in 2024/25.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$28.141 million. The adopted capital budget for 2023/24 is \$38.691 million and it is expected to decrease to \$10.550 million by 30 June 2024. This decrease is due to the reduction in expected expenditure due to secondary assessment of initial Rapid Impact Assessment of flood works and projects planned for completion in 2024/25.

At 31 March 2024, Council is anticipating an underlying result deficit of \$5.119 million. This gross deficit needs to take into account the advance payments of the Victorian Grants Commission \$3.4m and flood grants \$2.165m that were recognised in 2022/23. This equates to an adjusted underlying result as at 30 June 2024 of \$0.446m surplus.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council receive and note the report outlining the 2023/2024 Quarterly Budget Report as at 31 March 2024.

CARRIED

In Favour: Crs Charlie Gillingham, Ross Stanton, Kelvin Burt and Travis Collier

Against: Cr Keith Link

Abstained: Cr Smith

CARRIED**7.2 NEW COUNCIL POLICY 149 - PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Council Policy 149 – Public Street Lighting is proposed to govern the design, installation, and management of public street lighting within the Gannawarra Shire. As the Council officers review and develop Council policies to maintain compliance with relevant legislation and to ensure that they are reflective of current practice.

RESOLUTION**Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham****Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt**

That Council approve Policy No. 149 – Public Street Lighting with the accompanying Procedure as presented and attached to this report, and proceed to community consultation for feedback between 16 May 2024 and 7 June 2024.

CARRIED**7.3 KERANG ACTIVE RECREATION CORRIDOR MASTERPLAN****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Kerang Active Recreation Corridor Masterplan focuses on four key sites identified as Kerang Regional Park, Riverside Park Recreation Reserve, Sir John Gorton Precinct and Atkinson Park.

This Masterplan consolidates the strategic direction of recreation assets within the west of Kerang to better facilitate long-term planning, future investment and development of organised sport and active recreation within Kerang, that benefits the wider municipality as well as visitors and user groups located outside of Gannawarra.

The masterplan includes a site analysis on current conditions of the four identified site locations, demographic assessments to identify future needs and an individual site plan recognising future opportunities and priorities.

RESOLUTION**Moved: Cr Travis Collier****Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt**

That Council adopt the Kerang Active Recreation Corridor Masterplan.

CARRIED

7.4 2024 REVISED CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY DATES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council is required to set a schedule of Australian Citizenship Ceremony dates for the Department of Home Affairs, usually three to six months in advance. The proposed dates for July and October will ensure they do not coincide with parliamentary sitting dates.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

That Council adopt the following dates for the remaining 2024 Citizenship Ceremonies – Wednesday 10 July, 2024 and Wednesday 30 October, 2024.

CARRIED

8 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

That Council agree that Item 9.2 - Notice of Motion 92 be considered before Item 9.1 - Notice of Motion 91.

CARRIED

In accordance with section 73(3) of the Local Government Act 1989, Cr Ross Stanton, appointed Cr Charlie Gillingham as acting Chair for Item 9.2 – Notice of Motion 92. Cr Stanton vacated the chair at 6.23pm.

Cr Gillingham assumed the role as acting Chair at 6.23pm.

9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION 92

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

That Council Officers prepare a report to bring a revision of the Gannawarra Aquatics Strategy 2021 – 2031 to the June 2024 Council meeting to reconsider timing in relation to the delivery of the Cohuna and Kerang Aquatic facilities.

CARRIED

Cr Gillingham vacated the chair and Cr Stanton resumed the role as Chair at 6.34pm.

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION 91**Cr Link withdrew his Notice of Motion 91****MOTION**

1. That the \$10,500,000 allocated for the Cohuna Pool Re-development on our 10 Year Capital Works Program comprising of \$3,500,000 in year 2029/2030, \$3,500,000 in year 2030/2031 and \$3,500,000 in year 2031/2032 be allocated to the Integrated Aquatic Facility and the heading to be changed to Integrated Aquatic Facility 2029/2030, 2030/2031 and 2031/2032.
2. That the \$19,200,000 comprising of \$6,400,000 in year 2026/2027, \$6,200,000 in year 2027/2028 and \$6,400,000 be moved in the 10 Year Capital Works Program to cover the Cohuna Pool Redevelopment in the years 2026/2027, 2027/2028 and 2028/2029.

9.3 NOTICE OF MOTION 93**RESOLUTION****Moved: Cr Garner Smith****Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt**

That Council oppose the construction of VNI West through Gannawarra due to a lack of evidence of ongoing operational benefits of the VNI West project for the Gannawarra community.

LOST

In Favour: Crs Kelvin Burt, Keith Link and Garner Smith

Against: Crs Charlie Gillingham, Ross Stanton and Travis Collier

EQUAL**CR STANTON HAS THE DECIDING VOTE AND VOTED AGAINST SO THE MOTION WAS LOST****10 QUESTION TIME**

Nil

11 DELEGATES REPORTS

11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

COUNCILLOR COMMITTEES 2024	
COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Kelvin Burt
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Travis Collier
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Transport Committee Role including Rail Freight Alliance and Road Transport	Cr Keith Link
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	Cr Jane Ogden
Audit and Risk Committee (x 2)	Cr Charlie Gillingham Cr Garner Smith
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Garner Smith
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr Garner Smith

Councillors gave verbal updates on attendance at meetings to which they are the appointed delegate.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public at 6.55pm in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and section 66 (3)(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

12.1 CEO Performance Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 7.02pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 26 June 2024.

Mayor Ross Stanton

CHAIRPERSON